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Kiss Your Stash Goodbye Strippy Bag

Create foundation pieced fabric with ripped strips and you will have a unique fabric that can be used to make your next project whether it is a jacket, a table runner or a custom tote bag. This is a technique that can be done on the Tiara as shown by Denise or stitched on your long arm frame or even with a home sewing machine.



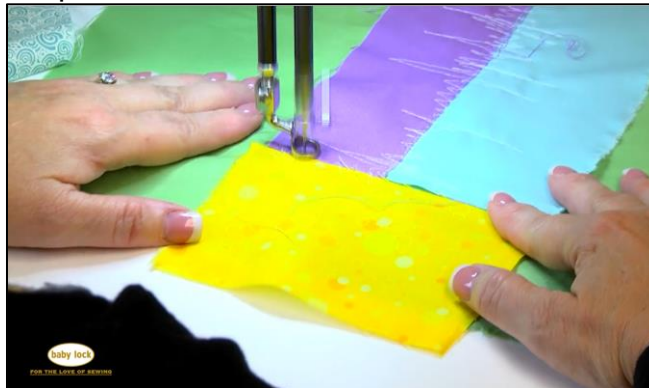
1. If you are using a sewing machine, set the machine up for free motion sewing
2. Set the machine to stop with the needle down
 - This will allow you to reposition your hands as needed without an unattractive jog in the stitching
3. Cut the foundation fabric large enough to cut the project pieces
 - For instance for a jacket you would create a piece for each sleeve, another piece for the back of the jacket and pieces for each jacket front
4. To rip the strips, make a small cut at the edge of the fabric and then rip a strip across the width of the fabric
5. Lay the strips on the foundation fabric
 - The green fabric in the image below is the foundation fabric



6. Free motion in a zig zag motion left and right across the raw edges of the strips



7. The zig zags are fun to sew because there are no rules
 - The zig zags can be as wide or as narrow as desired
 - You can go up and down the edge of the strip as many times as desired
 - Use a high contrast thread if desired, or use a neutral color thread to blend with the colors of the fabric
8. Note that it is ok if the foundation fabric peels through
9. If your strips are shorter than the foundation fabric, simply rip a new strip and fill in the space

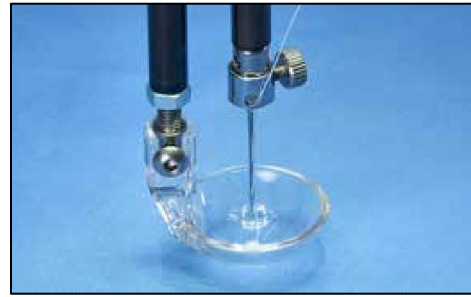


10. Denise stitched zig zags up and down to attach the yellow fabric
11. Keep the stitching continuous by sewing some strips top to bottom and other strips from bottom to top
12. You can also back-track and add additional stitching to an area
13. Keeping the stitching continuous will make the project go more quickly

Be careful not to catch your foot under the edge of the fabric



1. If you do catch the edge of the fabric, cut your threads and release the fabric
 - You may want to consider using a Glide foot for this to prevent catching the fabric
 - The bowl like shape of this foot allows it to sew over the loose edges without getting caught under the foot



If you need to make the piece you are working on larger, you can add more foundation fabric.

1. Lay the two foundation pieces next to each other (There is no need to seam them together)
2. Lay a strip over the butted edges of the foundation fabric and zig zag it in place

To make fabric for a tote bag:

1. Add a low loft batting under the foundation fabric
2. Quilt through the strips and the foundation to attach them to the batting
3. After the fabric is quilted, add a lining and straps and you will have a custom tote bag
4. Denise finished her bag by inserting the lining into the stippy quilted bag with the wrong sides together
5. She then took another ripped strip, wrapped it around the top edge of the bag and zig zag quilted it in place to create a faux binding

