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Letter from the Editors

Hello Quilters,

Jelly rolls are a staple in the stash of any quilter worth his or her salt. They are perfect for days when you want to whip up a quick race quilt or do not have the time (or disposition!) to spend a lot of time cutting out strips.

The patterns in this eBook are perfect for any number of projects, from baby quilts to home decor. You can make a quilt that will be warm and cozy, great for snuggling under while you watch TV on the couch, or a light but sturdy picnic blanket for the beautiful days of summer. Using jelly rolls is a great way to keep quilt construction straightforward and easy. So get those strips ready and let's make a beautiful quilt!

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Happy Quilting,

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Lap and Throw Quilt Patterns

Four Hour Lasagna Quilt

By: [Stacey from The Titled Quilt](#)

Not a fan of baking? You won't need to turn on the oven to make this creative Four Hour Lasagna Quilt. Look at this quilt recipe and see how you can use strip quilt piecing to make a jelly roll quilt pattern with standout layers of color and overall design that you just can't stop looking at. What is even more amazing is that the entire pattern only takes a few hours to put together, making this not super creative, but a super-fast jelly roll quilt.



Materials:

- 1 Jelly Roll
- 1/2 yard of fabric for binding (or set 5 jelly roll strips aside for scrappy binding)
- 3 yards for backing

*** Do not pre-wash jelly roll strips -- they will fray and shrink. Because of that, do not pre-wash your backing or binding either. That way, the first time it is washed (on cold - tumble or air dry) all of the fabric will shrink at the same rate.**

Instructions:

1. Lay out your jelly roll strips in piles according to color.



2. Begin joining your strips together as you would binding - right sides together at a 90-degree angle with a little extra on each edge. Mix up your color selection so that it appears random. Sew all of the jelly roll strips in this fashion.

Sew according to the dotted line shown below.



NOTE: Chain piecing is a good idea here.

3. Once all of the strips are sewn together, iron the seams open and then trim to 1/4" on either side. Your strip will be 1600" long.



4. Cut 18" off one side of your long jelly roll strip to help with offsetting the seams along the way. If you are making a scrappy binding, you can use this 18" strip.
5. Find the beginning and the end of your long jelly roll strip and place them with the right sides together - sew together on the long side using a 1/4 inch seam. After you cut off the 18" you still just have one long strip. Take the front of the strip and the end of the strip and place them right sides together, and then sew on the long side - all the way down.



6. Match up the beginning and end of the strip together, right sides together, and then stitching down one long side - when you open that up, you have one piece, two strips wide. You will have to snip at the bottom to open up the piece flat.
7. You will then do the same thing, matching up the front and the end of the now two-strip wide piece and stitch again. Once you get to the end, you will need to cut the end to open it up. Your strip will now be 800" long. No need to iron the seams now, you can do this at the end.



Repeat 4-5 times until your quilt is approximately 44"x 65".



8. To finish your quilt, lay your backing down on a hard surface and tape down with blue painters tape. Layer your batting over it and then place your quilt top to make a "sandwich" of the three pieces. Tape the top down with painters tape as well, taking care to line up all three pieces. Once they are in place - pin or spray baste the three layers together to prepare them for quilting.

Quilt according to your favorite method. Using the "in-the-ditch" method will allow you to finish quickly; design quilting will take a bit more time.



- To bind the quilt, cut 2 1/2 inch strips of fabric (or use those leftover jelly roll strips) - join them in the same way the quilt top jelly roll strips were, then iron in half the length of the strips. Sew the raw edge of the binding to the quilt and miter the corners. Wrap the binding to the back of the quilt and hand or machine stitch down.
- You are finished! Enjoy your beautiful new strip quilt.



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Boxing Day Jelly Roll Quilt

By: [Nancy J. Martin for Martingale](#)

A clever idea for a quilted sofa throw, this Boxing Day Jelly Roll Quilt is sure to become one of your go-to free jelly roll quilt patterns. With a simple but intriguing geometric pattern and muted colors, this quilt makes an excellent gift for a man. If you do not have a whole jelly roll, you can also use fabric scraps in this pattern. Arranging simple quilt block patterns to create a more complex design is a great way to improve your eye and designer skills for future quilt patterns.



Materials:

- 32 strips, 2-1/2" x 22", of light prints
- 31 strips, 2-1/2" x 22", of dark prints
- 1 fat quarter each of 4 light fabrics
- 1 fat quarter each of 4 dark fabrics
- 1/2 yard of dark print for bias binding
- 3-7/8 yards of fabric for backing
- 65" x 81" piece of batting

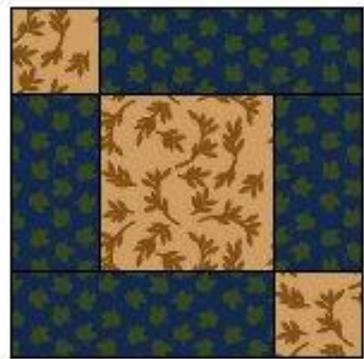
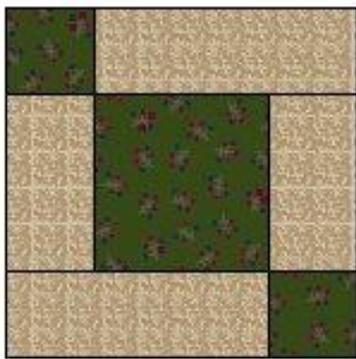
***Your strips must be at least 22" long after squaring up the ends and removing selvages.**

Instructions:

- From each of the 32 light strips and 31 dark strips, cut:
 - 2 rectangles, 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" (64 light and 62 dark total)
 - 2 rectangles, 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" (64 light and 62 dark total)

From each of the light and dark fat quarters, cut:

- 8 squares, 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" (64 total)
- 16 squares, 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" (128 total)



- Stitch a light 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangle to each side of a dark 4-1/2" square.

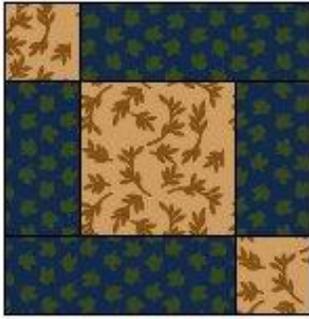


- Stitch a dark 2-1/2" square to a 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" light rectangle. Make two.



Make 2.

- Reversing the colors, make 31 blocks with light centers and dark strips on the outside edges.



Make 31.

- To assemble the quilt top, arrange and sew the blocks into nine rows of seven blocks each, alternating the blocks with the light and dark outside edges. The four corners of the quilt should all have blocks with light outer edges. Press the seam allowances toward the blocks with dark outer edges.



- Join the rows, matching seams. Press.

7. For the quilt backing, mark the quilt top with the design of your choice. Layer with batting and backing. Baste. Hand or machine quilt as desired.
8. Cut 2-1/4"-wide bias strips for binding. Make a total of 268" of bias binding.
9. Make and attach a label to the quilt, if desired. Enjoy!



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Jelly Roll Braid Quilt

By: [Jen Eskridge from ReannaLily Designs](#)

This free jelly roll quilt pattern uses a colorful jelly roll of batiks to make a traditional French braid quilt. The Jelly Roll Braid Quilt is quite easy once you get the hang of the piecing. After sewing the strips onto each other in an ever-lengthening braid pattern, you will trim the edges down so you get one long braid strip. Several of these strips pieced together makes the top of the Jelly Roll Braid Quilt!

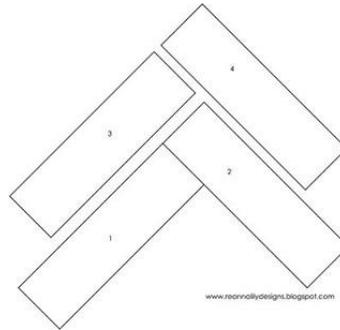


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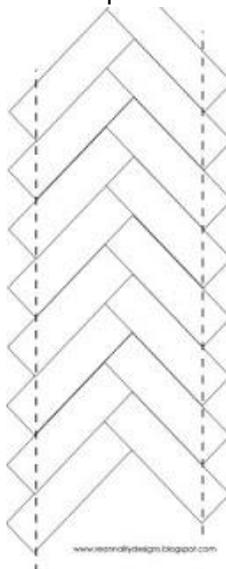
- 1 jelly roll - you should have 8 piles of 30 strips or 6 piles of 40 strips.
- Enough batting and backing for a 50" square

Instructions:

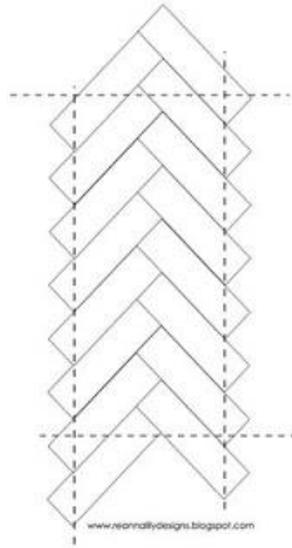
- 1) Cut the jelly rolls into 2.5"x7" lengths. Sort the strips into 7 piles of 40 pieces each.
- 2) Using one stack of 40 at a time, start sewing in the above fashion. Stitch them alternating right and left sides as shown:



- 3) Holding piece 1 in your left hand, right side up, lay piece 2 on piece one, right side down. Sew that short seam (where piece one is touching piece two) using a 1/4" seam allowance. Open this piece. Next add piece 3, match right sides, use a 1/4 seam allowance and make sure piece 3's short edge is in line with piece 2- as in the picture.
- 4) Trim the long braid twice, the sides and the ends. First, trim off the triangles on the sides. Your strips should be roughly 8" wide. (The picture below represents all 40 strips, not just the 10 or so shown.)



- 5) Square up the top and bottom ends. (The picture below represents all 40 strips, not just the 10 or so shown.)



NOTE: The long strips will not have intersecting seams, so it is okay to square off the ends at the point where you run out of fabric.

- 6) Add a quilt binding of your choice and show off your finished quilt!

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Jelly Roll Race Quilt

By: [Julie from 627Handworks](#)

Whip up the Jelly Roll Race Quilt by cutting your most colorful jelly roll quilt patterns with a quick strip quilt piecing technique. Free jelly roll quilt patterns like this are great to keep around because you can use them with just about any kind of fabric, and looks just as good with quilt scraps. Whenever you have new fabrics you are just dying to use, but aren't sure what kind of pattern to use, you can rely on this super-fast jelly roll quilt to make them look their best.



Materials:

- 1 or 2 jelly roll, depending on the desired size of your quilt
- Whole cloth fabric for quilt backing (to match desired quilt size)
- Bias binding (measure to match desired quilt size)

Instructions:

1. Take your jelly roll set and sew each strip end to end. You will have a long (about 140 feet) strip of fabric, 2.5" wide.
2. Cut 18" off one end to offset the strips, giving you the "race" strips instead of even stripes.
3. Taking both ends, place the fabric right side together and sew all the way down. When you get to the end, cut the fabric that is folded together. This will shrink your length and double your width. Repeat until you reach desired width. For detailed instructions, refer to the [Four Hour Lasagna Quilt](#).
4. Trim the cut sides so that they are even, then add backing and binding for a beautiful finished quilt.



Summer Quilt Patterns

Rail Fence Picnic Quilt

By: [Barbara Brandeburg and Teri Christopherson for Martingale](#)

Try this Rail Fence Picnic Quilt. This picnic blanket pattern combines rail fence blocks with nine patches and a bold black and white sashing for a quilt with a retro feel. Let your favorite summer items inspire your color scheme. With your colorful jelly roll quilt patterns and the intricate look of multicolored rail fence quilt pieces running throughout your pattern, any outdoor setting will feel a little bit more glamorous and bright.



Finished quilt size: 64.5" x 64.5"

Materials:

- 1-3/4 yards of off-white fabric for block centers, pieced sashing, and pieced border
- 7/8 yard of black fabric for block centers, pieced sashing, and pieced border
- 12 assorted red precut 2-1/2"-wide strips for blocks and binding
- 12 assorted blue precut 2-1/2"-wide strips for blocks and binding
- 8 assorted green precut 2-1/2"-wide strips for blocks
- 6 assorted light blue precut 2-1/2"-wide strips for blocks
- 2 assorted yellow precut 2-1/2"-wide strips for blocks
- 4 yards of fabric for backing
- 70" x 70" piece of batting

***Yardage and strips are based on 42"-wide fabric. Rolls of 20 precut 2-1/2"-wide strips are commonly available in quilt shops. Two rolls will provide you with the required number of strips for this project, although the number of strips needed in each color for this project may not be the same as those in the bundle. You can cut your own strips from standard yardage, if desired. Cut the strips 2-1/2" x 42". Also, if the strips from your bundle or yardage are shorter than 42", you will need more strips than the amount listed.**

Instructions:

- From the black fabric, cut:
 - 3 strips, 2-1/2" x width of fabric; crosscut into 38 squares, 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"
 - 12 strips, 1-1/2" x 26-1/2"
- From the off-white fabric, cut:
 - 3 strips, 2-1/2" x width of fabric; crosscut into 34 squares, 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"
 - 24 strips, 2" x 26-1/2"
- Sew five black and four off-white 2-1/2" squares together to form a nine-patch unit. Press the seam allowances as indicated. Repeat to make a total of four units for the block centers.



Make 4.

- Sew two black and two off-white 2-1/2" squares together to form a four-patch unit. Press the seam allowances as indicated. Repeat to make a total of nine sashing cornerstone units.



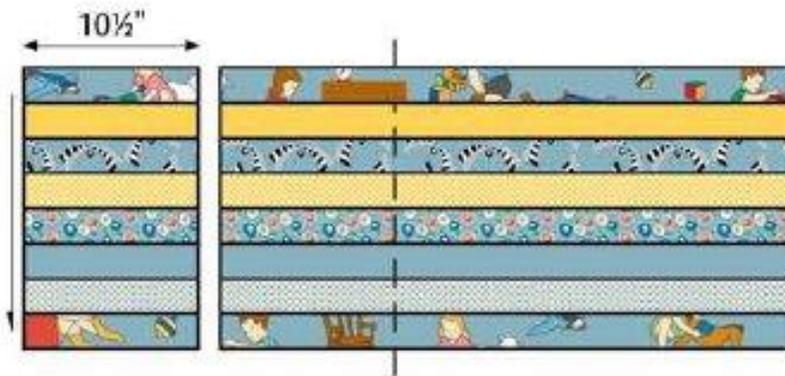
Make 9.

- Sew a black 1-1/2" x 26-1/2" strip between two off-white 2" x 26-1/2" strips. Press the seam allowances toward the black strip. Repeat to make a total of 12 sashing/border strip sets.

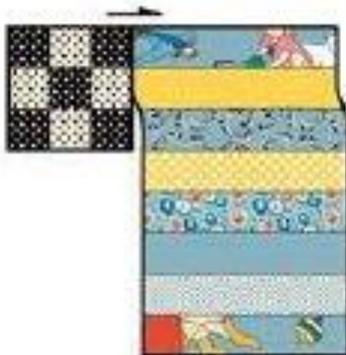


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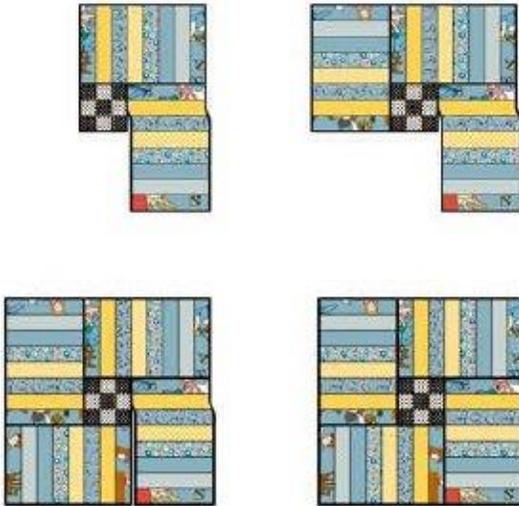
- Sew together six light blue and two yellow precut 2-1/2"-wide strips along the long edges to make a strip set. Press the seam allowances open or to one side. Cut the strip set into four segments, 10-1/2" wide. Repeat with the red, blue, and green precut 2-1/2"-wide strips. Set aside the remaining blue and red strips for the binding.



- Sew a light blue segment to the right side of a nine-patch unit, stopping the seam halfway down the unit. You will complete this portion of the seam later. Press this seam allowance and all the remaining block seam allowances toward the strip-set segments as you go.



- Sew the remaining light blue segments to the top of the nine-patch unit, followed by the left side, and then the bottom of the unit. Sew the unfinished seam from step 2.

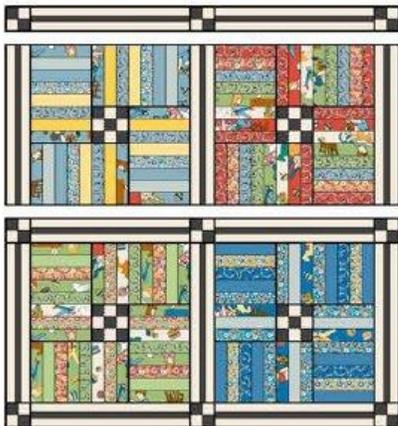


- Repeat steps 2 and 3 with the red, green, and blue strip-set segments to make one red block, one green block, and one blue block.
- Join three four-patch units with two sashing/border strip sets. Repeat to make a total of three pieced sashing/border strips.



Make 3.

- Join three of the remaining border/sashing strip sets and two blocks to make a block row. Press the seam allowances toward the strip sets. Repeat to make one additional block row. Join the block rows and the pieced sashing/border strips.



12. Piece the quilt backing so that it is 4" to 6" larger than your quilt top.
13. Layer the quilt top with batting and backing, and baste the layers together.
14. Quilt as desired.
15. Sew the remaining red precut 2-1/2"-wide strips together end to end. Add the remaining blue precut 2-1/2"-wide strips to the end of the red strips to make a scrappy binding. Attach the binding to your quilt, using your favorite method.
16. Pack a lunch and enjoy a picnic with family and friends!



Summer Love Jelly Roll Quilt

By: [Jera Brandvig from Quilting in the Rain](#)

If you want to make a wonderful heart quilt pattern for your next family picnic, you should check out the happy design of this Summer Love Jelly Roll Quilt. Have a great time strip quilt piecing a lovely heart design simply by using jelly roll patterns with a summer color palette. Make this super-fast jelly roll quilt in a single summer weekend, and you will be ready to have fun in the sun! Apply this striped heart quilt pattern to quilted sofa throws, baby blankets, or any other quilt you want to make with a summertime theme!



Materials:

- 1 jelly roll (you will have plenty of leftover strips!)
- 1 solid white jelly roll
- 3 yards backing

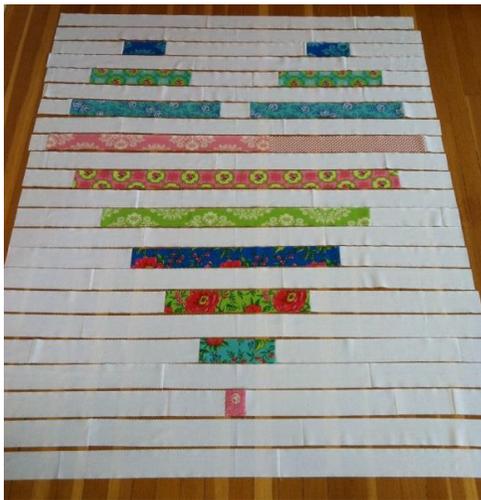
Instructions:

1. Trim the strips from both the colored and solid white jelly roll to the exact measurements represented in the cutting diagram below.

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www.QuiltingintheRain.com	52.5"	

NOTE: the measurements here are the exact cutting measurements of the unfinished pieces. Since a jelly roll strip is 2.5"x44" long, in some cases you will need to sew a couple strips together and then trim it to get the measurements shown below.

2. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew all the pieces in each row together, and then sew all rows together.



3. Add the borders. Sew enough strips together until you have these measurements:

- Left and right borders - 46.5" long. Sew these on first.
- Top and bottom borders - 57" long.



4. Baste and quilt. Sew together six leftover strips to create the binding.

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Speedy Strips Layer Cake Race Quilt

By: [Jo and Kelli Kramer from Jo's Country Junction](#)

Jelly roll race quilts are quickly becoming popular with their ease and quick design. When you are looking to make something similar, but bigger, you will want to try this Speedy Strips Layer Cake Race Quilt. It applies the same quick strip quilt piecing technique, just with larger fabric sizes. Beginner quilters will love practicing their piecing with this simple quilt pattern and more advanced quilters can work on adding detail work with free motion quilting designs.

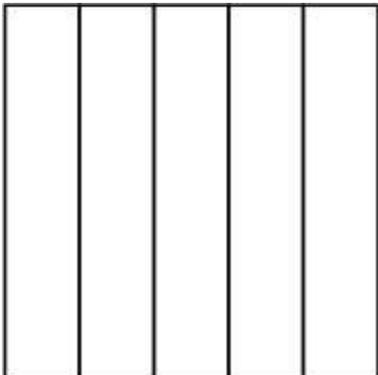


Materials:

- 2x (20"x15") of main fabric, lining fabric, and batting/wadding, for front and back panels
- 2 x (15"x8") of side panel fabric, lining fabric and batting/wadding
- 1 x (20"x8") bottom panel fabric, lining fabric and batting/wadding
- 4 ½"x (required length for handles) of main fabric and batting/wadding
- Co-ordinating threads
- 1 1/4 yards fabric for binding and borders

Instructions:

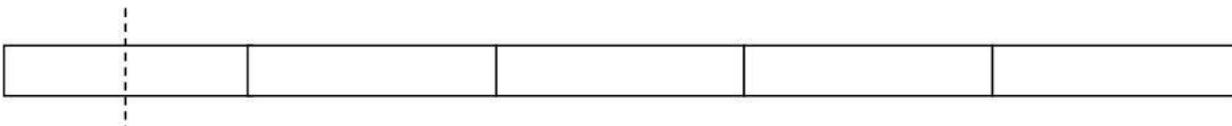
1. Cut the layer cake pieces into 5 strips 2" wide.



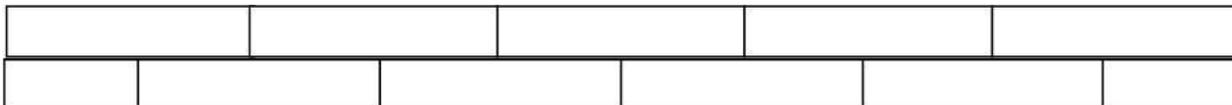
2. Mix up the strips and sew them into one long strip until every single piece is used.



3. Cut off 5" from one of the ends and sew together as you would a jelly roll race quilt. For detailed instructions, [see here](#).



4. Find the halfway point in the long strip and cut it in half. Sew the pieces together. Repeat this step until your unit is about 48" x 46".



- Trim the edges. Cut 5 border strips and 5 binding strips.



NOTE: *The border should be 5" wide.*

- Use whatever design you wish for your free-motion quilting!



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Baby Quilt Tutorials

Striped Chevrons Baby Quilt Tutorial

By: [Erica Jackman from Kitchen Table Quilting](#)

Following a baby quilt pattern has never been this stress-free. The Striped Chevrons Baby Quilt Tutorial is a super-fast, simple pattern that will let you whip up an easy baby blanket in no time at all. The only materials you need for this gorgeous chevron quilt are two jelly rolls and enough cloth for the quilt's back, plus the binding of your choice. Suit your fabric to your child, using a blend of their favorite colors (or yours!) to create the perfect baby blanket. This project will not take you more than an afternoon and can be a great excuse to use up some old coordinating leftovers.



Materials:

- 2 jelly rolls for alternating design or colors
- Whole cloth cut to desired size for backing
- Bind to desired size, either with scraps or material of your choice

***Tutorial makes 37" x 40" quilt, but this is easily adjustable depending on your desired quilt size.**

Instructions:

1. Choose four strips that are 2.5" long. Piece them together along the sides. For detailed instructions, see [here](#).
2. Take half of these and set them aside.
3. With the other half, line up the 60-degree mark on your ruler with one of the seams, and cut along the left side of the ruler.



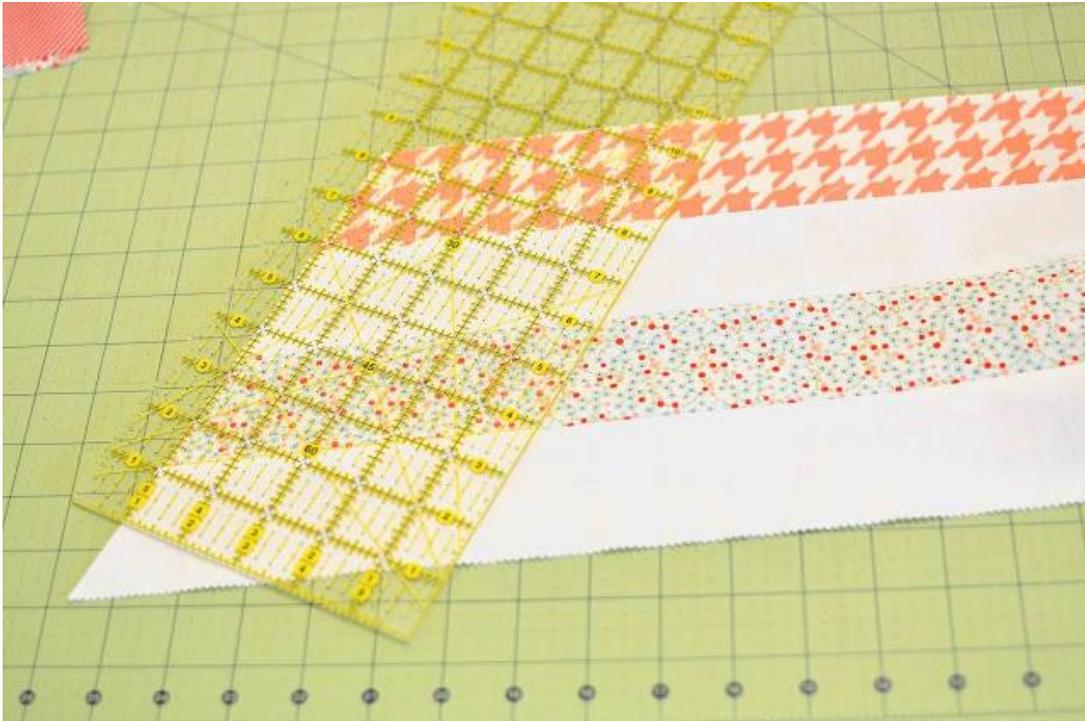
4. Cut your chevrons to desired width. Line up the cut edge with the inch mark on my ruler that matches the width of your chevrons and the 60-degree mark with one of the seams. (For example, if your chevrons are 5" wide, line up the cut edge with the 5" mark on the ruler.)



5. Cut along the right edge. Your fabric should look like this:

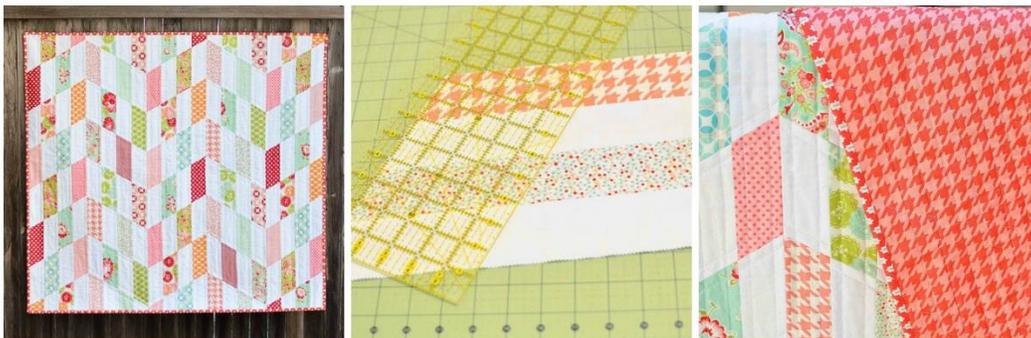


6. Keep cutting until you run out of fabric.
7. Take the other half of your pieced chevrons and cut them in the opposite direction.



8. Piece your diamond-shaped pieces into columns and sew the columns together. Trim along the top and bottom so that your edges are straight.
9. Layer the quilt top with batting and backing, and baste the layers together. For more detailed instructions, see [here](#).
10. Bind your quilt with binding of your choice. For more detailed instruction, see [here](#).

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Sew Stitchy Squares Quilt

By: [Anorina Morris from Samelia's Mum](#)

Make an adorable baby quilt pattern with this Sew Stitchy Squares Quilt! Beginners can piece this crib-sized quilt together by using perfectly cut and color-coordinated charm pack patterns to create cute stitchy squares. In addition, this tutorial gives helpful tips on using spotted jelly roll patterns to add extra designs to this simple baby quilt pattern. Convert this easy baby quilt into a twin-sized quilt by doubling the fabric measurements in this highly detailed guide.



Materials:

- 1 jelly roll
- 1 charm pack (36 charm squares)

***Each block requires 1 charm square (5" square) and 1 jelly roll strip (2.5" X WOF)**

Instructions:

1. To make the blocks, cut your jelly roll strip into four parts:
 - 2 strips of 2.5" X 9"
 - 2 strips of 2.5" X 5"



Lay out your block as pictured. The finished block will measure 9" square.

2. Sew block together. Repeat until you have used all 36 charm squares.



3. Sew the blocks together to form 6 rows.



NOTE: For well-aligned seams, press the blocks to alternative sides before sewing the rows together.

4. Once the top is all together, sandwich with the backing and batting. Baste and then quilt as desired. For more detailed instructions on how to quilt the pieces together, see [here](#).



5. The finished quilt measures 51" square. To convert this tutorial into a twin-bed size quilt, add another charm pack and jelly roll.

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