

How Far Can a Jelly Roll? Supply List and Optional Preparation Instructions

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Packages of 2 ½" strips are beautiful and coordinate so well. In this class, we will start with 40 2½" strips and add coordinating fabrics to make a table runner, tote bag, covered ring binder and zippered document bag. You will finish some in class and leave with instructions for finishing the others.

The supply list includes materials to make one of each project. However, you will still have some of your jelly roll pieces left so you may want to select some extra coordinating fabric and/or zippers while you're shopping so that you can make more of the projects after the class.

This class assumes that you are familiar with the sewing machine and have basic sewing skills.

Fabric

1. One package of 2 ½" strips. Packages typically include about forty strips, with each strip measuring 2 ½" x 42" – 44".
2. Quilting weight cotton fabrics that coordinate with the package of fabric strips:
Three one-yard pieces
OR
two one-yard pieces and two one-half yard pieces.

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Batting and Stabilizers

1. Décor Bond – 1 ¾ yard
Pellon Décor Bond 809 is a medium-heavy fusible interfacing.
2. Batting – one crib size batt (45" x 60") OR 1 yard 90" wide batting OR large scraps as detailed below. I suggest a thin, firm batting such as 100% cotton batting or 80/20 cotton/poly batting.
3. Fusible fleece – ½ yard (40 inches wide)

Zippers

- Two zippers, at least 18" long.
- The zippers should be polyester (not metal) as they will be cut. Longer zippers are fine. The zippers are visible when the bags are complete, so you will want zippers that coordinate or contrast in color with your materials.

Other Supplies

- Thread: colors to coordinate with your fabrics. Some stitching will show on the outside of the bags.
- Ring binder notebook: I suggest one with a 1" to 2" spine. Be sure to bring your binder to class so that you can make your cover to fit the binder.

Tools

- Sewing machine in good working order – preferably a machine that will do a zigzag stitch. (The zigzag is optimal but not essential.)
 - Be sure to bring your foot pedal, power cord, instruction book and bobbins.
 - Be sure that you know how to operate your machine, as the class will focus on making the zipper bags rather than on machine operation.
 - Use a fresh needle (such as a size 80 universal needle). Bring all of the feet that you have. (You will need a regular sewing foot. If you have them, a ¼” foot, a walking foot (or even feed foot), zipper foot, free motion quilting foot and an edgestitch foot or “stitch in the ditch” foot may be especially useful.)
- Basic sewing supplies (scissors, pins, machine needles, bobbins, seam ripper, safety pins, scissors, tape measure, etc.)
- Rotary cutter with a sharp blade, cutting mat
- Quilters’ rulers: bring a ruler at least 6” x 24”. A smaller ruler will also be handy. If you have a large square ruler, bring it.
- Pencil
- Fabric marker (I like the chalk wheel called a Chaco Liner, but you may prefer another type of marker, such as a Frixion pen or washout marker.)
- Point turner, such as a bone folder, chopstick or other object with a rounded point
- Wonder Clips (not essential but very useful!)

OPTIONAL PREPARATION PRIOR TO CLASS

You will have more time in class to make the projects if you decide before class which strips you plan to use for each project and how you want to arrange them. There is also some cutting that you can do prior to class to allow more sewing time.

However, if you are not certain about color choices or are not confident in your rotary cutting skills, it is fine to wait until class to finalize your choices and do the cutting.

I suggest that you label each piece and put the pieces for each project in a separate plastic bag. Be sure to bring the remaining fabric, batting and Décor Bond to class “just in case” you need extra.

I suggest avoiding directional prints (those which need to be oriented in a certain direction so that objects such as people and trees are not upside down or lying on their side) for the projects made in class. If you are using directional prints, allow extra fabric and do not cut the fabrics prior to class so that you can orient them correctly.

Open up your package of strips and lay them out. You may want to keep them in the original order, or you may find that you want to group specific fabrics together. If you are concerned about rearranging the pieces and not being able to get them back to the original order, take a few photos to document the order before you begin moving them around.

Once you have decided on the arrangement of strips for a project, pin them together in that order or take a photo and bring it to class.

TOTE BAG

- Select eight to twelve 2 ½” wide strips for the tote bag. The bag requires 7 ½ full strips, or you may choose to include portions of up to twelve fabric strips.
 - Nine half-length strips (2 ½” x 21”) will be used for the vertical piecing.
 - One strip 2 ½” x 42” will be used for the horizontal contrast.
 - Two strips 2 ½” x 42” will be used for the handles.
- Cut the following pieces from the yardage:
 - Two pieces, each 6 ½” x 21” (for the top of the bag)
 - Cut one piece, 1 1/8” x 6” (for zipper pull)
 - Cut one piece 2” x 4” (for zipper ends)
 - Cut one piece 21” x 34” (for lining)
- Cut the following from the Décor Bond:
 - One piece 21” x 34”
 - Two pieces 1 ¾” x 34”
- Cut the following from the batting:
 - One piece 21” x 34”
- Select one zipper, at least 18” long.

TABLE RUNNER

- Select 5 to 16 strips for the runner. The runner requires five full strips, or portions of up to 16 fabric strips.
- Choose one 2 ½” wide strip for the inner border. This strip must be at least 43” long and should be a medium or dark fabric, not a light-colored one. From this one strip, cut two strips, each 1” x at least 43”. (If your strips are shorter than 43”, use two 2 ½” wide strips to cut THREE 1” strips, or cut these strips from yardage.)

- From the remaining strips, cut 15 pieces, each 2 ½" x 8 ½".
- From yardage, cut three strips, each 3" x at least 40" for the outer border.
- From yardage, cut one piece 16" x the width of the fabric (at least 40") for the backing. I suggest the same fabric for the backing as the outer border, or a fabric that is similar to the outer border in color and value.
- Cut one piece of Décor Bond 16" x 40".
- Cut one piece of batting 16" x 40".

COVERED RING BINDER

- Select two or three 2 ½" wide strips for the ring binder cover. The cover requires one strip plus about half of a second, or three half-strips, 2 ½" x 21".
- For the outside of the cover, bring fabric that is at least 14" x 32". However, the exact size will depend upon your binder, so do not cut this prior to class.
- For the lining, bring fabric that is at least 13" x 24". However, the exact size will depend upon your binder, so do not cut this prior to class.
- Fusible fleece: You will need a piece at least 14" x 32". However, the exact size will depend upon your binder, so do not cut this prior to class.
- Be sure to bring your ring binder to class.

ZIPPERED DOCUMENT BAG

- Select seven to eighteen 2 ½" strips for the document bag. You will use all of about seven strips, or portions of up to 18 strips. Nine strips will show on the front and nine on the back. The length of the strips varies; the longest strip is 21" long and the shortest is about 5 ½" long. Do not cut the strips to length.
- Cut two pieces of Décor Bond 13" x 16".
- Cut two pieces of batting 13" x 16".
- Cut two pieces of lining 13" x 16".
- Cut one piece of fabric 2" x 5" for zipper tabs.
- Cut one piece of fabric 1 1/8" x 6" for zipper pull tab.
- Select one zipper, at least 18" long.

Cutting details for each project are listed above. However, it may be easier for you to cut the batting and Décor Bond at one time, so the cutting directions for these two products are repeated below.

Décor Bond

- TOTE BAG: Cut one piece of Décor Bond, 21" x 34" and two pieces of Décor Bond 1 ¾" x 34".
- ZIPPERED DOCUMENT BAG: Cut two pieces of Décor Bond 13" x 16"
- TABLE RUNNER: Cut one piece of Décor Bond 16" x 40"

Batting:

- TOTE BAG: Cut one piece of batting, 35" x 21".
- ZIPPERED DOCUMENT BAG: Cut two pieces of batting 13" x 16"
- TABLE RUNNER: Cut one piece of batting 16" x 40"

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