

## CRGQG Jelly Roll TWIN Size Quilt Directions

### Get Ready

**Race Prep:** Make sure your selvages have been removed. Lay out your strips for easy access. Insert new bobbin and needle into machine. Have spare bobbins at the ready.

### Get Set

Check power cord and settings for straight stitch. Go to bathroom.

### GO!!!!!!

**Step One:** Sew 65 strips rights sides together end to end to make one *mega strip* approximately 2,600 inches long. Do not worry about twisting or the mess on the floor. Today we are sewing a straight seam – other variations include diagonal seam joints. Not today. Sew faster!

#### **Step Two:**

Cutoff about one half of the first strip only. This will offset the seams as you continue sewing. Save it for another day.

#### **Step Three:**

Match the ends of the *mega strip* together. Begin sewing to create a *double row strip*. Don't worry about ironing seams, Finger press them open as you come to them. Strip will be about 1,300 inches long at the end. If the end is twisted, use scissors to cut at the middle to straighten it out before sewing to end. Sew faster!

#### **Step Four:**

Match the ends of the *double strip* together (*four layer row*). Finger press seams as you come to them and cut the center if it is twisted at the end. You should now feel like you are sewing faster (strip is only 650" long)

#### **Step Five:**

Create *8 row strip* by matching ends and sewing to middle. You can probably prevent twisting by folding in the center and then matching ends at this point. Cut center to open up. Strip is roughly 350 inches long.

#### **Step Six:**

Lay your *8 row strip* out on a cutting board and measure a 66 inch wide section. Use a rotary cutter to slice this section off your main strip, leaving about 284 inches on the 8 row strip. Set small section aside. Eat chocolate or get another beverage. You are nearly done.

#### **Step Seven:**

Create a *16 row strip* by folding the *8 row strip* in half and sewing as before. Cut open at the end. Strip is roughly 142 inches long

#### **Step Eight:**

Create a *32 row strip* using the same methods as before. Cut open at the end. Strip should measure about 71 inches wide.

#### **Step Nine:**

Sew the 66 inch *8 row strip* to the *32 row strip*. Trim off extra width of *32 row strip* to square up top. This gives you one piece with 40 rows (80 inches long) by 66 inches wide. Press well.

## Now what.....

Well, that was fun. And I still have a bunch of strips in my stash I could use.

But I want a different size..... This involves math. **DON'T PANIC.** It isn't hard math.

First of all, you probably figured out that every time you fold your strip, you double the number of rows in your quilt top. If you are using 2.5 inch strips, they finish to 2 inches.

1 row= 2" tall	8 rows= 16" tall
2 rows= 4" tall	16 rows = 32" tall
4 rows = 8" tall	32 rows= 64" tall

If you fold it again and do another set, the quilt top is 128" tall which is WAY too long. The solution is to add sections together. So, when we made our twin size, we combined one 32 row strip and an 8 row strip (64" plus 16" equals 80 inches long). You can do this to make double, queen and king size quilts if you wish.

A standard jelly roll (42 strips) makes a throw size quilt of approximately 50" x 60". You can always add a border to make it slightly larger or add 2.5 inch squares between each strip to add interest (photo 1). Another variation is to use small pinwheels (2.5 in square) between the strips. A third variation is to sew the strips with a diagonal seam, rather than straight (photo 2). Yet another idea is to chop the thing into two pieces and add a vertical strip (Solid colors, blocks, whatever). You can do anything you want to make it more interesting to look at.



**To determine how many strips you will need for a quilt you simply multiply the desired width of your quilt by the desired number of rows (remember, each row=2" in length). Then divide the total number of inches by 40 (average length of strips in inches)**

**Remember to think about multiples as listed above. Always cut the smaller section first, then continue sewing.**

**Example:**

**Queen Size Quilt (90 inches wide x 96 inches long)**

**Combine one 16 row section plus one 32 row section to get 48 rows or 96 inches**

**90x48 (48 rows = 96 inches) = 4320 inches    4,320/40=108 strips to sew**

***YOU ARE DONE!!!! CONGRATULATIONS!***