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Hello ladies and happy New Year! We have one year to get ready for our next quilt show and Mary has asked me to share some ideas of items to craft for the Quilter's Boutique. Over the next few months we will be listing links to free patterns and/or tutorials for some fun articles you may like to try. If you sometimes like to take breaks from your usual quilting to clear your head with a quick fun project, then these are perfect for that. Hope you find something that inspires you.

Since we are the top customers at the Boutique, I thought I'd start the year with our favorites: gifts for the Sewing Room. Items we always love include pretty pincushions, needle holders, thread holders, thread catchers, etc. I love Pinterest, and if there is any item you are thinking about making, you will find a hundred different ways to make one there. It is a great place to get inspired. Here is a list of free tutorials for some of these items and others like it.

*How to: Make this Gorgeous Pincushion in Six Simple Steps- This is a tutorial for a cute pincushion using a 3" embroidery hoop.

<https://www.cosyproject.com/blog/six-step-pincushion-pattern/>

*Cutie Pie Pincushion- This pincushion uses a 5" pie plate.

<https://beeinmybonnetco.blogspot.com/2018/01/cutie-pie-pincushion-tutorial.html>

*Fresh Baked Bread Pincushion- Lori Holt offers another super cute pincushion. Scroll to the bottom of this blog entry for instructions.

<https://beeinmybonnetco.blogspot.com/2019/02/vintage-block-along-egg-money-block.html>

*Pin Cushions from Vintage Finds Tutorial- On this video Lori Holt shows how to make pin cushions using a variety of vintage items you may have around your house. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xodXc96kA>

*Pin Cushion in a Cup Tutorial- Another favorite designer of mine is Jennifer Heynen. Here she shows how to use scraps and a teacup to make darling pincushions.

<https://jenniferheynen.com/blogs/jennifer-jangles-blog/40402881-pin-cushion-in-a-cup-tutorial>

*Pincushion Rings- This is a fun and unusual way to recycle bottle caps.

<https://youcancallmegwen.typepad.com/you-can-call-me-gwen/2013/07/pincushion-ringssssss.html>

*Eye Bolt Thread Holders- A really cool item to make with some nuts and bolts. On the same blog you will also find other fun ideas with items to make for your sewing needs using items found at the hardware store.

http://sewmanyways.blogspot.com/2009/03/tool-time-tuesday_17.html

*Measuring Tape Neck Strap Sewing Caddy- Love this idea.

<https://sew4home.com/measuring-tape-neck-caddy/>

*Cutting Mat Tote- An easy way to make a bag for cutting mats.

<http://becauseisaysew.blogspot.com/2011/10/tutorial-for-cutting-mat-tote.html>

*Non Slip Sewing Machine Foot Pedal Pad-

https://so-sew-easy.com/non-slip-sewing-machine-foot-pedal-pad/#_a5y_p=3863436

*Tabletop Ironing Board Tailor's Hams- Instructions on how to make your own tailor's ironing tools. I find these are super useful when sewing small intricate items. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJGVkvnIjUl>

*20 Minute Peg Bag- This is a tutorial for a quick and easy peg bag. I use mine to store plastic sewing clips at home.

<https://plushaddictblog.co.uk/2013/07/07/20-minute-peg-bag-tutorial/>

We are open to new ideas so feel free to share. Send me an email at albrico5@yahoo.com and I will be happy to include them in the next article.

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