



## DIY Fabric Scraps Fashion Accessories Tutorial

This project was inspired by my line of *Xmittens* fashion accessories. When I realized how many fabric scraps were accumulating in my studio, I knew I needed to make a fun, creative and educational project for both kids and adults. This interesting, no-sew fashion and art project uses the high-quality fabric scraps leftover in my studio and helps you make something for yourself and/or loved ones to wear! For children, this is a great exercise in creativity and dexterity. For adults, it can be a great creative push! You can use this tutorial with fabric scraps of your own, or with the fabric scrap kit available to purchase here:

<http://xmittens.bigcartel.com/product/diy-fabric-scrap-fashion-accessory-kits>

Feel free to share this basic tutorial with others, but please give include a link to my website when you do so. Have fun!

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Make an "X" with the two strands you chose.

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Then, wrap one leg of the “X” around the other (the orange strand in the photo above), so that now you have another “X” that twists the two strands together.

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Make another “X” over the twist by crossing over the legs of the strands. Notice this makes a circle of space above the twist, below the “X”. Put one of the legs inside of the circle...

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This will make a twist on top of a twist...



Start to pull the two legs of the "X" away from each other...

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You have made a strong, double overhand knot! When you made this knot and combined your two strands, you just made a longer strand out of fabric strips that have a little bit of fringe at the knot. Practice your double overhand knot by adding more long strands using the same method.

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Stop there, or take it further...

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**Add more fringe!**

**Take a short strand of fabric scrap and place it under your long double knotted scarf/necklace you just made.**

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Wrap the short strand around your fabric scarf/necklace and make another double overhand knot.



Play around with knotted fringe and add sections of fringe all along your fabric scarf/necklace in different colors!



Stop there, or...

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## Add a tassel!

Extra hint: This is a great way to use up all the teeny, tiny bits of fabric leftover from sewing projects.



Put the small, skinny pieces of fabric in a pile. Shown here: very, very small pieces of fabric (bottom) and not-as-small pieces of fabric (top).

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Wrap a linear piece of fabric around the pile (shown here in lime and turquoise) and tie a double overhand knot around the pile into a bundle with the small fabric scraps poking out of the sides.

You can stop there and have a little tassel, or...

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Tie a couple of tassels together to make a bigger one!

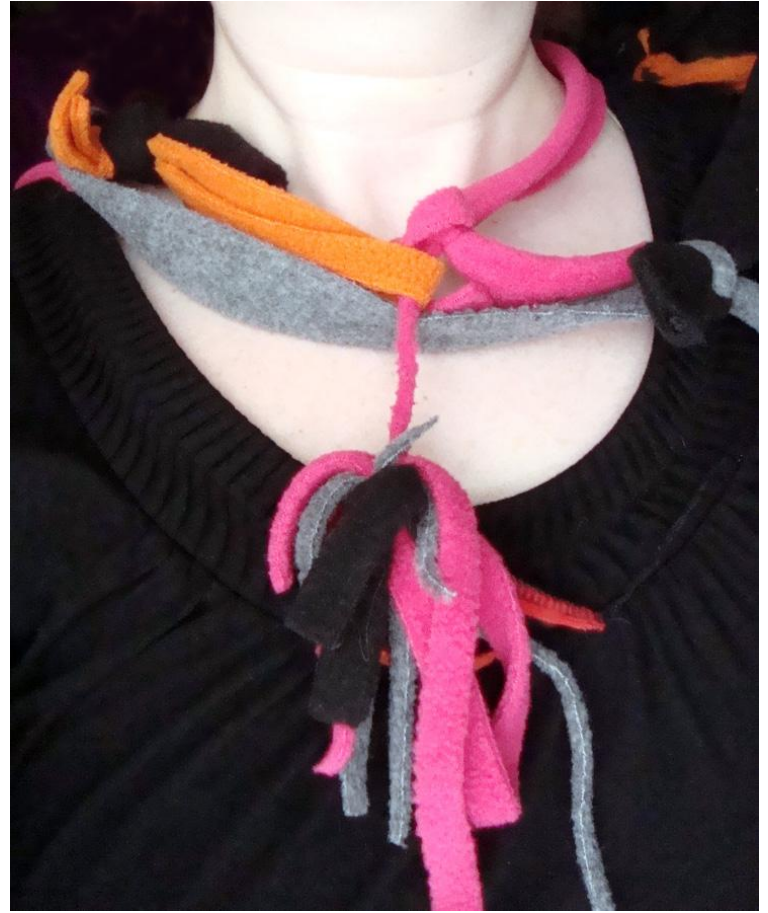
Tie that tassel to the end of your long fabric scarf/necklace with fringe and you have got an awesome, textured fashion accessory!

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You can also make a shorter fringed bracelet, or arm cuff, or tie your long strand in your hair as a headband!

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Take it even further by incorporating patterns with color, or several different kinds of fabric!

Send photos of your finished accessories to [info@ambercoppings.com](mailto:info@ambercoppings.com) and they will be added to the Fashion Accessory online gallery. Don't forget there is a Deluxe Fabric and Tutorial Kit with even more ideas and videos available at: <http://xmittens.net/tutorials/>

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