



Snippet Roll Project Sheet

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Supplies

- small pieces of canvas, felt or fusible fleece (for the strip)
- scraps of fabric for the collage layers
- glue stick or Heat-N-Bond
- Assorted embroidery floss colors
- Needles
- Scissors
- Additional bits & pieces: buttons,, pendants, wooden accents, beads and fussy cuts
- Assorted sizes of wooden and plastic thread spools

Instructions

What are snippets?

Dictionary.com defines a snippet as: a small piece snipped off; a small bit, scrap, or fragment.

What's a snippet roll?

It's taking small scraps, attaching them to a base and creating a long strip that can be rolled up. They don't have to be rolls, but sometimes once you start, it's easy to just keep going and you wind up with a long strip.

While snippet rolls start with a base and your scraps, there's always more you can add to a snippet roll. You can start with a simple background and collage on small pieces of fabric.





How do you use a Snippet Roll?

Snippet rolls do what most embellishments do...they add color and texture to an alternate project.

The Parts Of A Snippet Roll

The Base Strip

This is the part of the snippet roll that holds it all together. If you are using a spool to roll your snippet roll on, you will want the height of the strip to fit the spool. The length can be what you want to start.

Maybe 12-14" long. As you continue to create, you can stitch on additional strips to make your snippet roll very long.

The Scrap Layer

The layer where you collage scraps onto your strip. This doesn't just have to be fabric. You can incorporate fabric, ribbon, and other scraps you might have left over from other projects.

You can start a snippet roll with the first 2 layers and then add more to them when I'm working on a specific project. This will help your snippet roll match your project theme or incorporate colors you'd like to have on your roll.





Start creating your snippet roll by using a strip of lightweight canvas, fusible fleece or wool felt. As mentioned above, if you are using a spool to hold your roll, you will want the height of your strip to fit the center of your spool. The length of your strip is up to you. You can start with 12"-15" and then add additional pieces to it as you create more.

If you are using canvas or felt, lay down your strip on a flat surface and use a glue stick to lightly tack down your scrap pieces.

If you are using Fusible Fleece, lay your strip down with the “scratchy side” facing up. This is the side that will adhere your scraps to the strip. Place your scraps over the entire strip and use a hot iron to an iron them into place. Try not to “slide” iron over pieces as they may shift. Gently “tap” iron over pieces to adhere them into place. **IMPORTANT:** you do not want your hot iron to touch that “scratchy side” without some fabric scraps covering it.

Adding Stitches

This is where the slow stitching kicks in. You can add stitches to every scrap you have collaged on with coordinating embroidery floss colors or with any color. Consider using a sewing machine to add in rows of straight stitches to give it a more quilted look.

There is no wrong or right way to create snippet rolls. You can add beads, buttons, fabric words and more fabric to embellish what you create.

You can wrap them around spools and stack them together on a shelf until you need to snap off a little piece or two to add to another project. You can also just look at them over and over and smile.