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SOMETIMES A GREAT Notion

Turn That Batting Stash Into Cash

Heat Press Batting Together is a product that is long overdue. The 1½"-wide fabric tape fuses batting scraps together. It is flexible, stretchable, and easy to needle by hand or machine, and it works with any batting content.

Simply butt two straight edges of batting on the ironing board and press the tape over the butt edges and press. That's all there is to it. The resulting pieced batting is ready to use in your next project. This tape needs to be applied to only one side of the batting, so it is fast, easy, and inexpensive.

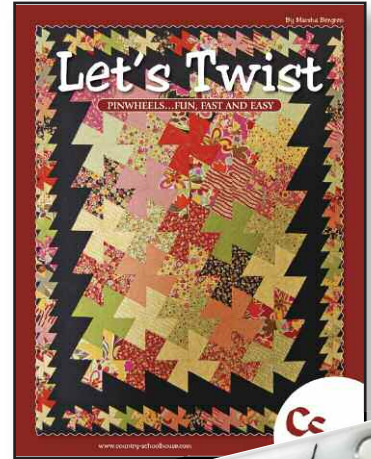
Heat Press Batting Together, which comes in 10-yard rolls, is not just for machine quilters. Yes, long-armers will love it, but every quilter has a stack of batting in her closet. Demonstrate this product while transforming scraps of your own batting into a usable stash. It might be the best two-minute demo you ever did.

For more information: www.heatpressbattingtogether.com



Chubby Checker Revisited: Twister Tools

Don't you just love it when a company puts the whole package together? Country Schoolhouse did just that, creating two great Twister tools that work with 5" and 10" squares, plus a book that explores a host of Pinwheel possibilities.



The Twister is designed to work with 10" squares, and Lil' Twister with 5" precuts, or you can just cut your own. Easy to cut and easy to kit, the 5" squares are a great way to use up bolt ends. A demo for Lil' Twister couldn't be easier. Here's how:



1. Sew rows of 5" squares together and press.
2. Place the template on top of this pieced foundation, matching the drawn lines on the template to the seam lines of the foundation.
3. Rotary-cut around the template to create the twister block. The templates have raised "feet" on each corner so they lie flat when placed over the seams.
4. Sew these blocks together to create the "twist." It's fun, fast, and clever.

Customers who want quicker results can work with the larger Twister and 10" squares. Or they might use the larger tool for a quilt and the Lil' Twister for a table topper.

For more information: www.country-schoolhouse.com

Piping Simplified

Nancy Zieman has combined forces with Clover to create Wrap-N-Fuse Piping. It's as easy to use as it sounds. Just cut a strip of fabric, wrap it around the piping, and press together the flat edges that will be caught in the seam allowance.



This product comes in two sizes:

- 3/16" – just the right size to add a decorative touch to clothing and totes
- 3/8" – just the right size for home decorating projects

Each size comes in a package of 2.2 yards. The larger size is also available in a 6-yard package.

Create piping for your next sample project and show your customers how easy it has become to add this decorative touch, thanks to this new product.

For more information: www.clover-usa.com

