

Step This Way Quilt is 68" x 76"

Cutting Instructions:

From the Jelly Roll. Unroll the Jelly Roll and press the strips as needed.

- Cut the Jelly Roll strips in half to yield 2 strips 2 1/2" x 21".
- Note: If you prefer to use a 42" length, you can probably get an additional segment from each strip set. Use all 40 strips at the 42" length and there should be enough segments for ninety blocks. (Add ½ yard of background.)

From the Background fabric:

- Cut (44) 2 1/2" x 42" wof strips.
 - Select 8 strips for the borders. Piece the strips for length and set aside for now.
 - If you are using the 21" half-strips, cut the remaining (36) background strips in half to yield 72 strips 2 ½" x 21".

From the Binding Fabric:

Cut (7) 2¼" x WOF strips.

Construction.

All seams are a scant 1/4".* Press the seams in the direction of the arrows.

Making the Strip Sets.

1. Join (2) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 21" strips on the long edge - one print and one background. Repeat to make 72 strip sets.



Press toward the darker fabric

*Jelly Roll Accuracy Tip: Use a smaller than scant 1/4" seam allowance to join the strips. Then, before pressing, align your seam with the 21/4" line on your ruler, and trim off the unsewn edge of your strips. The straight edge helps with accuracy when the blocks are assembled.

[_____]2¼"

Trim away points on unfinished side

2. Sub-cut each 21" strip set into (4) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " wide segments. Each segment should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". If you use full 42" strips, you should yield (9) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " wide segments.

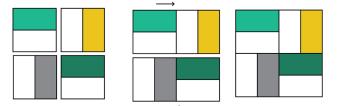


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 Select four different 4½" x 4½" segments. Lay them out as shown. Join the two parts of each row. Press the seam in the direction of the arrows. Then join the two halves. Don't press the seams yet.



"Popping the seam". In the seam allowance above the center seam, remove the stitches on both seams - it will be three to four stitches. Use your fingers to gently pull the seams apart.

Now press the two halves of the center seam in opposite directions.

The seams on the wrong side of the block will be going in a counter-clockwise direction.

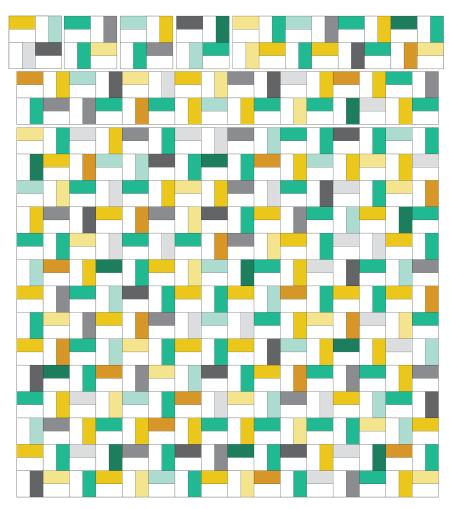
Make 72 blocks. The blocks will measure $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".

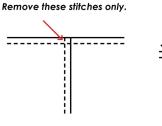
Construction. Lay out the blocks in nine rows of eight blocks each.

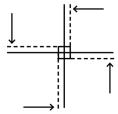
Join the blocks to make each row. Press the seams in one direction - alternating the direction with each row.

Join the rows to complete the quilt top. Press the seams in one direction.

The quilt top will measure $64\frac{1}{2}$ " x $72\frac{1}{2}$ " at this stage.







Seams are going counter-clockwise on the wrong side of the block.

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Completing the Top.

Piece the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips. Press the seams open. Cut the following lengths:

- Side borders. Cut (2) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $72\frac{1}{2}$ " or the length of your quilt top.
- **Top/Bottom borders**. Cut (2) strips 2¹/₂" x 68¹/₂".

Join the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $72\frac{1}{2}$ " side border strips to the sides of the quilt top. Press the seams to the border strips.

Join the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $68\frac{1}{2}$ " top/bottom border strips to the top/bottom edges of the quilt top. Press the seams to the border strips.

Quilt and bind as desired.



