

Materials

24 2.5"xWOF strips / 1 Jelly Roll

If your roll has fewer than 24 strips, you can make three quilts using 18 strips. If you have a full Jelly Roll by Moda (40 strips), you can make six quilts. *Or, can cut your own strips out of stashed yardage.*

1 yd. fleece / cuddle fabric

Most fleeces and cuddle fabrics are 58/60" wide—you need this extra width, so make sure your fabric isn't 44" wide.

You need 1 1/8 yds. if you don't wish to piece one of the backs. You need 1 1/2 yds. for six quilts.

Piecing Setup

Sew eight strip sets of three strips each.

All four quilt tops are easily constructed by strip-piecing. If you're unfamiliar with it, strip piecing speeds up the process of piecing blocks by allowing you to sew larger strips together, and then cut chunks off the pieced rectangles, giving you larger building blocks with which to create your individual blocks.

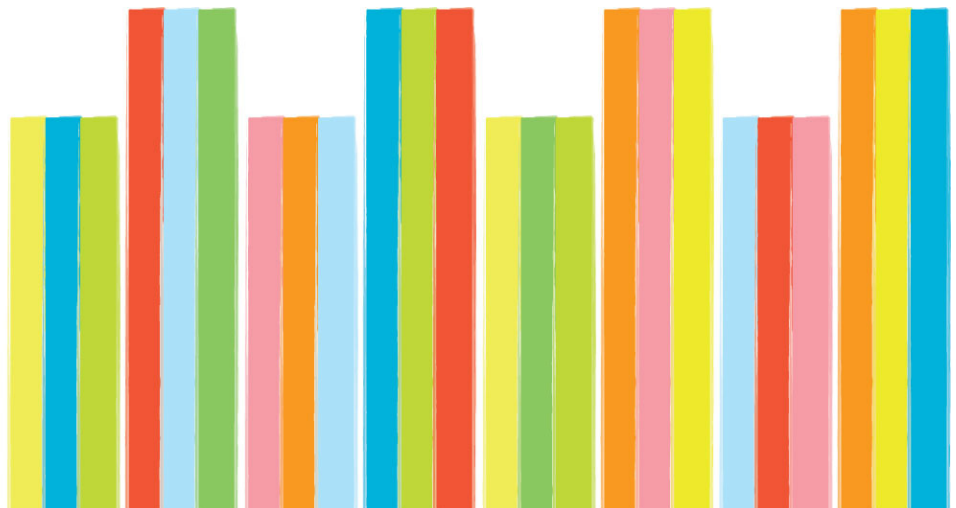
Fine with scrappy and arbitrary? Divide your strips into sets of three, caring only to make sure that no strip "reads" the same as one touching it.

Want a little more structure? Divide your strips into lights and darks, then create two strip set types: one with two dark strips sandwiching a light strip in the middle (dark-dominant), and one type with two light strips sandwiching a dark strip in the middle (light-dominant).

Go even further?

- » Group 1*: four sets—two light-dominant and two dark-dominant. (Top 1 & 3)
- » Group 2: two sets of any dominance. (Top 2)
- » Group 3: two sets—a light- and dark-dominant (Top 4)

* If using alternate instructions for Top 1, make four groups of two strip sets.



Simple Strips

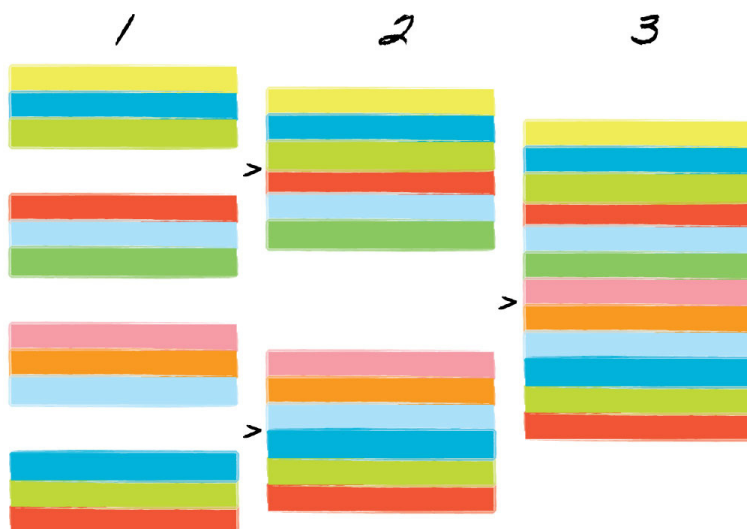
Top 1

You need: four (4) strip sets.

Choose either two light- and two dark-dominant sets. This is group one if you grouped them.

Cut a rectangle 18.5" long off of each strip set. Set the excess aside for Top 3.

Sew all four rectangles together to create a 18.5"×24.5" top. Alternate light- and dark-dominant sets if you are color-coordinating.



Alternate cutting instructions

You can create this top out of only two strip sets if you don't make Top 3. This way, you can make two versions of Top 1, 2, or 4.

To do so, cut **two** 18.5" sections off of each of the two strips, and sew all four pieces together.

If making two versions of this top, use the alternate cutting instructions above, **or** cut a second set of rectangles from the four strip sets.

Rail-fence Blocks

Top 2

You need: two (2) strip sets.

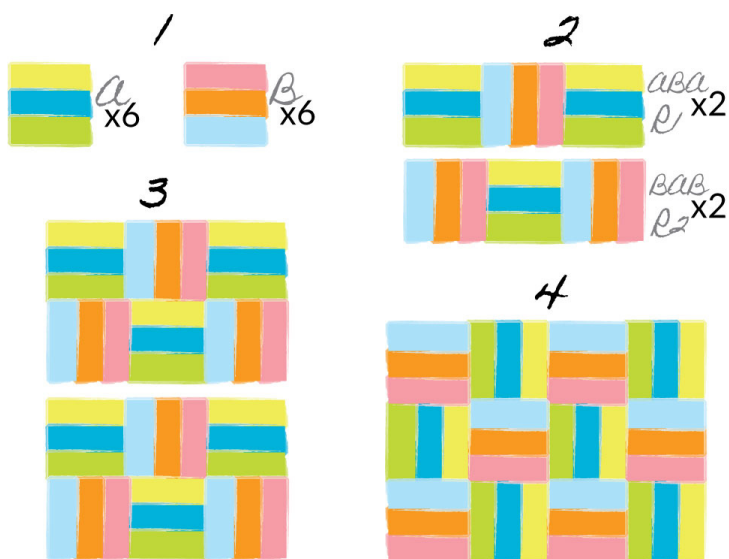
Choose two sets of any color dominance. This is group two if you grouped them.

Cut six 6.5" squares from each strip set.

Calling one set of blocks A and the other B, piece the squares into four rows: two ABA (called R1) and two BAB (called R2).

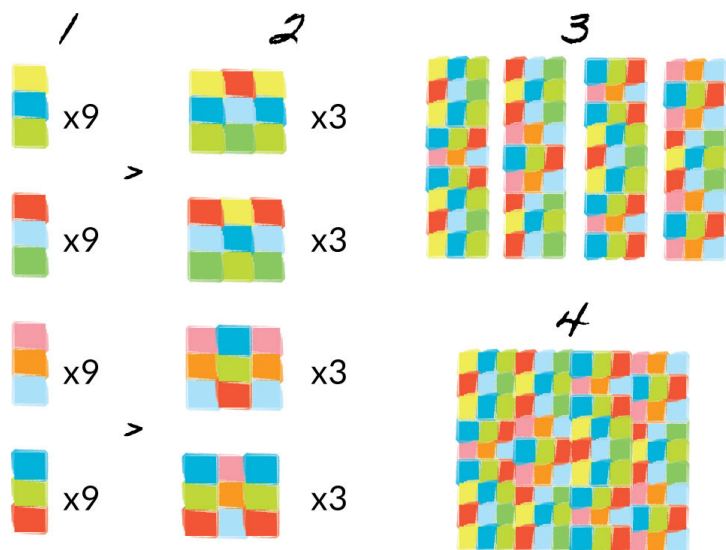
A blocks should have the inner seams horizontal, and the B block seams should be vertical. Press the seams open, or toward the B blocks.

Piece the rows together: R1, R2, R1, R2. Press the seams open, or all in one direction. You'll then have an 18.5"×24.5" unfinished top.



Scrappy Nine-Patch

Top 3



You need: the leftovers from Top 1

Slice the strip sets into 2.5" sections. You will have nine 2.5"×6.5" pieces from each set.

For a scrappy quilt, sew the rectangles into four rows of nine pieces, then sew the rows together to complete the top.

For a less scrappy look, create nine-patches with matching strips on either side of a different, center strip. Piece into four rows of three blocks, then sew the rows together.

Peculiar Weave

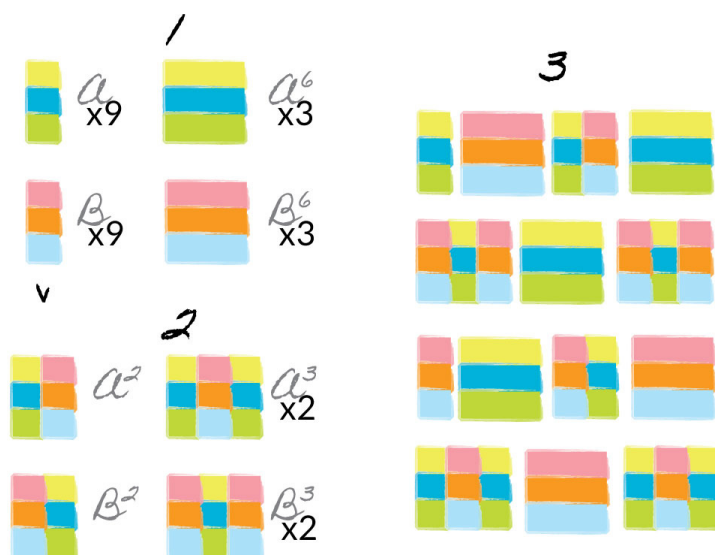
Top 4

You need: two (2) strip sets

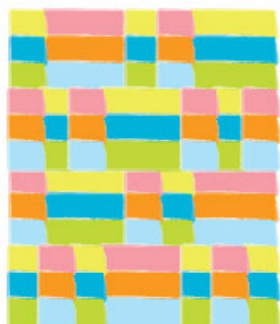
Be very careful when cutting; this top needs every millimeter of a 42" strip. If your strips are less than 42" long without selvage, you will need to make a second Top 1 or Top 2.

Cut the strip sets (A and B) into **three 6.5" segments (A6/B6)** and **nine 2.5" segments.**

Use six of the smaller segments from each to create nine-patches: two each, ABA (A3) and BAB (B3).



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Use two more small segments from each to make an AB (A2) pair and a BA (B2) pair.

Create four rows:
A B6 A2 A6
B3 A6 B3
B A6 B2 B6
A3 B6 A3

Sew the rows together in the

above order. You'll then have an 18.5"×24.5" unfinished top.

Making More Tops

You can make two additional quilts if you have a full Moda Jelly Roll. You can make additional versions of any combination, with one exception: you can only make a second Top 3 using the leftovers from Top 1, so must make the pair if you want a second Top 3.

Another option is that you can also make two versions of a top, then sew them together along the 24" side to make a single 24"×36" top for the charity drive. You can mix and match, or even cut the pieces and piece as one quilt.

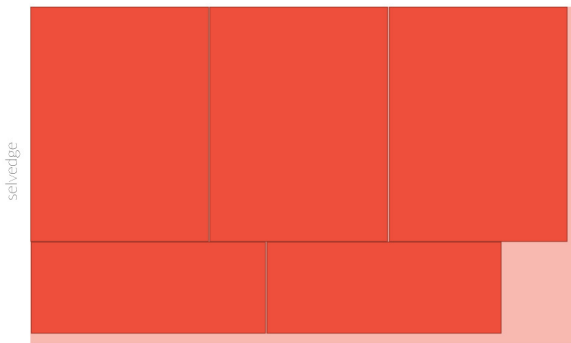
Putting it all together

Prepare the Backing

Cut three 18.5"x24.5" backs from the fabric. Cut two 9.75"x24.5" pieces from the leftovers, and seam them together using a ½" seam allowance for the fourth back. There is leeway, so if you're uncomfortable trying to sew a ¼" seam on Minky or Fleece, you can add an extra ½" to the measurements, then center your quilt top so that you have a graded seam allowance. *Use the alternate cutting diagrams for four non-pieced backs from 1 1/8 yd. or for six backs from 1 ½ yd.*

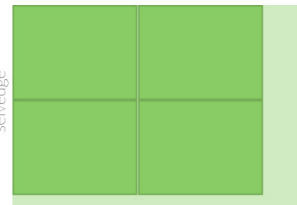
1 yd

4 quilts w/ piecing



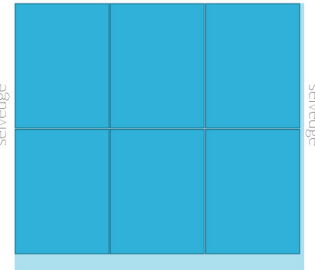
1 1/8 yd

4 quilts, no piecing



1 1/2 yd

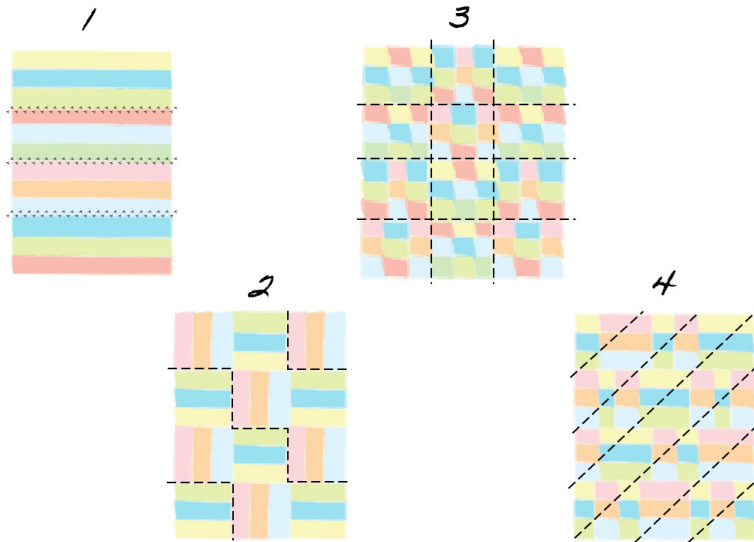
6 quilts



Sandwiching & Sewing

Place each top and a back right-sides together. Pin all the way around—every 1" if using Minky. If using batting, cut an 18.5"x24.5" piece for each quilt. Add it to your sandwich with the right side facing the wrong side of the top.

Using your walking foot if you have one (for best results) or a basic foot, sew around the edge using a ¼" seam allowance (or ½" from the edge of the backing if you cut a larger backing), leaving at least 3" open on one side to turn.



Turn your quilt through the opening, using a chopstick or point turner on the corners. Turn your iron to the synthetic setting and carefully press the edges flat from the top side (don't iron Minky or Fleece). Make sure to fold in the edges of the open section. Top-stitch around the outside, 1/8" in from the edge, closing the open section.

Decide how you want to quilt these. I recommend straight-line quilting, as sparse as possible with your chosen batting (or about every 6" if you didn't use batting). To the right are some ideas. *Good luck!*

