



**QUILT PATTERNS, QUILT LABELS AND ALL KINDS OF QUILTY TREASURES**

## Sewing Space Refresh Checklist

### 1. Start Small

- Tidy one area first (a drawer, table corner, or bin)
- Remove any obvious trash or empty packaging
- Celebrate the quick win

### 2. Sort by Category

- Gather all fabric together
- Gather all notions/tools
- Gather WIPs/UFOs
- Gather patterns & books
- Keep like with like

### 3. Ask the Gentle Questions

- Do I still love this?
- Will I realistically use or finish this?
- Does this item inspire me—or weigh me down?
- Is this fabric still “me”?

### 4. Create Functional Zones

- Cutting Zone
- Sewing Zone
- Pressing Zone
- Project/WIP Zone
- Storage Zone (fabric, rulers, patterns)

### 5. Fabric & Quilt Storage

- Wrap yardage on fabric storage boards
- Sort fat quarters & precuts
- Bag or bin current projects
- Store finished quilts in quilt storage bags
- Label bins clearly



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### 6. Tools & Notions

- Sharpen or replace dull rotary blades
- Check markers/chalk for freshness
- Sort thread by type or color
- Organize rulers vertically or on hooks

### 7. Use Vertical Space

- Hang pegboards or hooks
- Add wall shelves if needed
- Clear off horizontal surfaces

### 8. Reset Your Workstation

- Clean your sewing machine
- Replace your needle
- Wipe down your cutting mat
- Empty your scrap bin

### 9. End With a Reset Ritual

- Choose one project to start the year with
- Put everything else in its zone
- Take a photo of your refreshed space!

**No judgment**—just honesty. Give yourself permission to let some things go. One trick I've used is to create a donate pile/box/tote – and once in a while I sort the tote into “bundles” of things that go nicely together. Tie them up with a ribbon and gift them to someone learning to stitch. It makes me happy when I can gift things I used to love to someone who can make good use of them.