



Zero-Waste Sewing Room: Fabric Scrap Sorting Checklist

Phase 1: The Initial Audit & Purge

- ☐ Empty all opaque bags, bins, and hidden boxes onto a single large cutting table.
- ☐ Discard or bag up any unusable micro-dust, threads, or heavily soiled pieces smaller than 2 square inches for industrial recycling.
- ☐ Separate all woven textiles (cottons, linens, canvas) from stretch knits (jersey, spandex, fleece).

Phase 2: Processing & Sizing

- ☐ **Prep Station:** Iron all viable woven offcuts to remove deep wrinkles and ensure accurate cutting.
- ☐ **Micro-Scraps (Under 2 inches):** Cut away hard seams/zippers and toss the remaining soft material into the designated "To Be Shredded/Stuffing" bin.
- ☐ **Strings & Strips (1 to 2.5 inches wide):** Trim frayed edges and roll strips into "jelly rolls" or store them in clear glass jars for weaving/rugs.
- ☐ **Squares & Blocks (2 to 5 inches):** Run irregular shapes through a die-cutting machine or use a rotary cutter to square them off for Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP).
- ☐ **Large Remnants (Over 5 inches):** Drape over hanging file folders for future applique or pocket linings.

Phase 3: Storage & Digital Logging

- ☐ Color-code transparent acrylic drawers (e.g., warm tones, cool tones, neutrals).
- ☐ Apply physical labels to all bins specifying the fiber content (e.g., "100% Cotton Strips" vs. "Poly-Blend Squares").



- [] Log total estimated yardage of usable sorted remnants into your digital inventory (Airtable/Notion) for the team to access.