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Stimulating imaginations of quilt tricksters everywhere

 $Q_{uiltrick \#51}$: If you use purchased sewing patterns, try ironing fusible (one sided) interfacing to the wrong side of the pieces. You'll make the thin paper more stable and your patterns will last longer. They will also fold nicely without bulk. Thanks to Patchwork Posse for the tip!

Spring came early to North Carolina, and, like the rest of the country, it left again. But we're ready for it when it chooses to return. One question I get about the "Spring Woolies" pictured below is, "How do you cut the background wool?" The answer is simple. I trace the design onto fusible web, iron it on to the back of the wool and cut it with small, sharp scissors. It's easier to cut and it helps keep the felted wool from fraying.

Quilters are generous people. I'm attending a quilt show in Pigeon Forge next week and many quilters have donated quilts to the folks who lost everything in the devastating fires they had there recently. There are other giving opportunities such as donating pillowcases to children facing cancer in hospitals around the country or quilts to neo-natal units. One cause I recently learned of is to donate a backpack and quilt to foster kids so they have something besides a trash bag in which to carry their earthly possessions. Do you have a favorite cause? Let us know so we can share it on our facebook page. And, thanks for your contribution!



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