

from my own mistakes and from observing those around me.

In a way, I wish that the original blotting techniques had been pioneered by these authors. Instead of Southern, northern and western transfers, I could pop into the lab for a bit of Darling, sweetheart and honey-pie blotting.

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