

Jelly Roll Rug Class: choice of oval or rectangle

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Jelly Roll Rug options

Small oval: 20 jelly roll strips, rug will be about 17"x33" (uses one roll of batting)

Large oval: 40 jelly roll strips, rug will be about 30"x44" (uses two rolls of batting)

Rectangle Rug: 40 jelly roll strips- rug will be about 20" x 40"

You can order Bosal Katahdin On-a-roll organic cotton batting 2.5" by 25 yards for \$10.50 per roll. **Email Michele by January 25th** if you would like to order batting michele@myquiltingbeehive.com

If you are making the OVAL rug, please be sure sew all your strips together end to end like you would prepare binding (**see extra note below). If you do this... you will finish (or be very close to finishing) your rug during the class. See page 1 of your pattern for info on piecing your strips and how to "fan fold" to keep them from getting tangled.

If you are making the RECTANGLE, you should keep your strips separate. For the rectangle, figure out the order you want the strips to be in your rug. You can number them 1-38 with a pen in the white selvage end of the fabric (save two extra strips that will be used as the binding).

Materials:

- Jelly Roll-Rug (oval) or Jelly Roll Rug 2 (rectangle) pattern by RJ Designs
- 1 jelly roll (or 40 strips 2 ½" x width of fabric)
- 1 ¼ yards 100% cotton batting 96" wide and Batting Seam Tape
 - **OR** 2 rolls Bosal Katahdin On-A-Roll pre-cut batting (you will not need the Batting Seam Tape if you use this)
- Large spool of thread--at least 1200 yards (color will show so pick one you want to see)
- #90 / 14 needles (it is a little heavier than a standard piecing needle)
- Basket, box, or bucket large enough to hold about a basketball sized ball of rug material (see photo)
- Extension table or materials to extend your sewing surface (see notes below)
- Optional- Mary Ellen's Best Press (starch alternative)



Homework Before the class:

- Pre-wind 6 bobbins of the thread you are using
- If you are not using a jelly roll, cut your fabric into 40 strips 2 ½ x width of fabric.
- For the **Oval Rug**: Piece the jelly-roll strips into one continuous strip (Page one of Jelly Roll Rug Pattern)
- If you are not using the pre-cut roll of batting, cut batting into 17 strips 2 ½" x 96" (see note below)
- Figure out how you will extend your sewing surface... call or email if you need help.

Note on Batting:

The roll of batting is highly recommended—so much easier! If you have batting scraps at home, you can use that. The sample rug was made with Quilter's Dream Select Cotton. If your batting is less than 96" wide, you will need more than 17 strips. You need a total of 1,632 inches of batting strips (17 x 96=1,632).



Note on sewing surface:

As we start sewing the rug, a large sewing surface, level with the machine surface is crucial to keep your rug flat. The pattern suggests putting your machine on a bar stool with books to bring it to counter height. If you have ever thought about purchasing a large extension table—this is the project to do it for (get the biggest one available). You can also rig up a surface using books or smooth boards. We have discovered that empty fabric bolts can be stacked together to make a great surface.



In this photo we set up my extension table and 2 stacks of cardboard bolts to make a large surface around a student's machine.

Ask your local quilt shop if you can have some!

Bring to class:

Materials from list above

Machine in good working order with a new needle and a zig-zag stitch

*6 full bobbins *presser foot for zig-zag stitching *spare needles

Small iron and ironing surface (to set up near machine only if you are not using the rolls of batting)

Basic supplies (seam ripper, pins, thread snips, fabric scissors)

Materials to extend your sewing area or a large extension table