



Tips & Tricks

It is amazing how much of a stir organizing scraps has created. I have been sharing my tips with readers, and **readers** have been sharing tips with me. I am so glad to see it's not just me who is having scrap issues. When dealing with our little scrap treasures, it is clear we look for creative ways to organize. I love that you share with me, and I hope you don't mind that I share your thoughts with others. I want this newsletter to be full of important, helpful information for everyone. Hopefully, you as a reader find something of value for your quilting journey. If you have a tidbit to share, I would love for you to share it. Just send it to me [here](#).

If you know a great way to do something that will make someone's quilting experience a better one, share it. For this to be an ongoing tip section, however, I will need your help. Also, if you don't see your tips right away, please be patient. I will try to pick a few good tips for every newsletter, which posts every three weeks. So, write down that tip, and send it to me.

From Mary G.

About leftover scraps: Whenever I make a quilt, I usually cut the lattice pieces too long by several inches. I do it in case I screwed up my measurements. Once I have the top assembled, I then cut off the extensions. Of course, I save them for "someday." Eventually, I will have enough for a memory quilt of other quilts I have made.

From Joan H.

Regarding pre-cut fabrics: For some time now, when I have finished cutting fabric for a particular project, the remainder is either put back in my pre-marked box of fabric (depending on size) or cut into squares. I have plastic pull-out drawers that I put them into, and sizes range from 3 inches up to 9 1/2 inches. This method is not only great for scrap quilts, but is also easy to pull for yo-yo's and other craft possibilities.

From Sally B.

Every time I have to cut diagonal corners off, I leave the set together and sew a 1/4 seam. I press them open, and then I put them in my special HST (half-square triangles) box. When the box is pretty full, I trim them all to one common size, and I have materials for a scrappy table runner or lap quilt for charity. It really makes me feel good to make something useful out of my scraps.

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