

# Quilting: Jetting into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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## New Quilting Fabric Options:

**Fat Eights** are 11" x 18" pieces of fabric

**Fat Quarters** – 18" x 22" pieces of fabric

**Jelly Rolls**- 2 ½" x 40" strips of fabric

**Charms** – 5" x 5" squares of different fabrics

**Layer Cake**- 10" x10" squares of fabric collections



**Quilting Kits** – Everything you need for a project. Always check to make sure your backing and batting are included as many kits give you fabric for the top only.

## New Fangled Gadgets

**¼" Seam Foot** – If your sewing machine brand does not have a ¼" foot, a universal foot might work.

**Tiger Tape**- Great time saver! Simply put two squares, right sides together, attach tape diagonally across the square. Sew ¼" inch on both sides of the center line of tape, cut down the middle and you have 2 perfect triangles.

**Quarter Inch Seam Markers** – will work the same as Tiger Tape except you center your marker diagonally and draw stitching lines, then cut down the middle.

**Rag Scissors**- Great for rag quilts as some have a spring-loaded action which makes cutting through several layers of fabric much easier.

**AccuQuilt Go!**- a very quick way to cut several quilt pieces at the same time. This is especially a great tool for appliqué pieces that are time consuming to cut perfectly.

**Rotary Cutters**-Great for those straight edge quilt pieces and you can cut several at one time.

**Mats-** A must have for rotary cutters to protect the underneath surface from cut marks.

**Clear Rulers** in all most any size you need. The clear rulers are especially good for fussy cuts.

## New Quilting Ideas

**Rag Quilts** – Rag quilts are quilt as you go. 100% cotton is the best fabric to use as it rags the best.

**Quilt Smart-** is a wonderful, easy method of quilting on fusible interfacing. You have lines to guide you as you sew and the short cuts make piecing your quilt go much faster.

**Quilt as You Go** eliminates the extra cost of paying to have quilting done.

**T-Shirt Quilts:** Traditional or Rag t-shirts are a great way to customize a quilt for that special someone or just to empty out that t-shirt drawer and recycle them to make a warm quilt.

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