

Jelly Roll Oval Placemats June 2020 Val Summervill

Supplies: (4 placemats)

(1) Jelly Roll of your choice or about 40 2 ½" WOF strips Jerry's Jellyroll Jig 2 ¼" or 2 ½" wide rolls of batting 90/14 to 100/16 denim needle Blade saver (optional)

Divide your jelly roll into 4 groups of strips and then lay these out in a pleasing manner. Sew the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " WOF pieces of each group together end to end, using mitered seams and a chain piecing method.

Using your blade saver (another great tool) cut the threads between each of your jelly roll pieces.

Trim the mitered ends about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from your stitching and press your seams in one direction.

And now the Fun begins.

Prepare to begin sewing by winding at least 4 to 5 bobbins, put a 90/14 Jean/Denim needle in your machine and have your machine set on a straight stitch.

Place end of the batting on the wrong side of the fabric strips and the insert into the Jerry's Jellyroll Jig following the directions with the jig. Pull the end of your jellyroll and batting through the jig and letting the jig create the fold, begin stitching. You can stitch near the open edges or down the center. I have done both. Pull 6 to 8 inches through at a time, stitch and then pull again, keeping your fabric and batting centered in the jig.

At the time change your machine to a zigzag stitch.

After you have completed sewing your 10 jellyroll stripes, take the end that you want in the center of your placemat and measure about 8 ½" and make your first bend there. You can use any measurement but again if you are making a set try to make the fold measurement about the same. Holding the first two pieces of your coil together, zigzag the two together from the fold down and then gently begin shaping your placemat by stitching the coils together and shaping a curved end. The first two or three turns will be the hardest. Go slow as this is not a race. I suggest that you stop and press and steam your project after every four to five rows. Be sure to support your work with your left hand as it become larger.

Finish the placemat by tapering the end to the back of the mat.

There are many You Tube videos using different methods so I suggest you watch a couple if you need.