

## FVQG Block of the Month – April 2023

Jelly Roll Friendly! - Braid block  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " (unfinished) 6" x 12" (finished)

Uses  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips – you can use a jelly roll or cut some strips from yardage.



You'll need 1 -  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square

5 -  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths of light batiks

5 -  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths of dark batiks



(picture has more than 5, I cut more, but only needed 5 for the length.)

Start with the square and place on a light strip, sew down the length of the square. Press towards the square. Now add a dark strip to the other side and press towards the dark strip. Add a light strip to the other side and press towards the light strip.



Keep adding strips (dark to one side and light to the other side) until you have sewn on 5 light and 5 dark strips. Keep pressing as you go.



Use a large enough ruler and try to put the 3 1/4 " line (counting from the right side, as shown) running down the centre of the square and down the centre of the tip of the last strip (as shown).

Cut down this right side.



Now spin the block around 180 degrees and put the 6 1/2 " line along the left side that you just cut (see picture 2). Cut the right side again, make sure you are cutting a 6 1/2 " width all the way down this rectangle strata.



Now, spin the block and cut the end that has the square through the middle of the square diagonally, making sure that your ruler is keeping lines on the 2 already cut edges so that you have a proper 'squared' end.



Flip the rectangle around for the last cut. Keep lines along the two long edges and measure 12 1/2 " down. Make the cut at 12 1/2 ". You should now have a block that is 6 1/2 " x 12 1/2 "

