

# What do I do with ALL those strips and squares!?

So, now you have your scrap stash shrinking and your strip and cut square inventory growing. How do I use all that new found treasure? First, I look at the bulging bags or overflowing bins. What needs to be used? I can almost hear them calling me! Lol! There's a quilt in the making...or a border.....or sashing....or cornerstones.

The larger squares can be cut into smaller sizes. I had a block pattern that needed four 3" squares that were the same. Instant match! One 6" square provided what I needed. Plus I had a whole bag of 6" squares, so I pretty much had my quilt set up.

I have one large bag of miscellaneous strings. Do you ever have a day where you just need to do something mindless? I sure do. Some days I just need to zone out! That's a good day to sew those strings together. As I sew, I vaguely sort the lengths, and sew the ones that are similar in length together. Now I have long strips that can be cut into squares or used as a border. I have not used these for borders yet, but I'm sure there will come a time when they will add just the perfect touch. They are waiting patiently in "time out"!



Whew! Looks like enough to

make a quilt!



Another, neat idea is to sew those squares, end to end to make your own sashing. Mindless, to be sure. But what a statement! Talk about scraps with attitude! This top has been in “time out” for a while waiting to be quilted. I’m a hand quilter so my waiting to be quilted pile is never ending. Those pinwheels will pop when I give it my special touch.



So, look at those bags or bins and say  
“Speak to me!”  
Happy Quilting!