

Book Review, Free Project & Giveaway: Precut Patchwork Party by Elaine Schmidt

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Think precuts are only for quilting? Think again! In her new book for Creative Publishing International, creative dynamo, Elaine Schmidt shows how you can make home décor projects, wearables, accessories, gifts and more... all using precuts. *Precut Patchwork Party* starts with the basics of the shapes and sizes available, the best tools and supplies, and general techniques. Then, it rolls right in to 18 inspired projects. Today, Elaine and her publisher have allowed Sew4Home to feature one of those projects as a free download! Plus, they've provided a copy of the book for us to giveaway.

We first met Elaine Schmidt through her book, *The Complete Photo Guide To Ribbon Crafts*. It was, hands-down, the best book on working with ribbons we'd ever seen. You can find our original review [here](#), and the book is still widely available, including [through Amazon](#).

Based on her combination of inventiveness and expertise, we knew this new book would be a must-have as well. The comprehensive getting started section is fantastic just on its own. We especially loved all the techniques; Elaine's process always shows us an easy way to get a great result. Take a peek at her rolled rosette made from a jelly roll strip.



The variety of project options is very nice. You can make a trendy yoga mat bag from jelly roll strips cut into small squares and patchworked together. Elaine has good notes on balancing color and pattern.



Or, how about a set of soft blocks and a snuggly blanket that mix charm squares and super soft Minky?



The project we chose, and which Elaine and her publisher so graciously agreed to let us feature for free, is the *Tisket Tasket Fabric Basket*. This woven wonder is made from just 10 jelly roll strips. What a great way to showcase ten different patterns from within one colorful collection.

The project is provided as a downloadable .pdf file. Click the image below to download. You will need [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#), which is a free program. Be aware this PDF file is 2.8MB, so please be patient with the download process.



Since this sample project will only whet your appetite for more, check out your favorite retailer for your own copy of *Precut Patchwork Party: Modern Projects to Sew and Craft with Fabric Strips, Squares and Fat Quarters*. And, of course, enter for your chance to win a copy. Want another chance to win a copy of *Precut Patchwork Party* and see a tutorial for how to make that rolled rosette fabric flower? Visit the publisher's fun blog, [Craftside!](#)

How to enter to win the Sew4Home copy of Precut Patchwork Party

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