

JELLY ROLL TOTE BAG – Friday, September 11

The National Sew a Jelly Roll Day falls on Saturday, September 19. The day encourages makers of every skill level to open up a roll of fabric strips and stitch something fun.. In addition to the Jelly Roll Race class offered on September 19, we celebrate the jelly roll by offering a class on September 11 to make a colorful, practical tote bag with pockets made using one jelly roll.

We welcome everyone from beginners to experienced quilters. A day of fun, creativity and friendly community.

Supplies Required:

One Jelly Roll or an assortment of 30 2-½" x width of fabric strips

1-¼ yards of fusible fleece. I recommend TP971F Thermolam, a Pellon product.

It is an extra lofty, needled fleece with fusible adhesive on one side.

¾ yd of Shape Flex, Pellon SF101, a woven fusible interfacing

Polyester thread #40 to blend with fabric strips

Sewing Machine in good working condition with slide on tray and knee lift (if available)

Presser feet: ¼ inch foot, walking foot or a general zig zag foot for decorative stitching

FriXion pen or fine point marking pen or chalk

Sewing machine needle: 80/14 universal and a 90/14 top stitch

Patchwork Pins – medium weight

Examples are Clover Flower Head, Magic Pins, Gypsy Quilter

Turning tool for handles and a point turner

Small iron with mat, pressing cloth or teflon mat

Optional: Use a twin needle and two spools of thread to quilt the bag. See the store sample to see what it looks like.

You will need a Schmetz universal twin machine needle 3.0,90.

To use a twin needle you must have a sewing machine with a zigzag or wide presser foot.

You also need two spools of thread and a full bobbin filled with the top thread or some neutral color. A presser foot with a wide opening is required.

A thread holder or second spool pin is needed. Have some scrap fabric to test your stitches.

Please do the following prior to class:

Arrange 20 fabric strips in your desired order. Sew 20 strips together on the long side using a ¼" seam allowance aligning selvages on one end. Press the seams open. You now have a strip unit that measures approximately 44" x 42".

Cut fusible fleece the size of the strip unit. Measurements will vary – 44" x 42"

Fuse the Thermolam fusible fleece to your fabric.

To fuse Thermolam, follow these steps from Pellon to avoid shifting, bubbling or damaging your fabric.

Fuse the glue side (bumpy side) of the fleece to the wrong side of your fabric.

Thermolam fleece requires a pressing cloth. **You cannot press directly on the fleece side.** You must use a pressing cloth or a teflon cloth to protect your iron and the cotton. You could use a damp clean pressing cloth over the fusible fleece.

Press with a hot iron - medium to medium high heat with no steam for about 10 to 15 seconds per area. Move the iron in a smooth even motion, pressing and lifting to avoid shifting. **Let it cool completely about 20 minutes before you handle it.**

For the pockets:

Sew five 2-½" strips together on the long side using a ¼" seam allowance, aligning selvages on one end. Press seams open.

Cut two rectangles - one that is 10-1/2"x 20" long and one that is 10-½" x 12" long (It's okay if your measurement is not quite 10-1/2").

Cut Shapeflex - one piece 10" x 19.5" and another one 10" x 11.5".

Fuse Shape Flex to the wrong side of each rectangle.

You will have some extra fabric.

For the Handles:

You need four 2-½" strips and 2" wide fusible fleece strips - approx. 2 yds.

There is an option to insert poly webbing strap to the fabric handle for additional strength. You will need two yards of a polyester webbing that is 1" wide. You will not need fusible fleece.

Any questions contact Mary Stipanovich 850-545-2586 sydais214@gmail.com

Please have working knowledge of your machine as the educator will not have time to instruct on the use of your machine. **Class registration policy:** All classes must be paid for at the time of registration. If a class is cancelled due to a lack of minimum enrollment, the class fee will be refunded. Any cancellation must be made at least 72 hours in advance to receive a refund. Teachers need time to prepare class handouts and supplies. Please register early as possible to ensure your place and to avoid disappointment.