



*Rockwell Collins CRAFT  
CLUB  
April 2005*

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**Next Meeting – April 20– 4:30 p.m., Main Plant Cafeteria**

**CRAFT PROJECT:** We will making scented seed packets for Mother's Day & Spring. You will need to bring scissors and a glue stick if you have one.

Remember to bring your new name tag holder if you took it home with you last month.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT:** This past month we collected \$25 and a few items of food and paper products. These items were taken to the Madge Phillips Center. This month we will be collecting for the food bank. They always need peanut butter, canned meat, mac & cheese, and paper products.

As always, thanks for your help.

Remember to keep saving your empty prescription bottles with labels removed for the Free Clinic.

Thank you!

Gloria Waltke and Zona Davison -- Community Service Projects 2003-2004

**REPORTS:** Please remember that minutes and the treasurer's reports are available upon request.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Hello all.

I am writing this from Albuquerque, New Mexico. My husband and I took three slow days driving here to baby-sit our grandchildren for a few days. I was able to walk at each rest area, of which there were many the first day out, thus getting in a lot of exercise. The last day was mostly after crossing into New Mexico and winds were strong. No rest areas open except for one and the water pipes had just broken so the restrooms were not open for use. I wouldn't have been able to walk in the wind anyway.

We arrived safely with more winds the first couple of days. Today is beautiful. The temps are running about the same as in Cedar Rapids. No rain or snow which they had a few weeks ago. That is a plus.

Looking forward to returning to the meeting on April 20th. Hopefully many snowbirds will have returned and the weather will be nice enough to bring all the members back. The staff has missed seeing quite a few of you.

See you soon. Norma

**TRIPS: ESTHER MICELI 393-7200 OR THELMA GOETTSCH 396-2700**

A trip to Fennimore, Wisconsin is planned for Saturday, June 4. This is for the Sewing Exposition held there every year. You can take five different classes throughout the day. We leave early in the morning, eat dinner in Dubuque on the way back. If you've never gone, think about giving it a try. It's a great bargain for the money. They also have vendors there for shopping.

We would leave about 6:00 a.m. from Sam's parking lot. Cost for the bus ride will be about \$25.00. Fees for the classes are paid ahead of time when you make your choices from the catalog. Please call Esther at 393-7200 if you would like a copy of the catalog.

**CLASSES:** Kathy and Cary from the Wooden Spool are just operating off their website for now and still actively holding classes. You can always check their website to see what's available for classes. You can call them or call Rita Urbanek if there's anything you're interested in. Rita's number is 377-3101.

There will be a paper-making class immediately following our meeting on April 20. The cost is \$10 per person. Please call Rita to sign up.

**WEATHER:** Our cancellation policy will be the same as the school system, so if school is cancelled or dismissed early, our meeting will be cancelled.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**MITTENS:** Any hats or mittens you have finished please bring to any of the meetings.



These may be turned in to any officer.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

April		May	
Donna Gelski	04/08	Shari Burns	05/01
Sheila Rickards	04/10	Betty Johnston	05/15
Esther Miceli	04/13	Mary Zoll	05/22
Eileen Serbousek	04/17		
Verla Manley	04/18		
Sheila Ness	04/22		
Marj Pepin	04/23		
Dorothy O'Malley	04/23		

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## Sewing Tips from Mark Lipinski, as shared on Simply Quilts on HGTV

**Burn Test:** To identify fabric content, burn a corner of a piece of scrap fabric and extinguish it in a bowl of water. Cotton will feather with a light ash as it's burned; poly blend will feel like plastic when it is burned.

**Rotary Care:** To keep your rotary cutter sharp, mark the date of the blade change with masking tape on the flat part of the cutter. When your rotary cutter starts skipping, take it apart and turn the blade, add a drop of sewing machine oil and you get double the life on your blades.

**Fabric Flags:** To shop for fabric economically and efficiently, determine your fabric color scheme beforehand. Write down the colors and yardage required on individual sticky notes; i.e., border=3 yards, house=2 yards, grass=1/4 yard. As you choose a fabric bolt, stick the note on the end of the bolt and take it to the cutting table; after the fabric is cut, transfer the sticky notes to the cut fabric.

**Washing Small Pieces:** Place fat quarters of fabric in a mesh lingerie bag to launder. Wash your fabric with other clothing items without losing the fabric and with minimal fraying.

**Organize Blocks:** Purchase medium and large pizza boxes to store quilt blocks. They are easy to stack and your blocks are organized. This works especially well if fabric is cut on the bias and handling it repeatedly can cause distortion.

**Prescription Bottles:** Store thread spools in an old prescription bottle to prevent the thread from tangling. Burn a hole in the lid with a hot nail for ease in controlling the thread. Bobbins can also be stored this way. Store discarded needles in an old prescription bottle too--this lessens the chance for needles to get lost in the carpet and thus avoid accidents.

**Scissors Keeper:** Attach an acrylic suction cup hook on the side of the sewing machine to hang small scissors or thread clippers.

**Seam Ripper Holder:** Tape a pen cap to the machine to hold the seam ripper.

**Basting Guns:** Organize and connect quilt blocks, block pieces and paperwork together with basting guns. They are also great for quick fixes for curtains and to secure buttons.

**Fresh Flowers for Sewing Room:** This recipe will keep flowers fresh for a week. Combine 1 capful of bleach, 2 teaspoons of sugar and 1 gallon of water. The bleach kills bacteria; the sugar gives the flowers energy.

**Stop Fabric Diving:** Buy a single stitch plate for your sewing machine instead of using a slotted zigzag plate. It will be easier to begin new seams without the fabric sinking into the notch. In a pinch, use transparent tape to create a smaller hole.

**Avoiding Hunched Shoulders:** Prop your sewing machine forward with inexpensive rubber doorstops.

**Walking Sewing Machine and Foot Pedals:** Place a rubber shelf liner, rubber bathtub liner or rubber place mat or mouse pad under your sewing machine and foot pedal to keep them stationary.

**Bobbin Case Maintenance:** Never blow into your bobbin case as moisture can damage it. A feather, chenille pipe cleaner, child's paintbrush or canned air is usually more effective than the small brushes that come with the sewing machine.

**Threading Machine Needle:** Libby Lehman's tip is to thread the needle by sliding the thread along the groove on the needle and it will thread into place. Another tip: Dip the tip of the thread into clear nail polish or take the needle out of the machine to thread it. Or try wetting the needle and not the thread.

**Prevent Ruler Slipping:** To prevent your ruler from slipping while cutting your fabric, squirt hot-glue dots onto the ruler to secure in place. (Hot-glue dots are easily removed.) Sandpaper dots work the same way. Create your own with sandpaper and a hole punch to keep ruler from slipping when cutting fabric. Plastic cling wrap can also be used to prevent slipping.

**Age Spots on Quilts:** To brighten colors and remove age spots and yellow discoloration from quilts, combine 1 gallon of water and 1 quart of buttermilk with 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Soak the quilt in this liquid and hand-wash with a mild soap for a reconditioned bright quilt. The natural ingredients are safe with no danger of damaging the quilt.

**Strip Piecing Time-Saver:** Organize and store cut fabric strips by hanging them on an over-the-door towel rack or a wooden or plastic drying rack.

**Cleaning Your Iron:** To remove starch burns, fusible webbing or plastic, run a hot iron over salt on a brown paper bag. If the iron is Teflon coated, run it over salt on used or new dryer sheets.