



# Scrap Science Club with Tonya Alexander

It's time to experiment with your scraps – Make what you love and love what you make!

Bring your scraps for two full days of sewing, meeting new friends, and getting some great ideas to bust the scrap bucket! Participants bring 1 1/2" wide cut strips/strings of various lengths or other scraps that strips can be cut from.

Class/workshop will be hosted by Tonya and will include project ideas, block instruction, activities and sew time to build fabric confidence.



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## Concept #1: focus on contrast



Learn to make scrap string half square triangles that can be used in a variety of layouts for a project of any size. Focus project: Big String Star (String Theory Lab Manual, 2018).

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## Concept # 2: focus on color blocking with scraps

Learn the benefits of color blocking with your scraps and applying them to designs to incorporate scraps into any project as well as add interest and a strong design identity to your next scrap project. Focus project: Simple Gifts (from String Theory Lab Manual, 2018)



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## Concept #3: develop color stories with scraps and balance your scraps with a neutral to bring them all together

Learn the basics of building a color story to help define the direction and identity of any scrap project. Focus projects: Loose Change and Pixie Sticks (From Stash Lab: Simple Solutions for Scrap Quilts, 2015).



Hello my fellow Scrap-Scientists!

I'm so looking forward to our upcoming Scrap Science Club sew days. We're going to dive deep into our scrap buckets, learn new block skills, have some solid sewing time, and most of all, make some new friends and have FUN!

We'll be using 1 ½" - wide cut strips/strings of various lengths and we'll be using them all, so none need to be width of fabric length. Feel free to cut your scraps into strings before we meet, or just bring your scrap bucket as-is. Make sure to include plenty of light fabrics along with your colorful scraps. Also, don't worry about sorting out colors or types of fabrics, everyone's scraps are unique and we're going to be looking at our scraps in a lot of new ways so just bring it all! You never know what you're going to be able to sneak into your next project.

On your list to bring, in addition to your overflowing scrap bucket:

- 40-50 scrap strips (1 ½" -wide, of any length 10" or longer), pre-cut prior to class
- Your copy of String Theory Lab Manual
- your machine in good working order (and your manual in case trouble strikes!)
- standard sewing supplies including:
  - neutral thread for piecing (beige, taupe, gray, etc.)
  - scissors/thread snips
  - rotary cutter and small cutting mat for your work area
  - basic ruler (i.e. 6" x 12" or something similar for cutting strips)
  - fabric marking pen/pencil of your choice
  - optional but helpful, 9" x 9" or 12" x 12" ruler for squaring up the HST blocks
- water bottle, snacks, or whatever you need to keep you upright in your chair 😊
- a scrap project to share - this can be a completed project, a work in progress, or even a picture of a project that you like to help introduce yourself to the group.

With that, I wish you the best and look forward to seeing you all soon!

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