



Get organized by using your stuff unusually – carpet scraps

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Keep a remnant for repairs, but use other carpet scraps for projects all over the house.
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As you clean out your attic, basement, and garage, it's likely you'll find a lot of items that you haven't used for a long time. Some you'll throw away, some you'll donate, and some you'll want to keep. This series suggests uses for items you may want to keep but are not sure how you'll use.

Carpet Scraps

- If you still use the carpet in your house, keep a small quantity to **patch stained or damaged places** that can't be removed or repaired any other way.
- Use scraps of carpet turned upside down (backing facing up) to **create a weed-free path** through your yard or garden. Once you have placed the carpet, cover it with mulch or straw or stone.
- **Make your dog's outdoor house more comfortable:** make an entry flap by attaching a piece of carpet at the top of the door to keep out rain and wind. If you live in a colder climate, line the doghouse floor and walls with carpet, too.
- **Train your cat to scratch a scrap of carpet** that you place near its favorite "target" piece of furniture. Attach the carpet firmly to a post or board so that the nails or staples don't catch your cat's claws, and to make it free-standing, attach the post to a scrap of wood to make a base.
- **Place a long, thin scrap of carpet on the floor in the space between your washer and dryer.** When a sock or other piece of clothing falls on the way from the washer to the dryer, just pull out the carpet scrap to retrieve it.
- Attach a carpet scrap to a hand-size piece of wood to **make a buffer for shoes.** Make another to **create a tool to clean your window screens.**

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