

Geometric Jelly Roll Throw

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Project Description

Now is the time to take out the jelly roll you bought on a whim and make something stunning! For this project you will learn how to make the basic block in 2 ways and tips for constructing the quilt.

Here is everything you need to complete this project.

- 1 jelly roll
- 1 yard (accent/border fabric)
- Recommended: ¼" presser foot
- Optional: fabric marking tool

Block Preparation

1. Divide your jelly roll into 3-piece sections.
Note: I recommend dividing the jelly roll into 3 categories of light, medium, and dark shades. Then take one strip from each group until you have sorted them all. There may be 1-2 left over.
2. Sew these 3-piece sections together lengthwise, right-sides-together, with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.6cm) seam allowance.



Note: If you have divided your strips into 3 shades, make sure you sew them in order: light, medium, dark.

3. Press seams open.
4. Cut the sewn strips down into 6.5" (16.5cm) squares.

Block Assembly 1

This assembly method has you cut and sew everything exactly, so it is a more precise way of making the blocks.

5. Turn your block so the top and bottom corners line up with a line on your cutting mat.



6. Cut along the diagonal for all the blocks and sort into matching piles.



7. Sew the coordinating sides right side together with $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.6cm) seam allowance.
8. Press the seam open and trim off any excess fabric after pressing.



Block Assembly 2

This assembly method can be slightly less precise but is faster to sew.

9. Place two matching squares right-sides-together.



10. With a fabric marking tool, mark a line from one corner to the other.

11. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.6cm) on both side of the marked line.



12. Cut along the marked line, between the two rows of stitching.



13. Open the two new squares.



14. Press the seams open and trim excess fabric.

Finishing the Quilt

This section will go over tips for how to build off these blocks for a larger quilt.

15. Use 2" (5cm) strips of accent fabric to sew in between the squares. This helps the pattern of the squares stand out more.
16. With the scraps leftover from cutting the 6.5" (16.5cm) squares. Cut 1" (2.5cm) strips to add a small abstract splash of color. This also allows you to add length and break up the accent fabric.
17. Consider using a stitch other than a straight stitch to quilt together the layers. This can also be a fun way to add color to the accent fabric.

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