



SCRAP HAPPY

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Collect scraps of ribbon, trim, thread and any other leftover bits and pieces found on the sewing room floor. Turn the findings into a practical, decorative bowl.

SUPPLIES

Two 15" squares of heavyweight water-soluble stabilizer
Scraps of thread, ribbon lace and wool roving
All-purpose thread
9"-diameter bowl (approximately 3" deep)
Bath towel

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Cut a 12"-diameter circle from each stabilizer square. Position one stabilizer circle on a flat work surface. Evenly scatter the thread, ribbon, lace and roving scraps over the entire stabilizer circle (1).

Position the remaining stabilizer circle over the scraps. Pin the stabilizer circles together (2).

Thread the machine with a contrasting thread color and reduce the presser foot pressure. Select a three-step zigzag or serpentine stitch (3). Stitch randomly over the entire circle, securing the scraps in the stabilizer sandwich. Stitch perpendicular to each previous stitching line to completely cover the circle.

Select a decorative stitch. Stitch the circle, beginning at the outer edge. Guide the circle so the previous stitches abut against the presser foot edge to form a spiral (4). Stitch toward the circle center.

Place the stabilizer sandwich in warm water to dissolve the stabilizer.

Position the bowl upside down on a bath towel. Position the circle over the bowl; finger-press the circle to the bowl so it forms a bowl shape. Let the bowl dry overnight.

Once the bowl is dry, use a wooden skewer or toothpick to loosen the bowl and carefully remove it from the form. ☘

