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Our Favorite Tools

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Welcome to Our Favorite Tools! This .pdf is intended to give you a list of all the hand tools you'll find useful when working with your long-arm quilting machine. A full list is provided below. Read on for photo illustrations, descriptions of how to use the tools, and links to related videos.

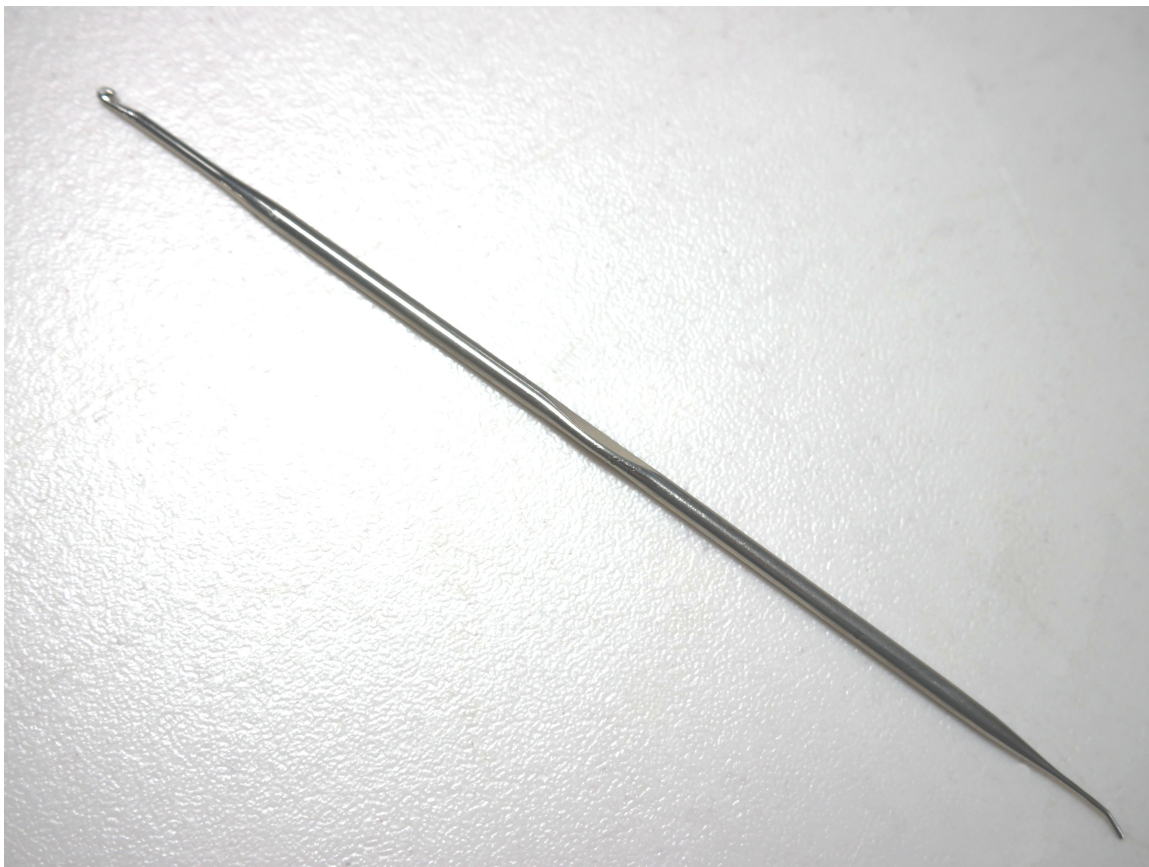
Tools we recommend:

- Pick-or-knot
- Needle Alignment Magnet
- Seam Ripper
- Curved-tip Scissors
- Needle Threader
- Hemostats
- Clover Fine Hook
- Small Screwdriver (comes with machine)
- Tweezers
- Thread Cutters for bobbin winder and back of machine
- Paint brush, Vacuum, and/or Canned Air for cleaning
- Needle Tip Oil bottle
- Cloth Measuring Tape
- Stylus for Lightning Stitch Screen
- Jukebox Tool Holder



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The Pick-or-Knot



The pick-or-knot is a long thin utensil designed by a dentist for his wife, who is a quilter. This awesome and unique little tool has a skinny blunt end with a bit of a bend in it, and a very small hook on the other end.

The blunt end of this tool is good for seam ripping when the quilt is still loaded on your long-arm quilting machine, as well as pulling up thread ends when you need to tie off. The hooked end can be used to pull threads out from under your quilt top.



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The Needle-Alignment Magnet



This magnet is small but mighty. It's long skinny shape allows you to get a grip on the magnet, and the round flat end will be attracted to the needle on your long-arm sewing machine head.

Use this tool to determine which direction the needle is facing by sticking it to the needle on the head of your long-arm sewing machine. Whichever direction the magnet sticks out is the direction that the eye of the needle is facing.

This can be incredibly handy especially for those with sight difficulties, or just for those of us who don't want to bend over to get close to the needle!



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Seam Ripper



The seam ripper is a classic tool that is a must-have in every quilter's toolbox. We recommend the Seam-Fix seam ripper, which has a rubbery attachment on both the cap and back end of the handle for easy thread removal.

Cut loose threads as you would normally do with a seam ripper, and use the rubbery end to rub away any small threads left behind!



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Curved-tip Scissors



These scissors are a must-have when working with quilts on long-arm machines.

The curved tip of these small scissors allows you to easily cut threads on your quilt without fear of cutting into the quilt top you (or your customer) have spent so much time piecing together!



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Needle Threader



This little tool sounds remedial but can be a life-saver.

Combine use of this tool with the Needle Magnet discussed earlier and you're set to thread needles left and right without ever needing to see the actual eye of the needle! This can especially be handy when pulling threads to the back of the quilt top to hide them.



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Hemostats



Hemostats are traditionally used in medicine during surgery, but are also handy to have around when quilting!

With scissor-like handles and tweezer-like grip instead of blades, they can be used to grab small threads in hard to reach places, or otherwise manipulate thread.



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Clover Fine Hook



This tool has a hook at the end that is so fine, it's difficult to photograph! Luckily, the handle isn't as small and is easy to manipulate.

The hook on the pick-or-knot is sometimes too large for the weave of fabric you have, so the clover fine hook can be used to pull threads through the quilt top without leaving visible holes.



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Small Screwdriver



You can never go wrong with a small screwdriver like this one!

After all, you are working with a machine, and there are plenty of small things to tighten or loosen.



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Tweezers



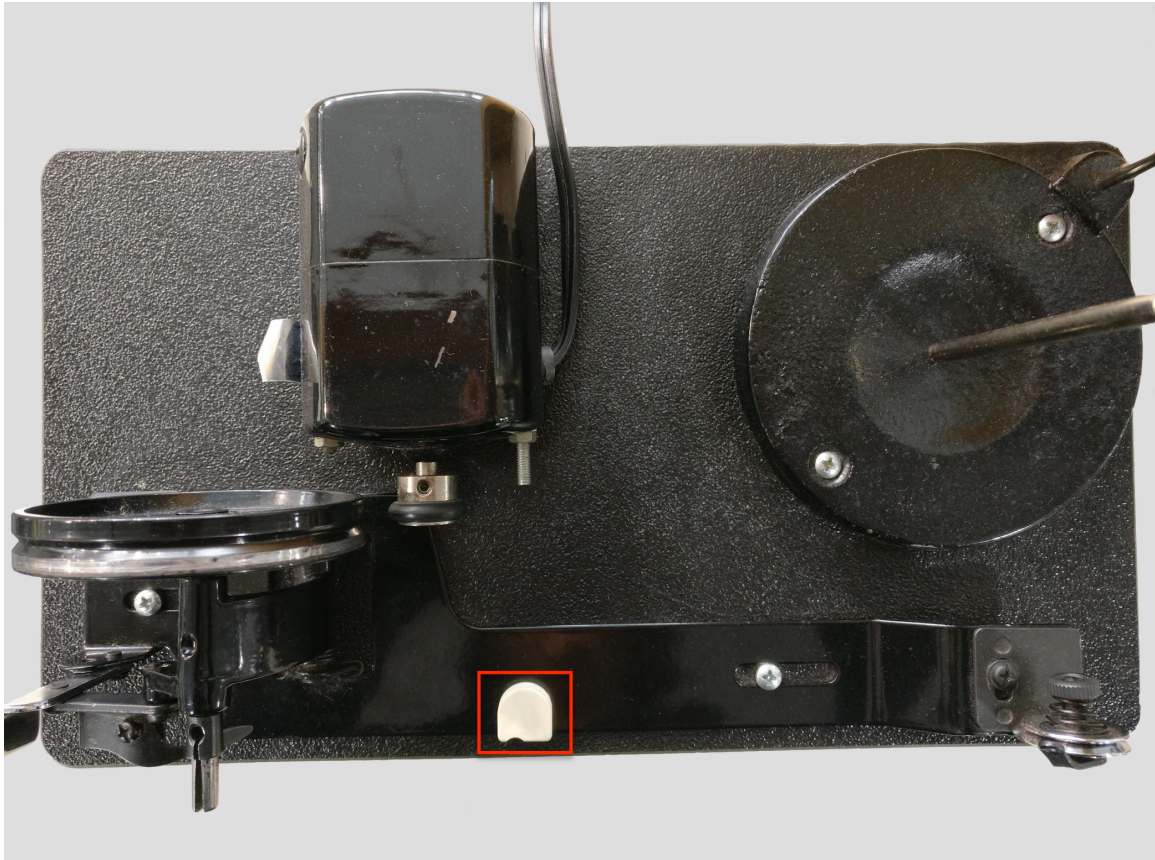
Tweezers are indispensable. Similar to the hemostat scissors, large tweezers can be useful for grabbing threads in awkward places, or cleaning out your machine.

These large tweezers have a longer reach than the small hemostats and the curved tip can be useful for reaching lint build up inside of your machine.



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Thread Cutters for Bobbin Winder and Back of the Machine



This handy little thread clipper can be used on the front of your bobbin winder, or attached to the backside of the head of your long-arm sewing machine.

With a sticky back, these little thread clippers can stick to wherever is most convenient for you! (Shown above stuck to the front of a bobbin winder.)



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Small Brush, Vacuum, or Canned Air for Cleaning



A small brush like the one shown above can be used along with a scrap of batting to brush off lint from the sewing machine head, especially in the bobbin hook assembly. This can be a critical part of keeping your machine running smoothly!

Other options are using a vacuum or canned air – whatever works best for you!



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Needle-tip Oil Bottle



This needle-tip oil bottle is extra handy for oiling your bobbin hook assembly.

We recommend oiling the bobbin hook assembly during every bobbin change to keep your machine running as smoothly as possible.



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Cloth Measuring Tape



A cloth measuring tape as we all know it is a sewing standard. For use with your long-arm machine we recommend getting one that is at least 120 inches. The tape pictured also has yards marked out, which can be very useful.



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Stylus for Lightning Stitch Screen

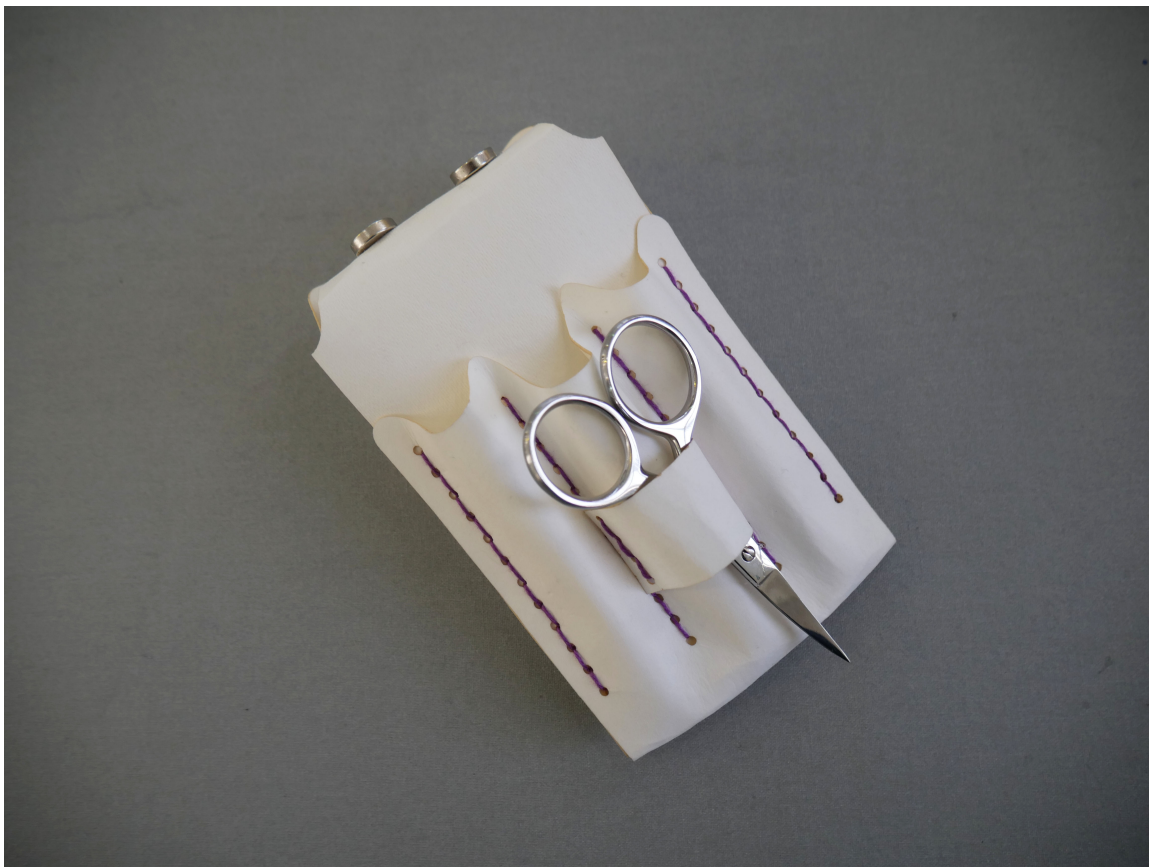


The Innova longarm sewing machine has a screen on the sewhead for adjusting the number of stitches per inch, and doing a variety of things as part of the quilting process. Using a stylus like the one pictured above is a great way to interact with this screen and can be easier than using your fingers!



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Storage for Tools and Extra Parts



There are many ways to organize your tools and extra parts, but this is one of our favorites yet! Designed by Kelly Gallagher-Abbott at Jukebox Quilts, this make-it-yourself Jukebox Tool Holder is an awesome addition to any long-arm quilting machine. It holds all of the tools covered in this document.

To purchase a kit for this tool caddy, visit the Jukebox Quilts website [here](#).
To learn how to make this tool caddy, watch our video [here](#).