

Free One Jelly Roll, Two Quilts Pattern



Pattern Description:

Transform one jelly roll into two delightful projects: a soft, colorful rug and a sweet baby quilt. The rug is made by wrapping strips around batting, sewing tubes together, and adding binding.

The quilt combines strip sets into squares, adds sashing, layers with batting and backing, quilts, and finishes with binding, perfect for a cozy, handmade touch.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

General Materials for Both Projects:

- **Jelly Roll:** One jelly roll, typically containing 40 or 44 strips.
- **Extra Binding Fabric:** One extra fabric (white fabric was used), from which 2.5-inch strips are cut for binding both projects.
- **Batting:** Leftover batting is utilized, but a specific quantity isn't given. A roll of 2.5-inch batting strips can also be used.

For the Jelly Roll Rug:

- **Jelly Roll Strips:** Half of the jelly roll strips are used, specifically **20 different strips**.
- **Batting Strips:** **2.5-inch wide strips** of batting, cut to the **same length as the jelly roll strips**.

- **Fabric Tubes:** 20 (44-inch) tubes are created from the jelly roll and batting strips.
- **Binding:** 2.5-inch strips of white fabric are cut and used for binding the rug.

For the Baby Quilt:

- **Jelly Roll Strips:** Initially, **five strips** are sewn together.
- **Squares:** Strips are cut into squares, with each square measuring approximately **10.5 inches** on each side (based on the width of the five-strip pieces).
- **Sashing:** **1-inch wide strips** are cut for sashing.
- **Batting:** Needed for the quilt, though the initial amount prepared was noted as "not enough".
- **Backing Fabric:** Required for the quilt.
- **Binding:** Applied in the same manner as for the rug.

Abbreviations Used:

- **JRR** - Jelly Roll Rug
- **BQ** - Baby Quilt
- **JR Str** - Jelly Roll Strip(s)
- **Bat Str** - Batting Strip(s)
- **Fab** - Fabric
- **Str** - Strip(s)

Project 1: Jelly Roll Rug (JRR)

Prepare Fabric Tubes:

- Take one JR Str, place it backside up.
- Lay a Bat Str on top of the JR Str.
- Fold the edges of the JR Str inward to meet in the middle.
- Fold the Str again in half.
- Optionally, pin the layers together before sewing.
- **Shortcut:** Use a **tube maker** (a contraption that feeds the Fab with Bat through a large piece and uses smaller pieces to fold it in half) for easier tube creation.
- Sew the folded tube using a **quarter of an inch (1/4 in) seam**. This seam allowance helps reduce bulk, which your sewing machine will appreciate.
- Repeat this process to create **20 (44-inch) tubes**.

Assemble Tube Sections:

- Begin sewing the created tubes together. First, sew them in **pairs**, then join the pairs to make **fours**, and then join the fours to make **eights**.
- Use a **tall zigzag stitch** to catch both tubes securely.

- The length of the stitch is flexible, depending on your preference for a tighter or more relaxed stitch, but good tension is crucial for holding the tubes together.
- Do not worry if your sewing machine skips a few stitches; it will not matter once finished.
- This method allows for **individual pieces**, so any mistake is isolated to that specific tube rather than affecting the entire rug.
- Once sewn, you can **mix the colors** as desired or **group same-color Str** for larger areas of color.
- Cut the assembled sections in half and sew them together again to form the final rug shape.

Bind the Rug:

- Use the **2.5-inch wide Str of white Fab** for binding.
- Sew the binding to the **back of the rug**.
- Finish by sewing the front and **mitering the corners nicely**.
- The rug is **double-sided**, so you can choose which side to use as the front.

Project 2: Baby Quilt (BQ)

Step 1: Prepare the Jelly Roll Strips



- Take **five jelly roll strips** and sew them together along their long edges, forming a strip set.
- Press the seams open or to one side, according to your preference.

Step 2: Cut Squares



- From the strip set, cut **squares measuring approximately 10.5 inches** on each side.
- Repeat this process until you have enough squares to form the desired quilt size.

Step 3: Add Sashing



- Cut **1-inch wide strips** for sashing.
- Sew sashing strips between the squares to create the quilt top layout.
- Arrange the squares and sashing in your preferred pattern or color order.

Step 4: Prepare Batting and Backing



- Cut batting slightly larger than the quilt top. (Note: The initial batting prepared was “not enough,” so adjust accordingly.)
- Cut backing fabric slightly larger than the quilt top as well.

Step 5: Assemble the Quilt Sandwich



- Lay the backing fabric **right side down**.
- Place the batting on top of the backing.
- Lay the quilt top **right side up** over the batting.

Step 6: Quilt the Layers



- Pin or baste the layers together to prevent shifting.
- Quilt as desired. Options include straight-line quilting, free-motion quilting, or stitch-in-the-ditch along the seams.

Step 7: Bind the Quilt



- Cut **2.5-inch wide strips of extra white fabric** for binding.
- Sew the binding to the back of the quilt, folding over to the front and mitering the corners.
- Finish sewing the binding securely to complete the quilt.

Step 8: Final Touches



- Trim any excess batting or backing.
- Press the quilt for a neat finish.