

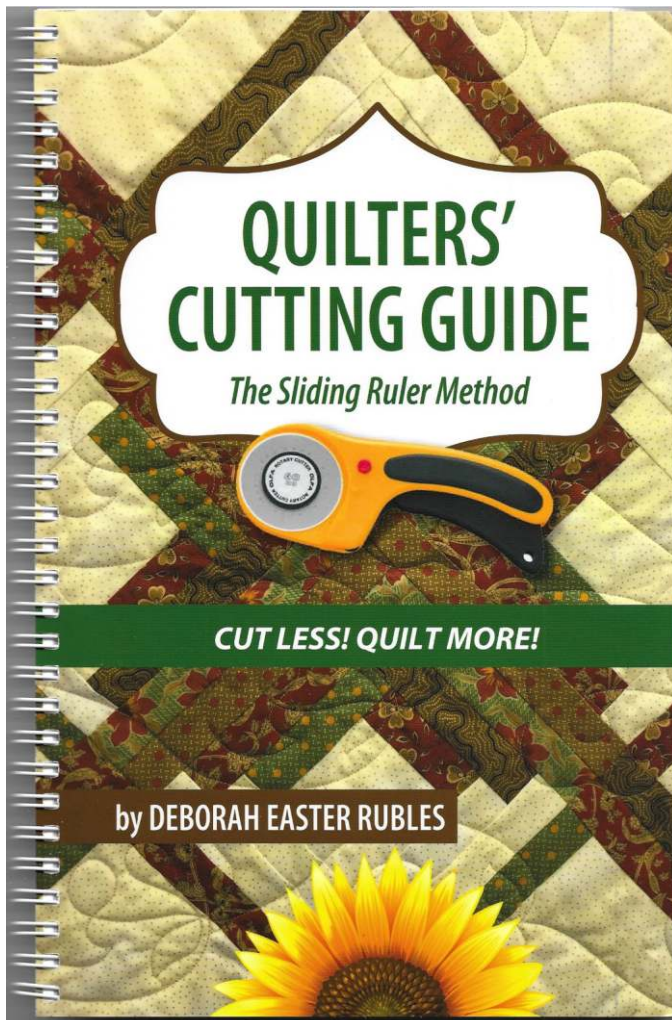
Book Review

Quilters' Cutting Guide

The Sliding Ruler Method

by Deborah Easter Rubles

Reviewed by Maria Hrabovsky



After reading every page of this book, the word “excellence” came immediately to my mind. Everything about it has been excellently done - from the spiral binding which makes it easy to stay open, read, and keep our place - to the instructions, colour photos, charts, diagrams, and page tabs which make searches quick and easy. This cutting guide will definitely become one of our handiest, most helpful techniques.

Before reading her book, I didn't know about Deborah's method, but you can be sure that I will be using it from now on! As she writes, “**The Sliding Ruler Method** is an efficient, effective, and fast way for quilters to cut fabric”. It is the perfect guide and technique for beginners and will also be appreciated by more experienced quilters who don't yet know about, or use, this handy method.

The book has six chapters. The first tells us how to prepare our fabric; the second is about squaring our fabrics; the third explains how to cut strips, whether strips, squares, rectangles, or other large pieces; the fourth is about preparing our quilt backing; the fifth is about scrap management and includes a very clever way to store them; and the sixth is **The Sliding Ruler Charts** - very useful and helpful guides to refer to as needed. For example, the first of the eight charts gives us two sizes to cut from, the number of strips needed for each, and the number of 6" squares we will get.

The book is printed on glossy, heavy sheets which are not only attractive but are also easy

to read and sturdy enough to endure many years of use. The equipment needed is listed, all of which most quilters already have on hand as basic to quilting. The directions are clear, concise, and illustrated perfectly. They will satisfy those of us who learn best visually as well as those who prefer printed directions. Perhaps best of all, the math is all done for us!

To learn more about **Quilters' Cutting Guide** and to order it, visit Deborah Ruble's website, www.quilterscuttingguide.com.