

# Troop 94 – Scout’s Own Service

## THRIFTY

*Troop assembles for Scout’s Own Service....once everyone is seated begin the program*

**Greeting:** We would like to welcome you all to today’s Scout’s Own Service.

*Instruct everyone to remove their hats.....they may remain seated*

**Prayer:** *Please bow your heads...*

For this time and this place,  
For your goodness and grace,  
For each friend we embrace,  
We thank thee, O Lord.

Amen

*Ask Everyone to please stand for the Scout Oath and Scout Law*

**Scout Oath** – *Scout Sign....Please recite the Scout Oath with me*

**Scout Law** - *Please say Scout Law ....Two*

*Ask Everyone to please have a seat*

**Today’s Message: The Patchwork Tailor**

The Town of Patchwork was known for having the most awesome tailor. There was nothing that he could not sew together, repair or create! He never threw away his scraps and he recycled everything! He would make the most creative things from his fabric scraps.

A rich man from the neighboring village came to the Patchwork Tailor and requested a most unusual suit from rare fabrics that he acquired from a country far across the sea. The tailor gladly took the challenge! That night, he measured...he sewed...he cut and he stitched. Before you know it – he completed the suit! The rich man was overjoyed and loved the unusual suit!

Since he was such a proficient tailor, he had a good amount of scrap material left over. He thought to himself that he would create something with the scraps. After staring at the scraps for a bit he jumped up and shouted, “YES! I’m going to make a snazzy jacket!” So, he quickly got to work and he measured...he sewed...he cut and he stitched. Before you know it - he completed the jacket! The tailor tried it on and thought he looked marvelous!

The Patchwork Tailor wore that jacket every single day as he went about town! In fact, he wore it so much it was starting to look shabby. After fussing with the jacket, he thought maybe he could recycle the jacket into something else. Suddenly he jumped up and shouted, “YES! I’m going to make a smashing shirt! So, he quickly got to work and he measured...he sewed...he cut and he stitched. Before you know it - he completed the shirt! Everyone in town thought it was great and wanted a shirt like that one! He was so proud of his work and he wore that shirt over and over until it, too was very worn out.

Now he was challenged to recycle the shirt into something useful since he hated to just throw out good material. After thinking about it, he jumped up and shouted, "YES! I'm going to make an ultra cool cap! So, he quickly got to work and he measured...he sewed....he cut and he stitched. Before you know it - he completed the cap! The folks of Patchwork loved his new cap and placed orders to have a cap like his! The Patchwork Tailor wore his cap day and night. He wore it on sunny and rainy days and even wore it to sleep! He wore that cap so much until it had little holes in it.

The tailor was faced with having to part with his favorite cap and thought to himself that he could recycle it somehow. He really struggled with ideas and then it came to him! He jumped up and shouted, "YES! I'm going to make an extravagant tie! So, he quickly got to work and he measured...he sewed....he cut and he stitched. Before you know it - he completed the tie! Now he had really out done himself and people marveled at how he recycled the scraps to form a magnificent tie! He wore that tie everywhere! Even to his daughter's wedding! He wore that tie so much that that it, too became very worn out and threadbare.

The Patchwork Tailor was so sad to have to part with his tie and cried that there must be something else that he could make to recycle the good parts of the material that was left. He tossed and he turned all night. The next morning, he sprung out of bed and exclaimed, "YES! I'm going to make a one-of-a-kind button! So, he quickly got to work and he measured...he sewed....he cut and he stitched. Before you know it - he completed the button! He put the button onto a shirt that became his new favorite, and he wore it all of the time until it finally was worn out!

Never to be outdone, the Patchwork Tailor said to himself "I think that there is just enough material to make something else!" And can you guess what that "something else" was? Well...there was just enough material to make..... a story!

His story was passed down and shared with me and I've just shared it with you! So, now you can share it with someone else!

**Reflection:** Truly, one person's trash is another person's treasure. What are some ways that you can be thrifty and reuse or recycle something to reduce waste?

***Ask Everyone to please stand***

**Benediction:** May you walk in Peace. Live with Love, work with Joy, and May the Great Scoutmaster go with you.

**Closing:** Thank you for attending our Scout's Own Service. Let's close by singing the Scout Vespers

**Scout Vespers : *Second verse optional.....Scouts may hum the tune as they exit quietly***

Softly falls the light of day,  
While our campfire fades away.  
Silently each Scout should ask  
Have I done my daily task?  
Have I kept my honor bright?  
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?  
Have I done and have I dared  
Everything to be prepared?

**Second verse**  
Quietly we now will part,  
Pledging ever in our heart,  
To strive to do our best each day,  
As we travel down life's way.  
Happiness we'll try to give,  
Trying a better life to live,  
'Till all the world be joined in love,  
and with peace under skies above.