

Using your Pre-Cut Scrap Stash

Now that my scraps are sorted, pressed and cut into pre-cut sizes, what do I do with them?

If we keep our scrap stash organized and cut into ready to use pre-cut sizes, they will be easily accessible and we will actually use them. How fun would it be to shop from our own pre-cut stash? Scraps tend to multiply overnight. To keep them under control, set up a weekly time to work on your scraps (10-20 minutes). Pick up and clean up as you go, so you will be ready for the next time you work on your scraps.

Once you get into the scrap stash rhythm... your scraps will flow through your stash and into new quilts. Think of scraps as "Trash to Treasures". Our scraps can make beautiful quilts for practically nothing.

<u>Standard Pre-cut Sizes:</u>	<u>Other Useable Pre-cut Sizes:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ One yard (36" x 42" WOF).◆ Half yard (18 x WOF).◆ Fat quarter (18 x 22 inches).◆ Fat eighth (9" x 22").◆ Layer cakes (10" x 10").◆ Charm squares (5" x 5").◆ Jelly roll strips (2 ½" x 44").	<p><u>Squares:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ 1" x 1" (postage stamps).◆ 2 ½" x 2 ½" square.◆ 3 ½" x 3 ½" square. <p><u>Rectangles:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ 2" x 4" (or longer).◆ 2 ½" x 4" (or longer).◆ 3 ½" x 4" (or longer). <p><u>Strips</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ 1 ½"-3 ½" x 10".
<p><u>Strings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ 1"-1 ½" wide by 10" (or longer). <p><u>Crumbs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Less than 1 ½" wide and less than 2" long and odd shaped scraps. Can be used as starters and enders.	

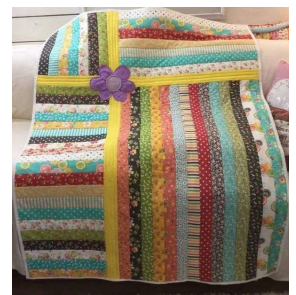
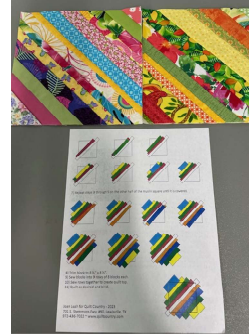
Layer Cakes can be cut down to make 4 charm squares, smaller squares, rectangles, strips, etc.

Charm squares (and smaller squares) and rectangles can be used to make a variety of beautiful quilt blocks like a simple patchwork, 4 patch, lattice, cornerstone or disappearing 4-patch blocks, flying geese, and half-square triangles.



Jelly Roll Strips. You can make your own jelly rolls using scraps.

Strips and Strings



Crumbs



Tips:

Use a **color wheel** when pairing fabric colors together. Complementary colors are opposite each other on the color wheel (e.g., red and green, blue and orange). The color wheel helps quilters understand how colors relate to each other and how they can be combined to create different effects.

To give some organization of the chaos with a scrappy block, use the same color/fabric for the center of each block. Use a solid color sashing (light gray or blues, maybe a black sashing, not just white or cream).

Use adding machine tape to sew strips onto.

Check out Scrap Quilting on Google, You-Tube and Pinterest for ideas and patterns. A couple of my favorites are Tiny Orchard Quilts, Sew the Distance, and Just Get It Done Quilts.