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Tips for Making Jelly Roll Rugs

SUPPLIES:

Jelly Roll Rug Pattern

Jelly Roll (40 pc)

2-1/4 Batting on a Roll (ex. Bosal Katahdin on-a-Roll #390K-50)

4-5 bobbins

Stretch Needle size 90/14

Regular Presser Foot

OPTIONAL BUT VERY HELPFUL:

Jelly Roll Sasher

OR Wonder Clips (if doing Jelly Roll Rug2— BOTH are recommended)

Mary Ellen's Best Press

Wooly Felted Mat

Topstitch Presser Foot

Knee Lever

TIPS—PREPWORK

- Rewind 4-5 bobbins with matching thread
- Organize your jelly roll strips in the order you want them sewn out. Having a darker color on the outside looks nice and frames it well.

Having a dark or busy print in the center as well also gives it a nice look plus hides a lot of the tucks. The first 3-4 rows are the hardest to be even as it's the tightest curve so it's more fussy. A busy print will help hide all the wrinkles and uneven spots.

TIPS—STRIPS

- Tighten tension by 1 number.
- Use a topstitch presser foot with your needle shifted to the leftmost position. This will help keep an even stitch.
- If your machine has needle stop up/down, use the stop down feature so your stitches don't shift.

TIPS—RUG

- If you have a knee lever, this will be helpful for going around corners
- Use your regular foot, and line up the seam with the center
- For the 1st 4-5 rows, going around the corners is the fussiest. Try to keep the strips laying flat and don't pull up the on the strips when going around the corners. To help keep it flat, I stuck a wooly felted mat behind the machine and after spraying the rug with best press, I pressed hard after each time around. I didn't want to keep taking the rug off the machine, so I just pressed the section sticking out the back after each pass.