

Bonnie Hunter's Scrap Organizing System

- A strip is anything that measures 12" or longer. Anything shorter gets cut into squares and bricks.
- Sort strips in sizes of:
 $1\frac{1}{2}"$, $2"$, $2\frac{1}{2}"$, $3\frac{1}{2}"$
The $1\frac{1}{2}"$, $2"$, and $2\frac{1}{2}"$ can be combined in different combinations and then play with the $3\frac{1}{2}"$.
- Cut squares in these sizes:
 $1\frac{1}{2}"$, $2"$, $2\frac{1}{2}"$, $3\frac{1}{2}"$
- Cut bricks in these sizes:
 $2" \times 3\frac{1}{2}"$, $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 4\frac{1}{2}"$
A brick is the height of one square, with the width of two squares, plus seam allowance, twice as wide as tall plus seam allowance).
Bricks can be used for flying geese and star point units as well as by themselves.
- You can make any number of traditional blocks through combinations of these sizes since they work together with each other and I always have them on hand.
- Store strips in drawers by strip width and color families.
- Stack strips on top of each other, and fold them over and over into a long jelly roll so that they fit in a gallon zip lock (which I leave un-closed for air circulation).
- It is really easy this way to grab the sizes of strips I need for any block or project, unroll the stack, choose what I need, roll it back up and put it away.

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