

## Rounds of Jelly Rolls Preemie Quilt

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**Cut:** some of your 2 ½” strips into various lengths, from 1” (the smallest you would want to cut) and up to 7” or 8”. You can cut some that are a little longer for the outer rounds later. Stitch some together (end to end) to create 4 rows that are at least 9” long. Don’t be too fussy about which colours go next to each other. When all of them are stitched together at the end of the quilt, you will not really notice. Stitch the 4 rows together and make sure that you have a least 8 ½” to 9” in length, as you will trim top and bottom to finish with an 8 ½” square for the centre of the block.



**Cut:** 6 strips of a lighter, sashing fabric 1 ½” x width of fabric (WOF)

**Sub-cut these strips into**

Round 1 of sashing: 2 strips 1 ½” x 8 ½” and 2 strips 1 ½” x 10 ½”

Round 2 of sashing: 2 strips 1 ½” x 14 ½” and 2 strips 1 ½” x 16 ½”

Round 3 of sashing: 2 strips 1 ½” x 20 ½” and 2 strips 1 ½” x 22 ½”

Round 4 of sashing: 2 strips 1 ½” x 26 ½” and 2 strips 1 ½” x 28 ½”

Last Round 5 – these sashing strips are **wider** for a Preemie quilt (finishes at FVQG’s recommended 36” square)

**Cut:** 4 strips of the same sashing fabric  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x width of fabric (WOF)

**Sub-cut these strips into**

2 strips  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $32\frac{1}{2}$ " and 2 strips  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $36\frac{1}{2}$ "

Your **binding** will also be the **pieced strips of colour**. If you love  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " binding strips, keep them the width that they are and make sure you have enough to go around the preemie quilt (plus at least 10" more – for turning the corners). If you're like me and like a smaller width (I like a 2" strip for the binding) you will need to trim it down to that size before sewing on the binding.



Start **Round 1** of Sashing by stitching an  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to the top and one to the bottom of the square unit using an accurate  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. **Always stitch with the sashing strip on the top.** If your pieced strips are not quite the correct length, having the coloured / pieced strip on the bottom - the feed dogs will help to adjust to the same size as the sashing strip when sewing. **Always press the seams towards the sashing strips.** Finish Round 1 by adding the **10**  $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to left and right side of the centre unit. This creates a block that is **10**  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (unfinished) square.

Add a length of pieced strip that is longer than you need to top and to bottom of this square. Don't worry about exact length. Once you press the seams, square up the ends to meet the edge of the unit. Add a length of pieced strip to the left side and then the right side of the unit. Again, press and square up the ends so that they are even.

**Round 2** of Sashing – Add a **14**  $\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strip to top and bottom. Press. Add **16**  $\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strip to left and right sides of unit. Press.

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**Round 3** of Sashing – Add a **20**  $\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strip to top and bottom. Press. Add **22**  $\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strip to left and right sides of unit. Press.

Repeat \*\*\* paragraph

**Round 4** of Sashing – Add a **26**  $\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strip to top and bottom. Press. Add **28**  $\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strip to left and right sides of unit. Press.

Repeat \*\*\* paragraph

**Round 5** of Sashing is **wider** – **2**  $\frac{1}{2}$ " – Add a **32**  $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to top and bottom. Press. Add **36**  $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to left and right sides of unit. Press.

Quilt as desired!

Add the binding (coloured strips) at whichever width you prefer.

OR, you can use a colourful stripe fabric for binding.