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CUTTING BIG TO SMALL (standard precut sizes)

- 2.5 strips
- 10 inch squares
- 5 inch squares
- 2.5 squares

OTHER SIZES (if you want to go even deeper)

- Fat Quarters 18x22 (half of a half yard cut on the fold)
- 2.5 18-44 Inch strips — Project Bin Storage
- 3.5 Squares — Shoebox or Project Bin Storage
- 2.5 x 4.5 Potato Chips/Bricks — Shoebox or Project Bin Storage
- 1.5 Squares & Strips — Shoebox Storage

RESOURCES FOR STORAGE CONTAINERS*

Fat Quarters	Target Brightroom Acrylic Box (12 L x 6 W x 4 H)
2.5 inch squares	Art Bin Super Satchel w/ Removable Dividers 15.25 x 14 x 3.5 6832ABD
2.5 inch strips	Art Bin Super Satchel 1 Project Box 15.25 x 14 x 3.5 inches
5 inch squares	Art Bin Super Satchel w/ Removable Dividers Small 15.25 x 8 x 6.25 inches Larger 15. 25 x 14 x 6. 25
10 inch squares	Clearspace Plastic Storage Bins with Lids XL 12.5"L x 12.5"W x 7"H
3.5 squares	Container Store Clear Plastic Showbox w/ lid 7.5 x 4.25 x 13
1.5 strips, 3.5 squares	Container Store Clear plastic shoebox w/ lid 7.5 x 4.25 x 13
Units / Blocks	Tyvek Zippered Envelopes -Various Sizes -Amazon

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MATERIALS NEEDED

Cutting Mat
Rotary Cutter
Iron
Medium and small rulers
Organization containers

SHELVING SYSTEM*:

Amazon Shoe Rack
Home Depot Lissomo Metal Cabinet with Locking Doors

LABELS USED*:

AVERY 5160 ADDRES LABELS
AVERY 5164 SHIPPING LABELS

UNITS TO MAKE WITH THE PRECUTS TO SAVE FOR FUTURE PROJECTS
(Store in a separate container or in a Tyvex zippered envelope)

- Simple Blocks
  - 4 patches (squares)
  - 9 patches (squares)
  - Half Square Triangles (Uses 2.5, 3.5, or 5 inch squares)
  - Windmill Blocks (Uses strips of fabric)
- Refer to Diane Harris (stashbandit.net) for more in depth instructions

RECOMMENDED:

1. Carve out or maybe even schedule time at the end of day, week, month, or as the piles of scraps start to accumulate to trim down to usable sizes.
2. Make ahead units, blocks, or quilts when the storage bins get too full.
3. Personalize sizes you find you use most often.
4. Keep in mind your available storage space for the containers.

RESOURCES:

Scrap Summit
Pinterest
EQ8 or equivalent software
Free online patterns from major fabric companies
YouTube tutorial videos
Barbara Brackman's Encyclopedia of Pieced Blocks

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