

Easy Jelly Roll Triangles!

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We've had lots of requests for tutorials pouring in since sending out our first three Jelly Roll Inspirations e-books (full of gorgeous jelly rolls quilts made by our friends, mailing list members and customers). I will try to get to them all in a reasonable amount of time – I'm still putting together the final Inspirations book with some really cool stuff that didn't fit into the first three – but today I wanted to show everyone a very simple way to do a VERY annoying task! Making triangles is enough to make some people give up on quilting forever, I'm sure. I remember back before the days of jelly rolls making triangles out of two squares, marking the pencil line diagonally across, and then sewing two seams $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the line. (I'm getting bored just thinking about it).

No more! Using two jelly roll strips you can make 16 squares that are just a smidge over 3". It is so fast that it is almost exciting making them. And there's almost no waste!

Making an Ocean Waves quilt has never seemed quite so possible, am I right? ;)

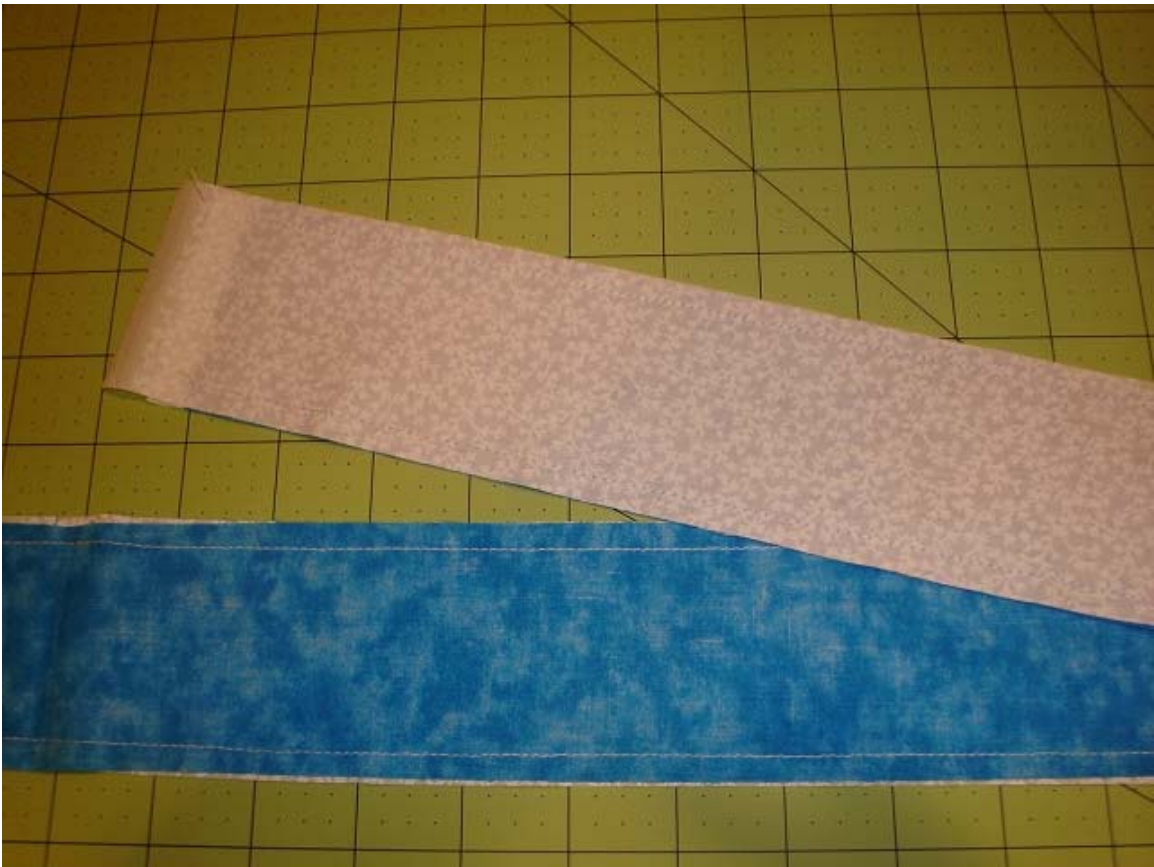
Onward! Happy quilting!

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P.S. You can see all our patterns and the 3 Jelly Roll Inspirations e-books [here!](#)

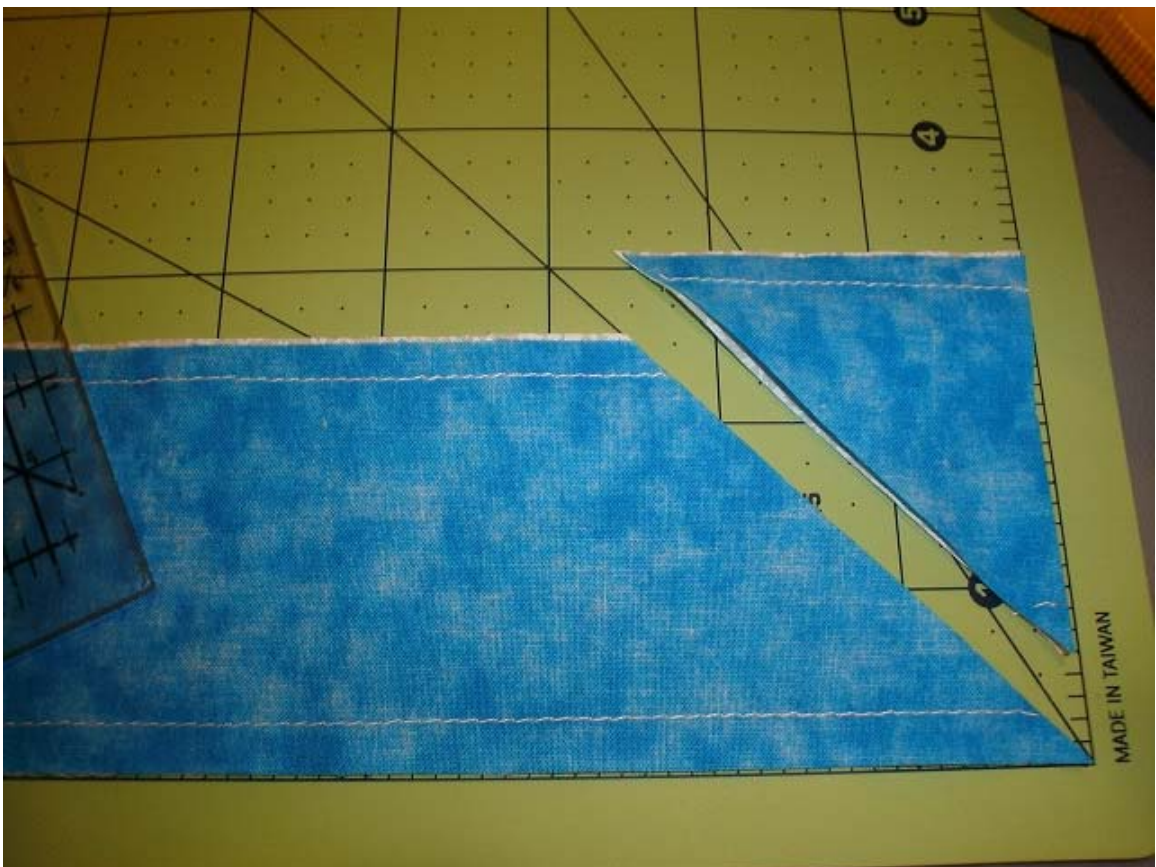
How to Make 16 Triangle Blocks From 2 Jelly Roll Strips

1. Take 2 jelly roll strips and sew them (print sides together, wrong sides out) lengthwise on both edges creating a tube.

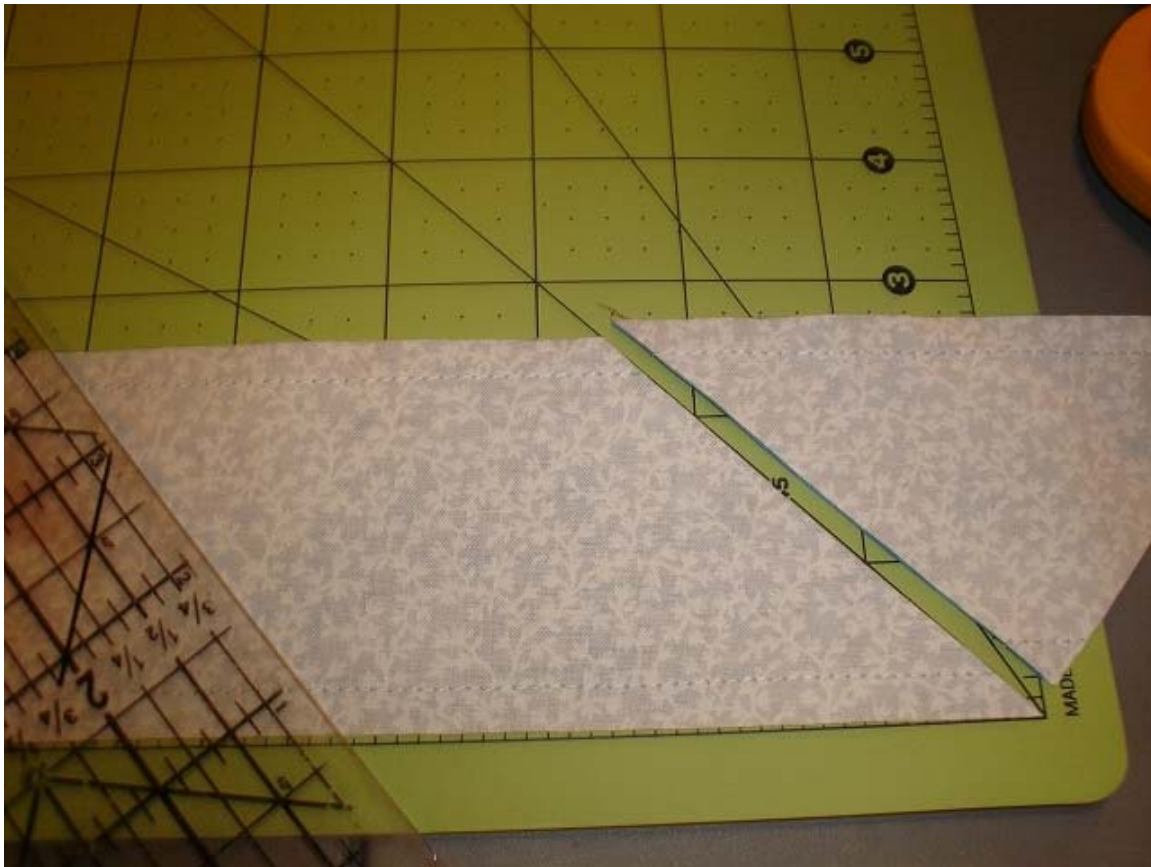


2. Trim off the selvage edges from one end.

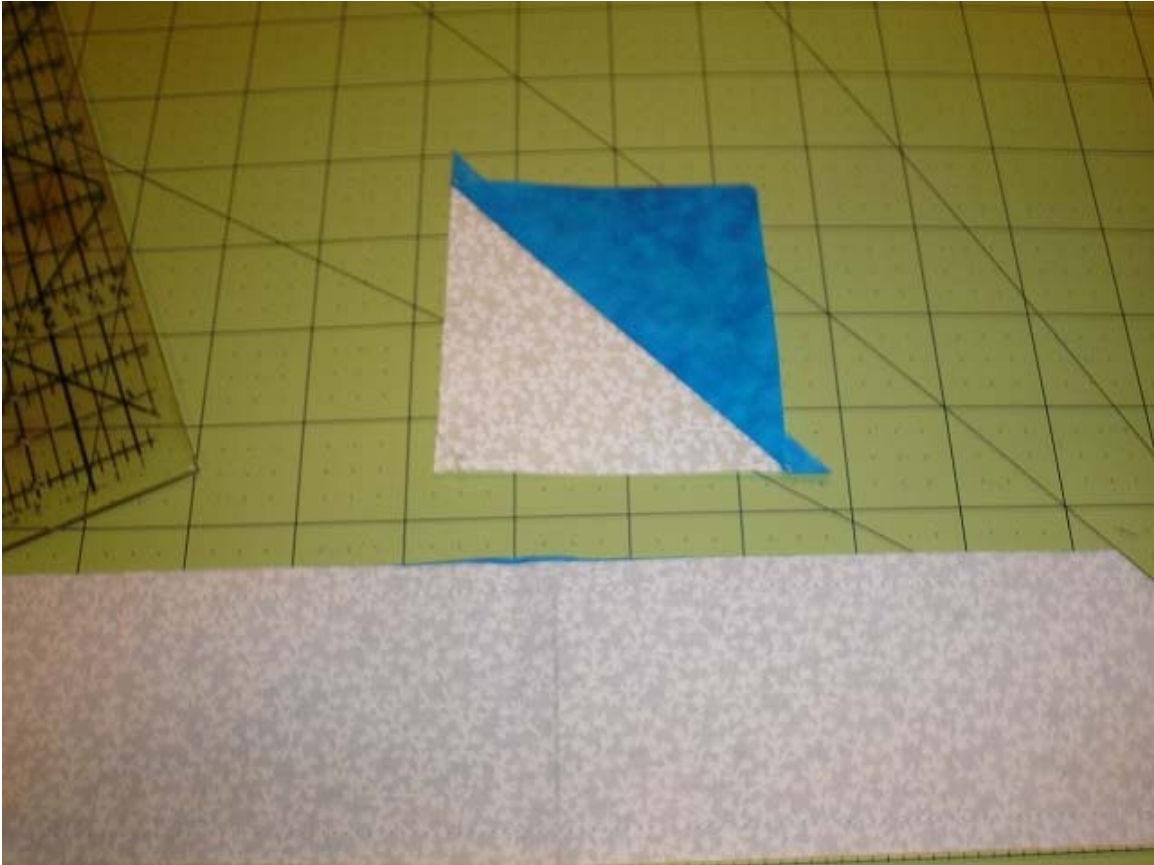
3. Line your strip tube up with the very bottom right corner of your rotary mat, and using the 45 degree line, trim off the edge triangle from your tube.



4. Flip your tube over and match the corner of your tube with the corner lines on your mat. (The upper corner of your tube will be off the side of the mat.) Cut on the 45 degree line again.

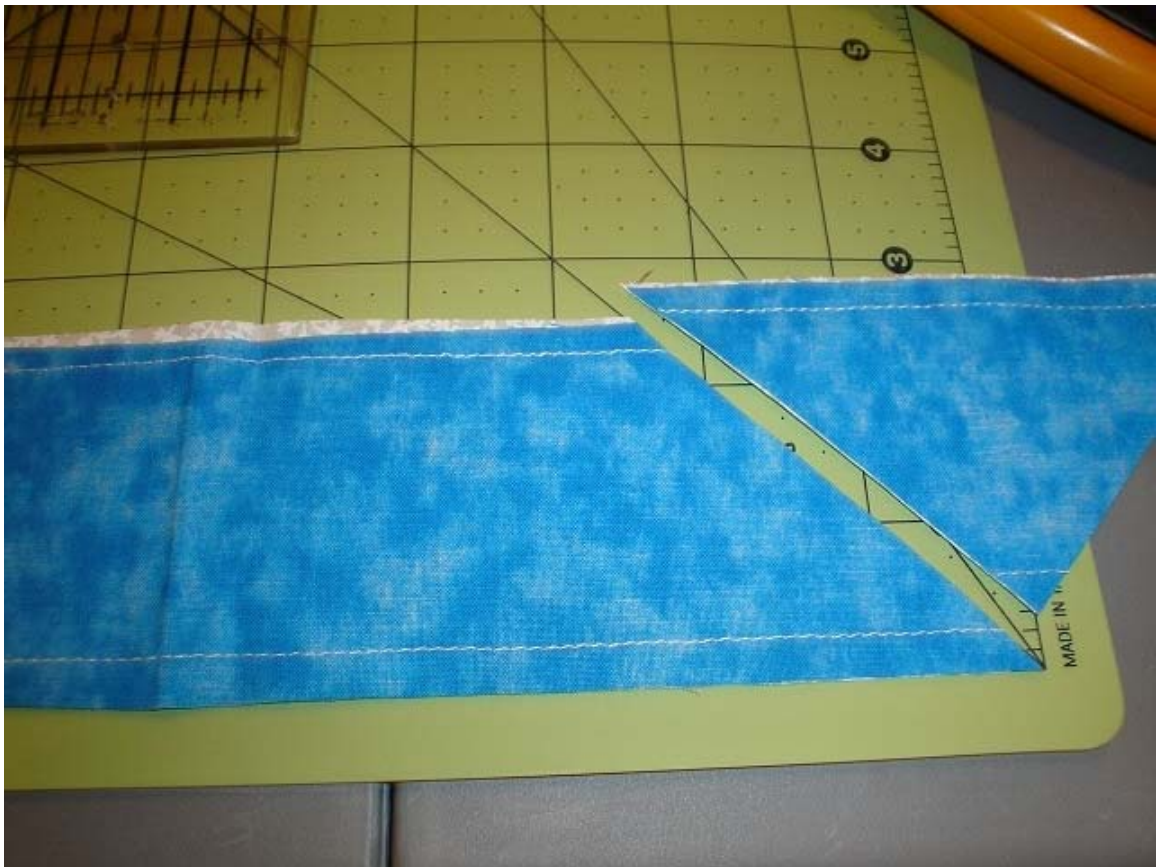


5. Pull open the corners of your triangle (they'll have a few stitches in them) and press open your triangle!



Some quilters like to match the *seam* up with the bottom line/corner, instead of the edge of the tube. This way when you cut across your 45 degree line, you won't have any stitches in the points of your triangle to pull out. I like to do it this way because the stitches come right out when you open the triangle – no seam ripper necessary, and it makes the triangle blocks bigger!

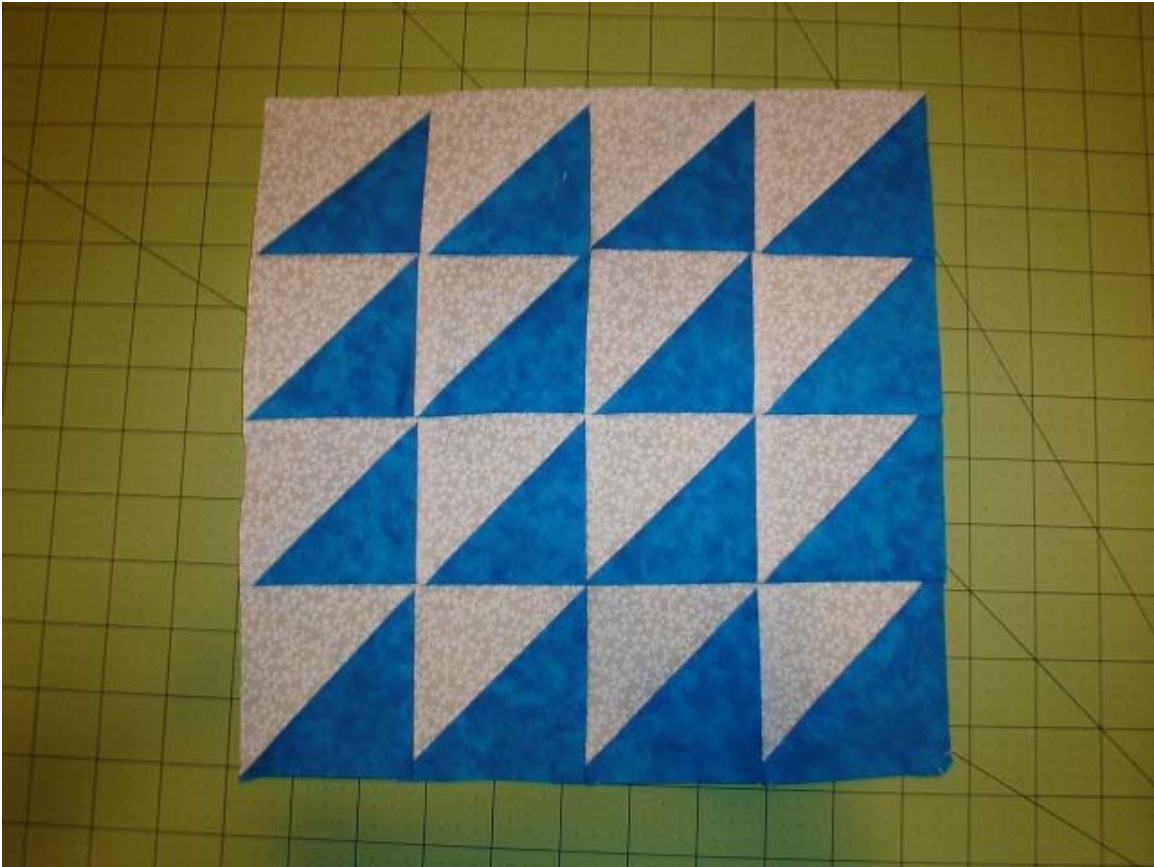
You'll keep flipping your tube over as you cut more triangles.



Every 2 strips make an EASY 16 triangles! Imagine the possibilities! So many quilt designs are made from tons of triangles. These triangles can easily be trimmed down to an exact 3" if need be and will fit into thousands of different patterns.



If it's your first time making triangles, sew them into an easy block!



Using 20 white strips and 20 different colored strips, you can make a lovely little lap quilt with 20 blocks in different colors just like the above block! Try our blender rolls that have [20 different fabrics](#) and [white tone-on-tone rolls](#)!

Triangles are easily my favorite time saver with jelly rolls. Have fun with them! Liz K., <http://jellyrollfabric.net>