

***** TIPS & TRICKS *****

ORGANIZING APPLIQUÉ PIECES - Submitted by Barbara M. Burnham, Ellicott City, MD
(Hand Piecers have also found this helpful!)

Here is an idea to keep all those little pieces organized and handy, especially when traveling:

- After trimming the edges of a quilt for binding, we often have long strips of leftover cotton batting. Save them.
- Cut the leftover batting into approximately 5x7-inch lengths, or other convenient size sheets.
- Arrange appliqué pieces on the batting sheets in a logical order (by number, by placement on the block, or however you work). The appliqué pieces will cling to the batting. They stay flat and organized, and you avoid unnecessary handling and fray or loss of pieces.
- Stack the batting sheets with appliqué pieces on top. They cling together, but restack easily when you add or remove pieces as needed.
- Slip the stack into in a clear plastic zip-top sandwich bag for storage or travel.
- Another option is to glue some batting inside a manila folder, and store pieces there.



Left: Here is an example with my current project.

Each appliqué piece has a number written on it which corresponds to my pattern, and I have arranged all the Black-Eyed Susan petals just like they will be sewn, ready to go, with no guesswork.

Right: Three strips of leftover batting were glued side by side inside a manila folder. Appliqué pieces cling on, ready to stitch. They don't fall off!

