# SCRAP-PIECED BELT

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## MATERIALS

- A pile of coordinating scraps from your fabric stash
- Fusible interfacing
- Thread
- Large safety pin
- Two D-rings the same size as the finished belt width

## Step ONe

### Piece Belt Together

To save time, you'll be piecing one long strip of fabric that is twice as wide as you need and then cutting it down the middle to create a front and back piece for your belt.

Decide how wide and long you want your belt to be. Cut fabric pieces that are random lengths, but double the desired and add plus 1" to account for seam allowances on each side of the belt.

Example: The pieces for the 1"-wide belt shown were cut at varying lengths, but were each 3" wide. (1" doubled = 2", plus 1" for seam allowances = 3".)

## Step Two

### Sew Pieces Together

Piece the fabric sections together into a long strip, using a ¼" seam allowance. Use enough sections of fabric to make belt long enough to securely fasten with the D-ring, and add 2½" to 3" to account for hemming the ends.

Example: A 29"-long pieced strip was used to make the 26"-long belt shown. After piecing, iron the strip flat.

Cut lengthwise through the middle of the strip making two identical long strips of pieced fabric.
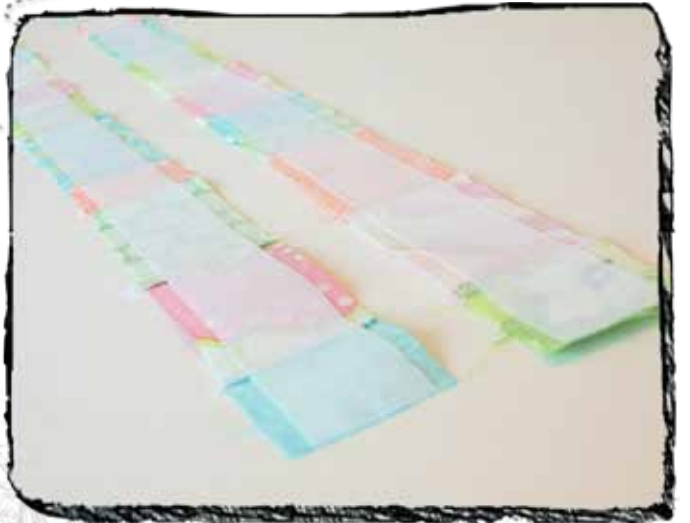
# Step Three

## Apply Interfacing

Cut two strips of fusible interfacing that are the same length as the fabric strips, but ½" narrower.

Example: The pieced fabric strips of the belt shown were 1½" x 29" long, so the two interfacing strips were cut 1" x 29" long.

Center the interfacing on the wrong side of each strip (with adhesive facing down) and secure with a hot iron.

# Step Four

## Sew Strips Together

Place the two strips right sides together and sew along each long side with a ¼" seam allowance.

## Step Five

**Finish Belt Construction**

Turn this tube right side out.

Then iron it flat.

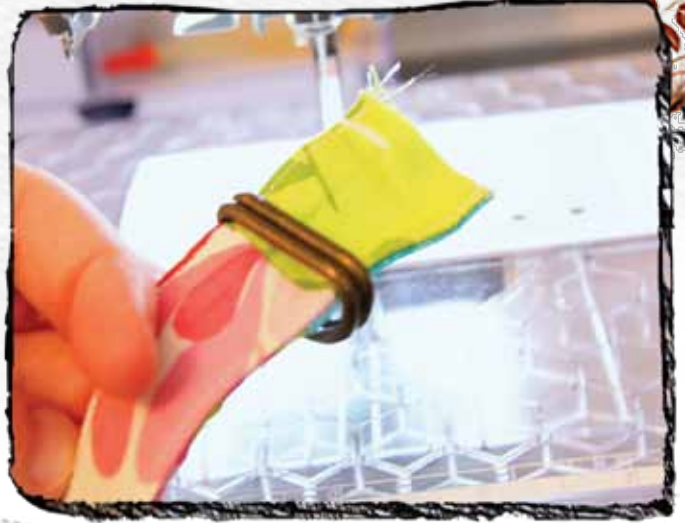Topstitch both long sides of the belt, close to each edge.

# Step Six

### Add D-rings

Take your D-rings (make sure they're wide enough for the size belt you're making) and slide them onto one end of your belt.

Fold over the raw edge about ½" and again at then 1".

Slide it under the presser foot.

# Step Seven

### Sew D-ring

Sew this end in place, securing it with two parallel lines of stitching.

# Step Eight

### Fold and Stitch Other End of Belt

On the other end of the belt, fold under a ½", then another ½". Stitch the folded edge in place.

Make sure that one end of the belt has the ends folded down and the other end has the ends folded up.

This will ensure that the ends are folded toward the inside of the belt when the belt end is looped through the D-rings and pulled tight, as shown in the photo.



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