

## FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

- (40) 2 1/2" strips; great for Jelly Roll Packages
- Backing and batting for 48" x 64" quilt (about 3 yards of 42" wide fabric)
- Binding (about 1/2 yard)
- I first heard of this technique from Heirloom Creations: <http://www.heirloomcreations.net/sewing-tips/the-jelly-roll-1600/>
- **DON'T FORGET TO POST PHOTOS OF YOUR QUILT IN THE APP!**

## JoyAnn's First Strip Quilt

One of our app users posted her first quilt and it's beautiful. Here are the instructions for making it.

Join 40 2 1/2" strips end to end to make one huge strip. Cut a random amount off of one end of the long strip—12" to 18", this will add variation to the quilt top.

Match the ends and stitch right sides together along the long side using a 1/4" seam. Cut the fold as you approach the end of the seam. (Your strips may get twisted, but you can straighten them out when you cut the fold.)

Repeat this process four more times. Your quilt will be approximately 48" x 64". Finish as desired.

There are many ways to join the strips together:

- Butt ends
- Miter
- Add single color squares (Cut 2 1/2") between strips. Choosing a fabric that is a great contrast from the whole works great for this.
- Add single color diamonds between squares. (Cut 5 1/2" x 2 1/2" contrasting rectangles and miter.)
- Two square variation—cut 2 1/2" square



JoyAnn (right) with her Grandmother-In-Law and her quilt top—pieced in less than a day!

from the end of each strip and stagger...strip A, square B, square A, fabric B. This intertwines fabrics through out the quilt.

Here are some other ways to add variation to this simple quilt:

- Vary the strip length by cutting some of the strips in half, or at random lengths, when you joining them initially.
- When you have one long strip, instead of matching the ends and stitching, cut it in half first and flip on strip. This way, you match an original end to the center of the strip. In most cases, this will keep like fabrics out of rows that touch.