

September 2009 Newsletter

Go scrappy and be organized...

A good friend of mine, Beckie Olson, never throws any fabric away. She has the greatest stash I have ever seen. She does amazing fun and scrappy quilts on a whim. It is always great to see her newest project. Here are some ideas to follow:

Never get rid of your scraps from that finished quilt.

Sort and store them by color (in bins) if they are larger than a fat quarter.

Smaller scraps can be strip cut into 2 ½ inch strips to save for another project. Beckie has a bin with 2 ½ inch strips, 3 ½ inch strips, etc. This can also be done for 4 or 5 inch squares. When the bin gets full you have a precut quilt!

Save those triangle pieces that you have cut from half square triangle projects etc to store in yet another bin. (I am seeing a pattern here).

This system is a great way to not only store your scraps but organize them for future use. Some of my favorite quilts are those I have made from left-over scraps. It is fun to look over a finished project and remember where the fabrics came from. It is also great to be able to make that extra quilt here and there for a special someone in your life.

Also realize that the scraps don't need to necessarily match when you are doing a project with scraps. Choose a pattern that fits your collection (many jelly roll patterns would be great to use for 2 ½ inch strips that you have stashed) and go to work!

Happy Quilting!