Scrap Lace is a fanciful way of using small but precious scraps. It can be incorporated into projects in any way that lace is used, such as a yoke or decorative element mounted on a garment, book cover, sleep mask, or other accessory.

Materials needed:

- Water Soluble Stabilizer
- Small scraps of fabric, cord, yarn, trim, etc.
- Sewing machine threaded with neutral colored thread

Construction

Cut two pieces of water-soluble stabilizer at least 1" larger all around than the finished size of your project.

Arrange the scraps on one piece of the stabilizer in a pleasing manner. Be sure to leave some space between materials for a lacy texture. Use the cords to connect elements, creating cohesion.

Top the composition carefully with a second piece of stabilizer. Pin in a few places if desired, especially for larger compositions.

Place the stabilizer sandwich on the sewing machine table and stitch a grid of lines that captures all the small bits of fabric and trim. Sew more lines than seem necessary.

Follow the directions that came with the stabilizer to soak and rinse away the stabilizer. When it seems that all the stabilizer has been dissolved, rinse the piece again under running water to remove any additional residue.

Place the damp lace on a paper towel to dry. If the lace is stiff when dry, consider a second rinse.

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