

# Oh, My Strippy Stars!!

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This quick weekend project will make a scrappy quilt out of jelly roll strips (or Rolie Polies, Bali Pops, Roll Ups, or any set of 2-1/2-inch strips, including those cut from your scraps) and a yard of background fabric. The 42-inch square size without borders is perfect for table toppers, wall hangings or lullaby quilts. Follow along on my blog in March for more detailed instructions on the steps every Tuesday so you can learn new techniques for speed sewing, and cutting half square triangles from jelly roll strips.



**Fabric Requirements** for a 42-inch square top  
1 Jelly Roll - you'll use 24 strips  
1 yard Background (this is generous)  
Optional Border(s) - 1/4 to 1/2 yard  
(depending on size of borders chosen)

## Cutting and Pairing

For the stars, pull 10 Jelly Roll (JR) strips (medium to dark prints), leave intact and set aside  
Pull 14 Jelly Roll Strips (medium to dark prints) and cut 40 strips 8-1/2 x 2-1/2 for sashing

If your strips are longer than 42-inches, you may not need as many strips.

Cut 12 Background (BG) strips 2-1/2-inches x Width Of Fabric (WOF)

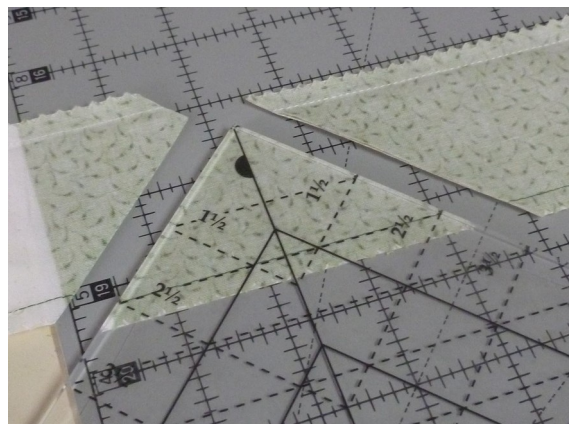
Leave 6 BG 2-1/2-inch strips intact and set aside

Cross Cut 6 BG strips into 2-1/2-inch squares, cut a total of 89

## Assembly Instructions

Sew two medium or dark JR strips together along the long side. Repeat with a second set of 2 strips. Press to the darker side. Stack the sets right sides together, and cross cut both sets at once 2-1/2-inches wide into sets of four squares. Sew together into four-patch square units. Square up to 4-1/2-inches square. You should have 16 four patch units.

Sew a JR strip to a background strip along both long sides. Repeat 5 times for a total of 6 JR/BG strip sets. Lay a set horizontally on your cutting table. Using a Deb Tucker Triangle Trimmer ruler, place the 45-degree diagonal line on the bottom seam line at the 2-1/2-inch line. Cut on the ruler edge to make one half square triangle (HST). Turn the ruler around to the top edge and line up the ruler again on the seam at the 2-1/2-inch line, cut on the edge to make another HST. Repeat cutting with the diagonal line along the seams, alternating top and bottom until you have 128 half square triangles. See my blog post on March 14 for a full photo tutorial, and an alternate way to mark and cut your triangles if you don't have this ruler.



Sew the HSTs together in pairs matching the BG edges to create star points. Arrange the star points and center four-patches with four 2-1/2-inch background squares in the corners to create the block.



Sew block together in rows. Make 16.



On each block, add sashing strips to the right side and bottom, with a background cornerstone in the lower right corner. Begin by sewing a sashing strip on the right side, then join a cornerstone to the second sashing strip, and add to the bottom. These strips can match, or be mixed.

Sew the sashed units together in a 4x4 arrangement.

For the top edge, sew four JR sashing strips and four BG cornerstones together. Sew unit to the top of the quilt, aligning the cornerstone at the top of the right edge over the sashing strip.

For the left edge, sew four JR sashing strips and five cornerstones together along the short sides, alternating the cornerstones with the sashing strips. Sew this unit to the left edge of the quilt.

Add additional borders as desired. Quilt and bind as usual.

Note - You may have enough jelly roll strips left over to make a second top with additional background fabric, or to expand your project to a throw size quilt with 30 blocks set 5x6.



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- March 1 - Overview
- March 7 - Four patch units
- March 14 - Jelly Roll HST units
- March 21 - Block assembly
- March 28 - Quilt assembly, final sashing and finishing