

# FRESH LAUNDRY

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This very easy quilt pattern is suitable for a brand new beginner!

Finished top: approx. 71" x 56" (generous throw size)

You'll need 18 assorted jelly roll strips and 38 solid white jelly roll strips.

Get all the jelly rolls at <http://jellyrollfabric.net>:  
[Assorted Jelly Rolls](#) and [Solid White Jelly Rolls](#)

## DIRECTIONS

1. Choose 18 assorted jelly roll strips to start.
2. Next, group the 18 strips into sets of 3 until you have a nice combination in all six sets. Choosing a lighter, medium and darker fabric for each set will help balance out your quilt.
3. Add 4 solid white fabric strips to each set of 3 fabrics.
4. Start with one group of 7 strips. Sew together down the long edge, right sides facing each other, white-color-white-color-white-color-white. Press open after each seam, toward the colored fabric. Each finished strip set (you will end up with 6) will be approx. 14.5" wide by a bit over 40" long, 7 strips across. (See below)



5. Carefully rotary or hand cut the straight selvedge edge off of your group sets (leave the jagged edge alone - it'll get cut off after the last block is cut) then starting with your freshly trimmed edge, cut a block every 10". Each set should end up with 4 blocks, for a total of 24 blocks. Each block should look like this:



6. This step is important. Lay out all your blocks and arrange them before you go on to the next step! Make sure you don't put two like blocks next to or directly above each other. Your blocks will be laid out 6 across, and 4 down.

If you're not sure how to lay them out, assign a number to each group, then lay them out:

1-2-3-4-5-6

3-4-6-5-2-1

2-1-5-1-3-4

6-3-2-4-5-6

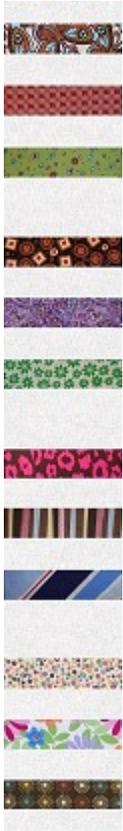
That's how the blocks are laid out in the sample picture.

There are no "tops and bottoms" so you can also flip your blocks around 180 degrees if something doesn't look right during the arranging process!

Tip: take a picture of your layout with a digital camera, webcam or phone so you can remember how you arranged them! This is a lifesaver!

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7. Next, make each vertical segment of your top. Starting with the left side, sew together your left column of 4 blocks. Continue across in the same fashion. You'll end up with 6 long segments of 4 blocks each. (see below)



8. Using the remaining 14 white strips, sew together pairs on the short side to make 7 long white strips.

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9. Starting with the left side, connect each of your vertical block segments with a long white strip. You can match the seam in each white strip with the center seam in the long block strip for a flawless, matched up seam across the center of your quilt top.



10. Finish your quilt top by adding on the last two long white strips to the outer left and right edges of your top. Trim the excess white strip fabric to perfect the edges.

Remember:

-When sewing seams, right sides always face each other.

-Use a 1/4" seam!

-Press fabric towards the darker color

-Take your time or you'll spend it seam-ripping! (Don't worry - we've all been there!!) And HAVE FUN!