

New & Noteworthy Nifty Notions & Fun Stuff



Cathy Mark picked out these items:



We've started receiving some wonderful new **hand dyed wool charm packs!** We have many in now, and more are on the way. These little packages

have five 5" x 5" squares in one color and different textures. At \$8.50 these are a great way to add to your wool stash! (A14870-A14876)

While you're working with fabrics and fibers, your hands can dry out and we have a solution.



Lavishea Bars offer soothing moisture without a greasy feel. Shea butter is what makes them feel so good, and even with my sensitive skin, I can use these. There are a variety of scents available including a new one for men. (\$8.00 each)



Want to add applique to your project? How about a super fast & easy method? Use the **Slice Fabrique!** This electric cutter is wonderful!

Choose a design from one of the design card collections, insert into the cutter, prepare the fabric, push a button and there you go! The shape is cut and ready to fuse.

The Starter Set has everything you need to get started, and we carry the extra supplies and design cards to continue creating one-of-a-kind projects! Starter Set

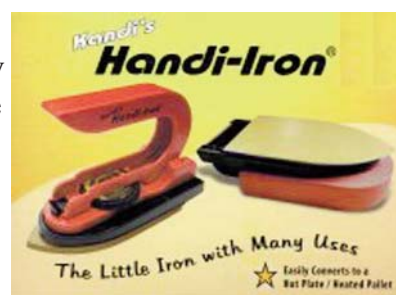
59750 (\$149.99)



Fantastic Elastic will change how you use elastic forever! Now you can master elastic with

a ready-to-wear look! Fantastic Elastic is 1-1/2" wide but can be cut lengthwise to virtually any width, down to 1/4", without raveling or compromising the stretch. A14501 (8.00)

What a handy little iron the **Handi-Iron** is! It weighs under 10oz, so it is perfect for



classroom use and sewing and crafting while traveling. The non-stick coating on the sole makes it good for all types of fabrics, hot wax art, or setting hot fix crystals. You can also set it up in "hot plate mode" to use if you get hungry in the hotel room. LOL.

A14520 (39.90)



Wash-Away Applique Sheets are water soluble, single-sided fusible sheets that are eco-friendly. Draw applique motifs or print them with an ink-jet printer, fuse the paper to your applique fabric, sew on the motif, then just wash away the paper after stitching.

Appliques are soft and flexible without the need to cut your quilt or remove freezer paper. They also can be used for applique Beth Ferrier's way, that looks like needle turn applique. I mention her book in the New & Noteworthy Books and Patterns column. 25 Sheets - 8 1/2" x 11" A15129 (15.95)



We've added the new colors in popular 30 weight Blendables to our thread assortment. These threads work well for so many things on all the sewing machines we've seen use it. We are closing out the less popular 12 weight, so if you've used and liked it, you can get discounted prices on the ones we have left.



Almost any way to use Blendables can be found in the book **Fun with Sulky Blendables**. Joyce Drexler has compiled great designs from national designers that include everything from a longarm shawl to punch needle mitten coasters and everything in between, including serger thread and knitting. There's a delightful assortment of both hand and machine projects, with 7 bonus projects on the included CD. (I know I've been in this industry a long time when I remember Eric Drexler, Joyce's designer son, now with graying hair, as a young child pictured in their early patterns and books!) A14752 (19.95)



I love to use **Quilter's C Clamps** (47992) when working on my Handi Quilter Fusion. They're so handy for floating, or putting on practice fabric. Now we have some for the HQ



Portable Professional Frame that the HQ16 uses (or other 1" poles), A14984 (18.99) and for the HQ Studio Frame (or other 1 1/2" poles) and we carry them exclusively! A14985 (19.99)

The latest addition to the Quilter's Academy's instructional video series



Longarm Basics is **Micro Quilting** It shows lots of micro designs, how to mark for them, and when to use them. Great addition to any quilter's tool box! A14930 (16.95)

Of course when I saw the **Mama and Her Kittens** 35" x 41" wallhanging in the Thangles booth at Quilt Market, I knew I'd have to make it!



The pattern comes with a full package of the 2" thangles that make both Mama and her kits (with lots left for more or other projects). A14957 (10.00) Since my mature eyes don't enjoy working with black, I made mine with dark purple for the background, sashings, borders and binding. We've made up fabric packs with the brights that we used A14100 (12.99) and made a "finishing kit" with the dark purple, A15201 and one with black, which is more dramatic, for those who prefer black. Either is 12.99.

I first saw a "Cling-On" when someone brought one in from one of her travels. I loved the simplicity of the design, and how decorative it was, without even thinking about its use for holding pins,





scissors, thread clips, etc. It's a magnet that is encased in high-impact plastic that is strong enough to hold small tools and still light

enough to wear comfortably. It is attached to clothing with a second magnet inside so it doesn't damage clothing.

I use a **light box** a lot, especially for paper piecing. The 5" x 9" GloBox light box is just the right size for crafters on the go or for this size piece. The slanted surface is tucked in an 8-1/4" by 9-1/2" by 3-1/4" organizer case with a pull out multi-purpose palette with a storage compartment. It comes with a long life fluorescent bulb and 9v (ac) power but can also be operated using six AA batteries (not included). Of course, besides drawing guide lines for paper piecing, you can trace designs, patterns, stencils, photos and lettering for greeting cards, scrapbook pages, etc. A12046 (49.99)



When I made my first wonderful **Lazy Girl Candice Purse** (50524), I used our new **Studio Kat rectangular rings**. There are four in the package, so you only need one package. A14768 (5.00) I also added **feet**, which I do with any purse I make. 38181 (4.00) Mine are silver or nickel,



but there are gold and brass versions also. Since we're displaying that purse in the store, I wanted to make myself another. I love my Margo

purse, but I'd made Candace to have something a bit bigger. So when I made my second, I made one side Candace and the other side Margo! (I do hope Candace doesn't mind. I'll show you more about the bags in an upcoming blog post. I hope you read our blogs! If not, please go to **blog.ericas.com** and take a look. While you're there, sign up to get email notification of our new posts. We generally put up a new one every other week, but got behind during the holidays. I have a few almost ready to go now, but needed to work on the newsletter. It's always nice to have labels in items we give away. We have some new ones. There's iron-on **Made with Love by Grandma Lovelabel**. There are four 100% polyester, washable and dry cleanable labels in the package. A15056 (1.50) We also have three-yard cards that you can cut each one off and sew on. **100% Handmade Labels** A15319 and **Made With Love**. A15320 Those are 5.99 From *bluefig*, we have some new project and machine bags at a great price and quality. Of course my choice would be purple, but we also



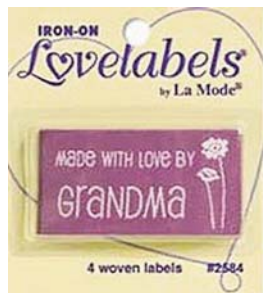
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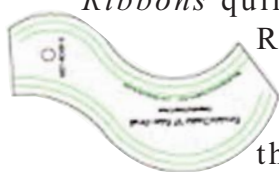




have lime and hot pink. The **wheeled carrier** holds most small to mid-size machines. Constructed of heavy poly, with a rugged ball-bearing wheel set, there are multiple interior pockets for additional storage. 19.25w x 14h x 9.5d A15113 (89.00)

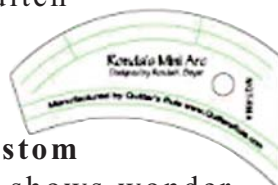


I love ruler work with my Handi Quilter, and think of it more as Ruler Play, not work! I use **rulers (templates)** somewhere in almost every quilt I do! In my *Christmas Ribbons* quilt I used two of

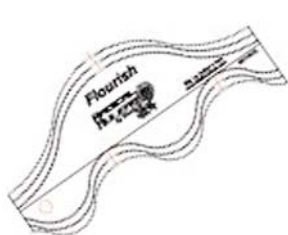


Ronda's Rulers a lot! The **Mini Arc** A13654 (10.50) and the small **Double "S"**

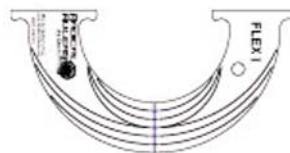
Ruler A13655 (15.76) were invaluable for stitching in the ditch around the ribbon, and for feathers. There's a book by *Karen McTavish, Custom Curves* A12808 that shows wonderful uses for all Rhonda's rulers. (24.95)



Dusty Farrell has some rulers he calls



"*Radical Rulers*," and I'm going to try to use his **Weave** A15097 (14.75), his **Flourish** A15098 (16.75) or his **Flex** A15099 (15.75) in one (or more) of my 2012 quilts. We have a sampler with his tools so you can see how he used



them.



Nancy Johnston's feather tools look interesting, too. There's one that's 5.25" A15100 (12.50) and another that's 7". A15101 (16.50) You can see how to use them on our site.

As I write this, the new book from *Cedar Canyon*, **Rubbing Plate Roundup** hasn't come in yet, but it should be soon. A12645 (22.95)



I love rubbing plates with Paintstiks, and I can't wait to see the new book! In the meantime, we have the newest, **Doodles Rubbing Plates** and



they look amazing! Just look at these samples! There are 6 in the set, and as soon as I can see the book, I'll

decide what project I want to use some with. A14860 (11.95)

Have you seen all our new **precuts**? Talk about making things easy! Of course Moda makes us hungry with all its jellyrolls, honey buns, layer cakes,



etc., but we also have our own building blocks and logs and many other precuts. There are so many patterns and books now that use precuts, that it really saves time! If you order any of the strip sets, please ask for our pattern for the **Jiffy Strippy**. I'm not sure anyone who's made one was able to stop at just one!

You can see what's new at Erica's almost every day! Any page of our website has a column on the left that tells you where to find things, and all you have to do is look for "New Items" in purple, and click to find out.