



Leaders and Enders Demo Resources – BAM November 16, 2019

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The basic concept is: instead of just stitching over a scrap at the end of a seam, you insert piecing from another project. So each time you start or end a seam and you are ready to snip the thread and press, you sew some component of another project. (Color Girl Quilts blog)

The point of leaders and enders is not to use thread bunnies regularly, but to get something done. Using the leaders and enders method, I get more done.

Leaders and Enders by Bonnie Hunter: <https://quiltville.com/leadersenders.shtml> - full explanation with photos

Leaders and Enders: the Whys and Hows by Bonnie Hunter: <https://quiltville.blogspot.com/2005/06/leaders-enders-whys-and-hows.html> - more updated info with images

Gift Bags as Leaders and Enders: <https://artquiltmaker.com/blog/2016/02/gift-bags-as-leaders-and-enders/>

Leaders and Enders by Melissa Cory: <http://www.happyquiltingmelissa.com/2015/02/leaders-and-enders.html> - good images to help you understand the process

Leaders and Enders, Color Girl Quilts blog: <https://colorgirlquilts.com/2016/01/leaders-and-enders-quilts.html>

What are Leaders and Enders?, Quilts by Jen - <https://quiltsbyjen.ca/what-are-leaders-and-enders/> - excellent images to help you visualize the process

Keys for me:

- Designate, at least in your mind, a primary and secondary project. I like to have them completely different. Different shapes or different colors or something so I don't get confused.
- Work small. Once the project gets too large, it is difficult to keep it in the subordinate position.
- Keep patches/units ready to go near your sewing machine
- I find it easier to work on two completely different projects. Anything with a ¼" seam allowance will work.



Books:

Adventures with Leaders and Enders by Bonnie Hunter - <https://amzn.to/2pnwNFW>

More Adventures with Leaders and Enders by Bonnie Hunter - <https://amzn.to/2XjJt0>