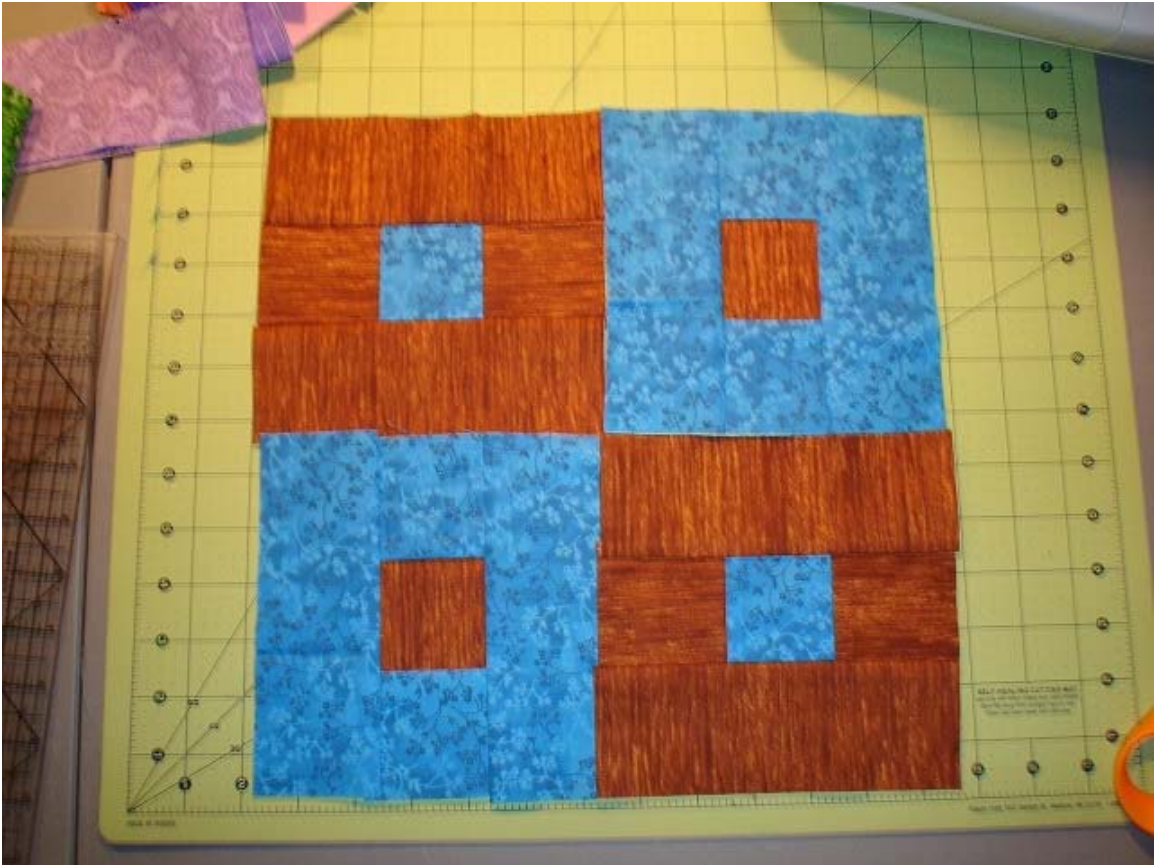


Box Blocks Tutorial!

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I loved Sue C.'s quilt on page 5 of [Jan 2014 Jelly Roll Inspirations #2](#) SO much that I decided to make a little tutorial for the blocks – which are extremely jelly roll friendly. I had about 1" of waste from each strip, and each set of 2 strips makes (4) 6.5" blocks.

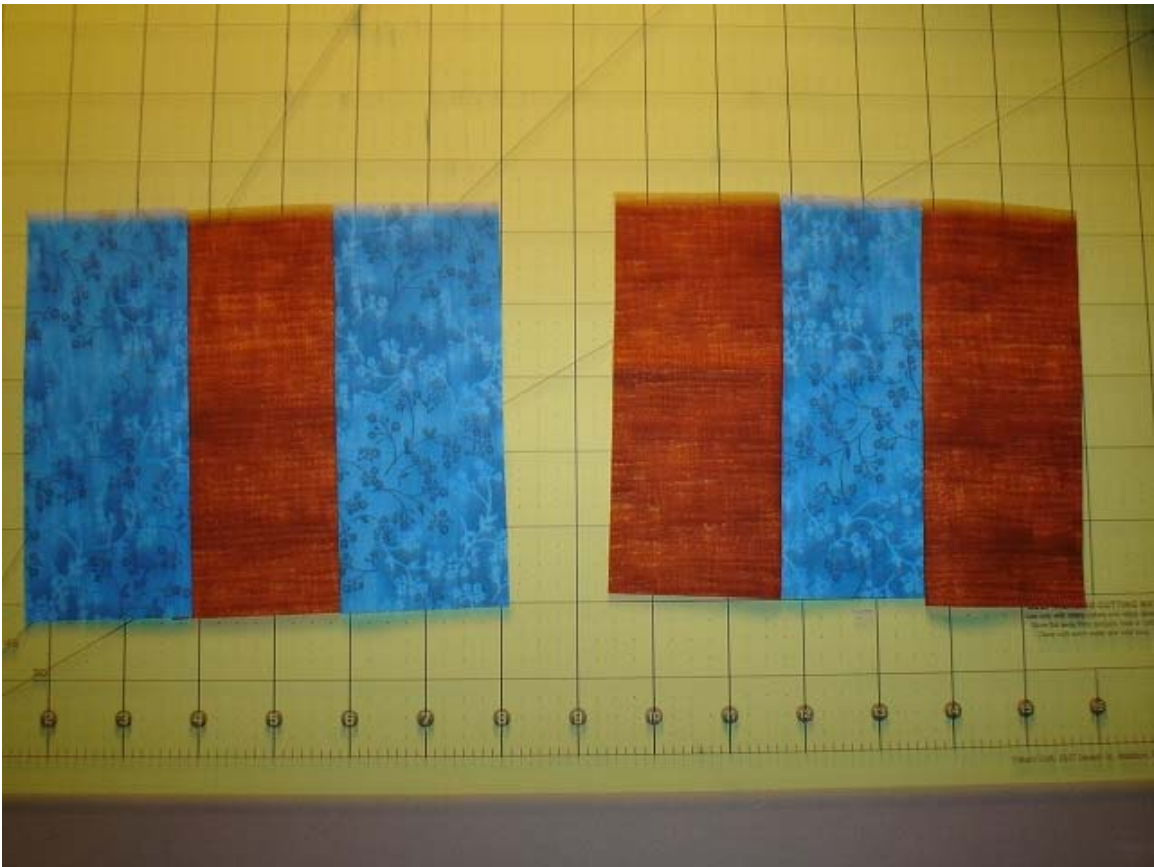
This block is very easy and a new quilter can easily handle it! Read on for instructions.

Directions

1. Divide your strips into pairs. If you're using a two-tone jelly roll, match up your strips so you have a nice contrast between your pairs. If you're using a [spectrum jelly roll](#) or something else that has lots of different fabrics, pair your darker and lighter colors with the medium hues to make sure you get a nice contrast on all your blocks.
2. From each strip, trim selvage edges conservatively, and cut (4) 6.5" pieces, and (3) 5.5" pieces.

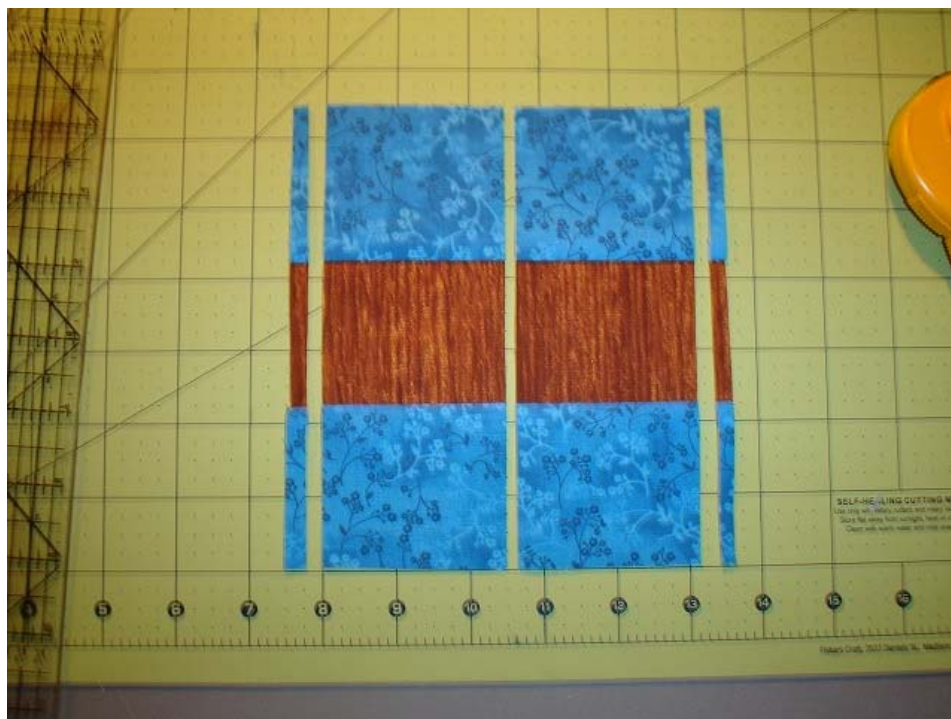
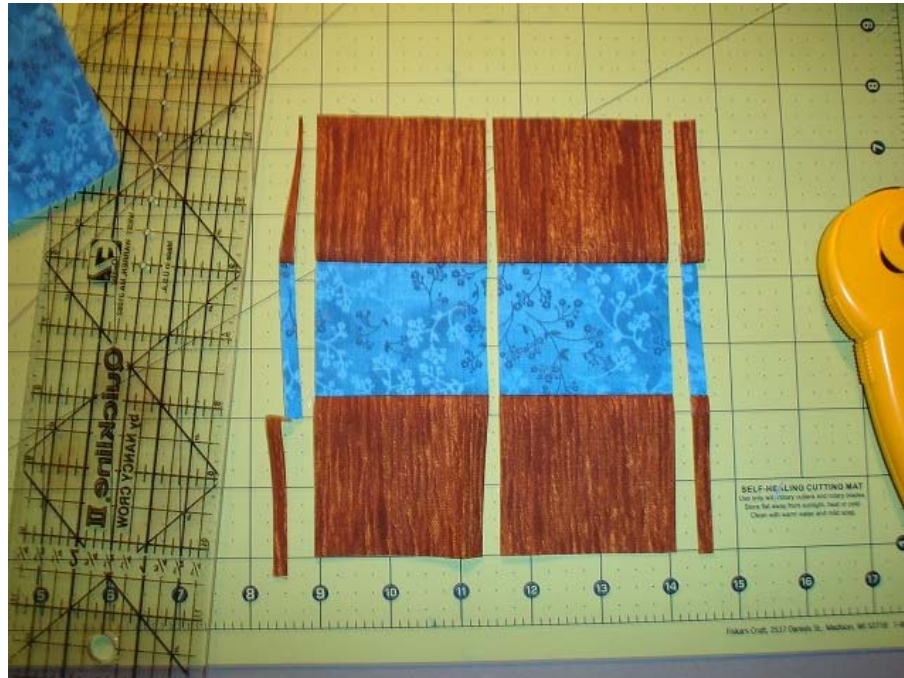


- Using your 5.5" pieces, sew 2 pieces of Fabric A to 1 piece of Fabric B, A-B-A. Then do the same for your other 5.5" strips, B-A-B.

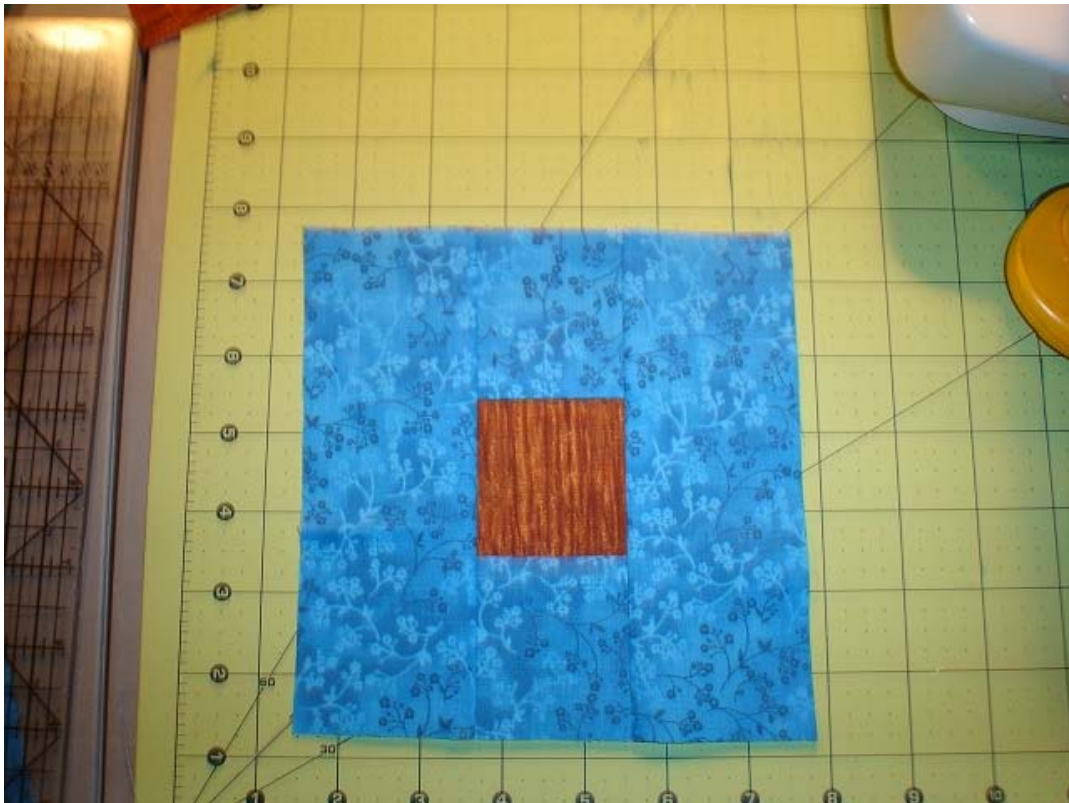
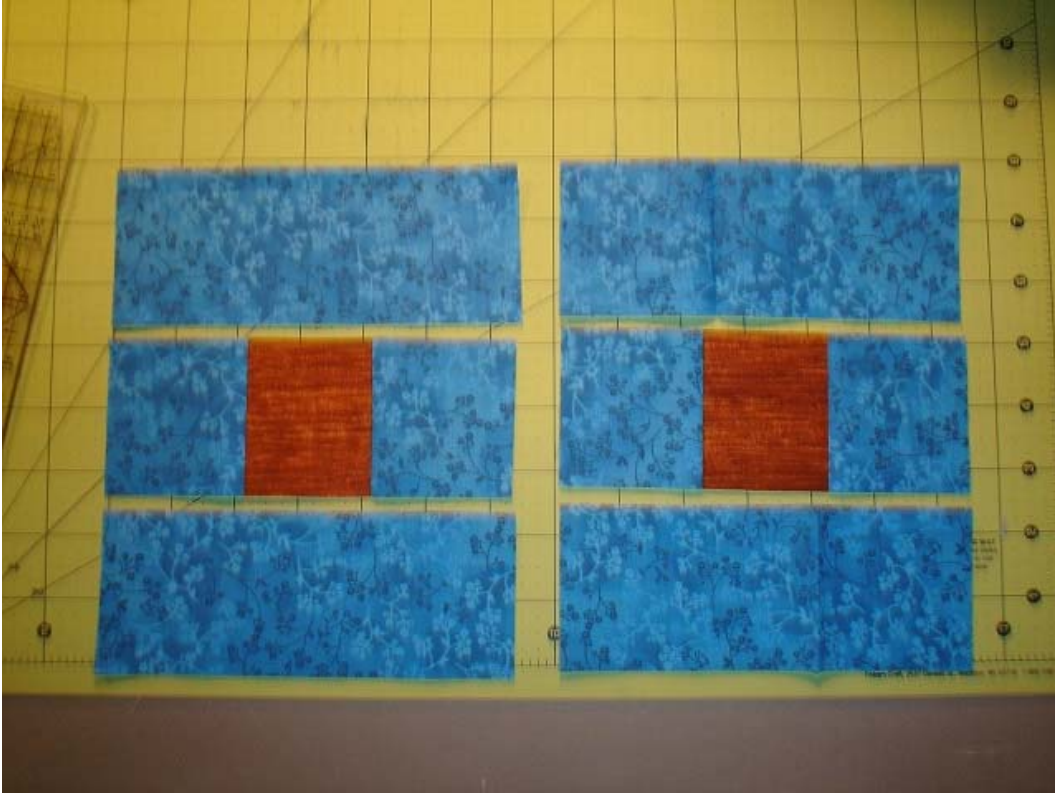


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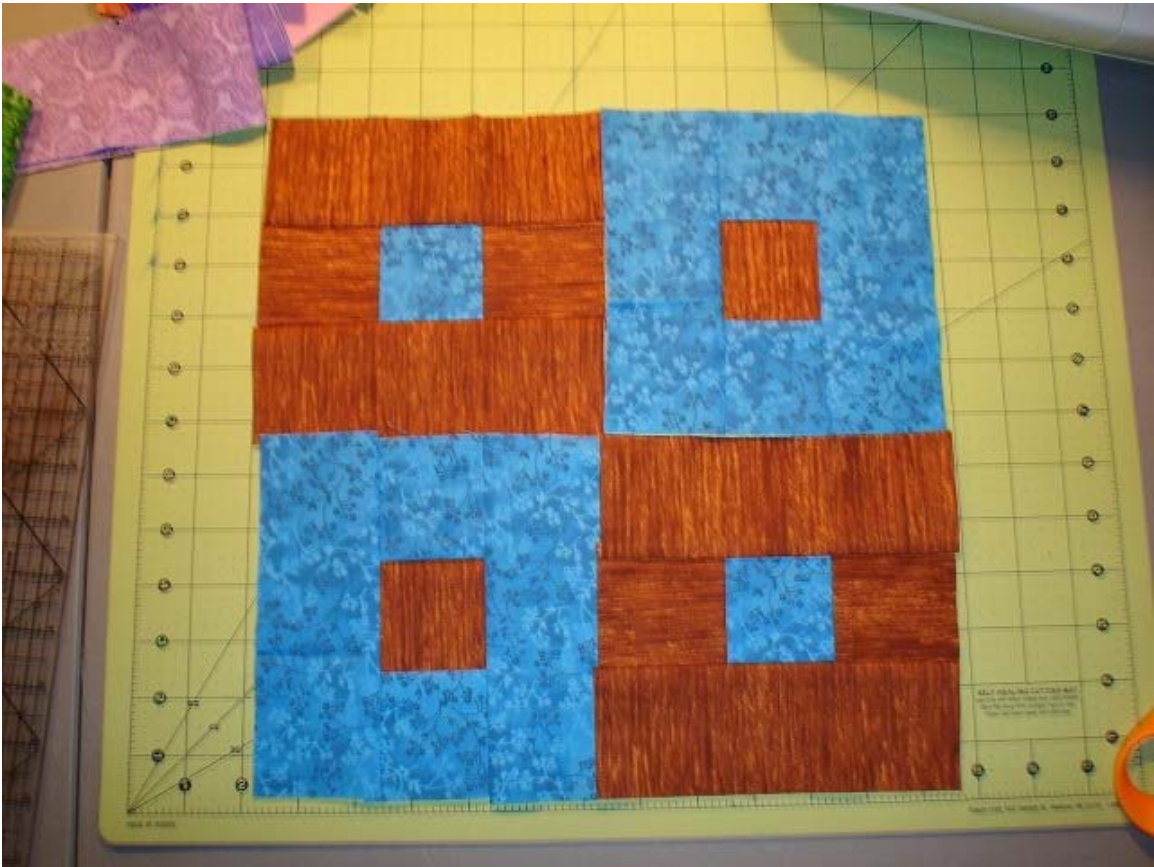
4. Cut each of these new segments into (2) 2.5" pieces. You'll only need 5 inches of the 5.5" – the extra half inch will allow you to trim off your jagged edges.



5. Sew a 6.5" strip to the top and bottom of each of your 2.5" pieced segments.



6. Repeat for your opposite color blocks and you'll have your first set of 4 blocks!



THAT'S IT!

If you use 1 20-strip roll, you'll get 40 blocks – laid out 8 x 5, the finished dimension will be 48.5" x 30.5". (Add a strip around for a border and you have the perfect baby quilt dimensions)

(2) 20-strip rolls will give you 80 blocks – laid out 8 x 10, the finished dimension will be 48.5" x 60.5" – a nice lap size!

Twin size can be laid out 15 x 9 – you'll need 135 blocks (68 strips) – for dimensions approx. 54" x 90".

Double (approx 72" x 90") = 12 x 15 layout – 180 blocks – 90 strips

Queen (approx 90" x 108") = 15 x 18 – 270 blocks – 136 strips

King (approx 108" x 108" = 18 x 18 – 324 blocks – 162 strips

Sue C's quilt that inspired me!



Love this quilt! If I have time over the weekend, I'll to make a bunch of different blocks using [spectrum rolls](#) to show a "haphazard" layout in addition to the way Sue laid hers out above (which I love!) in rows.

This would also look awesome using any of the [blender rolls](#) ([red/navy](#) keeps popping into my mind- might have to give those colors a try too!)

Have fun!

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