

Worms & Jelly Rolls #1

a mystery quilt by Debbie Caffrey

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About Worms and Jelly Rolls

In May 2000, my book *Open a Can of Worms*, the first book to focus exclusively on quilts made from 2½" wide strips, was released. The book is now celebrating its seventh printing and is still selling strong more than ten years later. In the fall of 2005, while writing *Another Can of Worms*, more quilts and techniques using 2½" wide strips, I approached fabric companies about selling precut strips. Most companies did not think it was worth their time. Moda was interested and consulted with me over the next few months. In May 2006, *Another Can of Worms* was released. The following fall Moda introduced "jelly rolls", and other fabric companies have been following suit ever since. To celebrate the tenth anniversary of "worms", I am releasing a number of mystery quilts made from "worms" or "jelly rolls". Have fun! Debbie

This pattern contains instructions for two sizes of quilts. The information for the larger quilt is given first. The information for the smaller quilt follows in parentheses. Choose the size you wish to make and buy fabric accordingly.

The finished size of the larger quilt is 62½" x 74⅞".

The finished size of the smaller quilt is 48½" x 60".

Fabric Requirements

A "worm" is a strip of fabric 2½" x approximately 42" with selvages on each of the short ends.

Worms thirty (eighteen)

If some of your strips are not at least 41" long, have some scraps or a few additional "worms" available to cut pieces when you run short.

Background (must contrast with all the worms) 1¾ (1⅛) yards

Sashing ⅞ (⅞) yard

Border 1⅝ (1¼) yards

Backing 4 (3⅛) yards

Binding ¾ (¾) yard

Other Supplies

Sewing machine

Thread to blend with fabrics

Rotary cutter, mat, and basic rulers

Cutting

Strips are cut across the width of the fabric making them approximately 40" long with selvages on each of the short ends.

The sizes of the pieces are the same whether you are making the larger quilt or the smaller quilt. The numbers of pieces differ: more pieces for the larger quilt, fewer for the smaller quilt.

Background

Cut twenty (twelve) strips 2½" wide.

Use these strips to cut 320 (192) 2½" squares.

There is more cutting of background fabric in the final step.

The worms will be cut during the construction of the quilt.

Before class:

1. If not using a Jelly Roll, cut 30 strips for large quilt or 18 strips for smaller quilt (2 1/2" x width of fabric).
2. Also, cut your background as stated in the Cutting section so you'll be ready to sew in class.



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