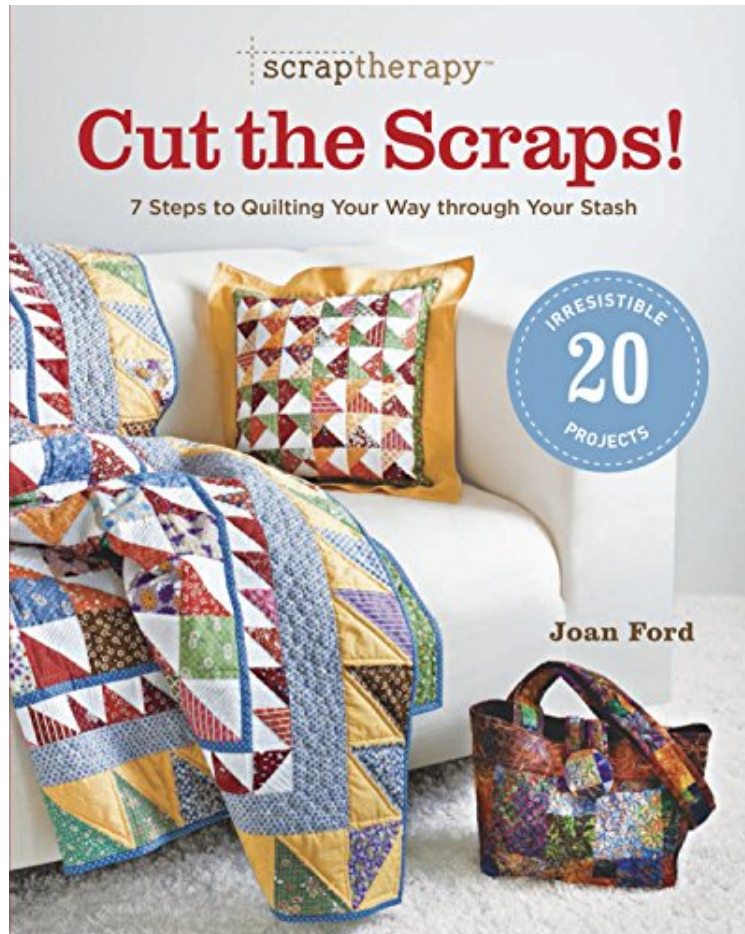


## ScrapTherapy Cut the Scraps!: 7 Steps to Quilting Your Way through Your Stash

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37 of 38 people found the following review helpful. Cut, cut, cut--inspiration for a pile of scraps and a quilter with a big rotary cutter !By Mary Z. CoxHoly Moley--I'm going to do this! This book came in today and I browsed through it--and the first thing I read was the 7 step plan to get those scraps under control. :)I have been shucking scraps like crazy the last couple of years--I donated huge sacks at quilt guild, bags of them to my art teacher daughter for her students' projects--and still--they accumulate!I was delighted to see that Joan Ford has adopted the same mantra I decided on a couple years ago."I will quilt this stash into quilts before I kick the bucket if it's the last thing I do.""I will

not be that poor woman whose lifetime stash is dumped at quilt guild because no one else in the family quilts."I have quite a few other scrappy quilting books, but this one looks much better thought out with having only 3 sizes of blocks to cut.And wouldn't you know it--I got back yesterday from a quilting class (Bali Fever) where I bought this really huge and sharp rotary cutter (I've never had a really big mama like this before and whoah does it cut, cut, cut :) And that nice Judy Neimeyer even showed me how to cut curves freehand with it--boy- can I ever cut good now.)So you can see, when step 2 in this book is "The Cutting workshop"--hey--my big mama rotary is revved and ready :)The patterns look doable--and I particularly like the 2 tote bags and the table runner--because then you can give them away for gifts.I also like the fact that these patterns are based on mostly squares instead of strips--I already have tons of books and patterns that will turn strips into scrappy creations--but I like having patterns to turn all those wadded up pieces into something functional. :)And she tells you up front what you will need to organize them.There are some whimsical scrap quilts in this book I have not seen before--such as "Something Fishy" and "Run Away Thread" which look very fun and even one called "Once Upon a Scrap" that makes use of those old panels lying around as well as the scraps. I have quite a few "doggie" and "kitty cat" type panels that would work with this. :)Okay--I am definitely going to start on this as soon as I finish my accounting for income taxes--after I get everything in the right columns and added up--I will give it to my husband and he will start crying and screaming because we will probably have to pay too much again this year to IRS--so while he's weeping--I'll go into my quilting studio and get out the big rotary cutter and cut, cut, cut those scraps !Drumming on the Edge of Banjo49 of 49 people found the following review helpful. Exactly what I needed!By vickieathomeWhen I saw this book was on the way out, I was excited. I have needed someone to teach me how to deal with all the fabric scraps I have collected for the past 20 years. I had to read the book first, but now I am ready to really get moving on my stash. The suggestions were good ideas, right to the point, and easy to do. This is a great book for beginners, just learning how to quilt, because the author goes into great detail and the pictures make the instructions easy to follow. I can't wait to actually get started on some of the projects.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good ideas for that pile of scrapsBy Charlotte StoutThe book starts out with a heading of "the seven steps" -Getting Started - fixing the scrap problemCuttingSortingSelecting a ThemeGadgets Tools to Save TimePiecing SewingFinishing the ProjectEach one of these steps will lead you to getting things organized, break down your scraps into usable sizes, store them where you know what you have can see what colors sizes you have to begin a quilt. Ms Ford has great organizational skills helps you make use of every piece of fabric. After you have done all this, then you may go pick out some fabrics that will complement what you have on hand.The one thing that helped me was to start out with a scrap determine what sizes could be made from it. Once the scrap is ironed you can then see if you can cut a five inch square from it, then a 3 1/2 inch 2 inch square. These are popular sizes in scrap quilting. Learning how to organize store these cut squares are the next step the book walks you through these logical sequences all the way to making a quilt. You will leave this book with a lot of useful ideas for all sizes of fabric.You will not spend a lot of money buying extra storage containers that are bulky hard to blend in with the rest of your furniture if you do not have a designated sewing room. You Will buy some see thru shoe boxes at Wal Mart start making the most efficient use of these to store your fabric other supplies. You will empty all those crumbled up sacks of scraps see them placed exactly where you know what you have.Go for it, great way to start the new year with organization in your quilting world.

All quilters know one thing for sure: a fabric stash is a living thing. It grows imperceptibly at first, but soon takes over your sewing room, and, if you're not careful, your life. Joan Ford is a quilt designer who recognized a need to clear the clutter among her fellow quilters and came up with a fun and effective way to deal with it. Enter ScrapTherapy, Ford's feel-good method for organizing the mounds of fabric from yards and fat quarters to skinny scraps and turning them into quilts and a wide array of accessories. In this innovative book, Ford offers step-by-step instructions for cutting a fabric stash down to size quite literally and provides 20 original patterns for quilts, pillows, table runners, and more. I

About the AuthorInnovative quilt designer JOAN FORD cleverly founded the ScrapTherapy(TM) program in 2006 as a way to help quilters get organized and cope with the clutter of fabric collected over the years. Ford travels around the country lecturing and teaching quilt classes and cutting workshops. Visit her website at [www.scrap-therapy.com](http://www.scrap-therapy.com)