

Jelly Roll Mystery Quilt

Supplies

You can make either a crib/wall quilt or a youth/comforter quilt.

Fabrics	Crib/wall quilt (36 by 62½ in.)	Youth/comforter quilt (62½ by 80 in.)
Jelly roll	Minimum of 20 strips	Minimum of 40 strips
White, cream or gray background	1½ yd	3 yd
Binding	½ yd	2/3 yd
Backing	3 yd	5 yd

Thread of a matching or neutral color.

Tools:

Cutting mat	Sewing machine with ¼-in. foot
Cutting ruler	Extra sewing machine needles
Rotary cutter and extra blade	Extra sewing machine bobbins
Good, sharp fabric scissors	Flat-head pins and pincushion
Seam ripper	Pen or pencil and paper for notes

The white (preferred) or cream or gray background gives the final quilt a modern feel. When selecting a jelly roll (pre-cut 2½-by-42-in. strips), seek one that offers a few darks, mostly mediums and some “busy” lights. If you want to go fully modern, pick a jelly roll of solid colors or shot cottons. You can go for a 1930s or vintage look by choosing calicos with unbleached muslin for the background fabric. Batiks also work well, but use a light-colored batik for the background rather than a solid.

You can make your own jelly roll by pulling fabrics from your stash. Make sure you cut strips the width of the fabric (WOF). You will need a total of 1½ yd for the crib/wall quilt or 3 yd for the youth/comforter quilt. This pattern assumes that WOF is 42 in. or more.

If you choose a jelly roll with pinked edges, be sure to bring a lint roller to class. From the time you start handling the roll and the strips, you’ll be covered with little fabric crumbs shed by the pinked edges. So, before opening the roll, run the lint roller over both cut sides.

DO NOT trim off the pinked edge. When aligning your fabrics for cutting or sewing, use the outer points of the pinked edges as the edge of the fabrics so your ¼-in. seam allowances will be accurate.

Pre-class prep

To optimize use of your time at the Quilt-in, you can cut pieces in advance of the class, as follows. If you can't do this prep beforehand, there should be sufficient time on Friday evening.

From the *background fabric*, cut:

Size	Crib/wall quilt	Youth/comforter quilt
2-in. strips, cut WOF	3	7
2½-in. strips, cut WOF	8	33

From the *2½ in. strips of background fabric*, cut:

Size	Crib/wall quilt	Youth/comforter quilt
2½-by-2½-in. squares	48	120
2½-by-6½-in. rectangles	24	60

From the *jelly roll strips*, cut:

Size	Crib/wall quilt	Youth/comforter quilt
2½-by-10½-in. rectangles	24	60

From the *remaining jelly roll strips and their scraps*, cut:

Size	Crib/wall quilt	Youth/comforter quilt
2½-by-7-in. rectangles	36	90

See you at the Quilt-in!

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This quilt is made in rows of squares: below are the sizes by squares

$$3 \times 4 \text{ sq.} = 30 \times 45$$

$$4 \times 5 \text{ sq.} = 46 \times 56$$

$$5 \times 6 \text{ sq.} = 50 \times 67$$

The border is 6" wide, so you would cut 12" in each size.

I have done the large quilt, so I may(?) change the border.
 but who knows?

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