

Judi's block – by Judi Madsen of Green Fairy Quilts.

Have fun with this block! I certainly had fun and the block came together so fast because I used strip piecing techniques. I love anything that can be strip pieced because I don't have all the time in the world to do each and every single square. But – if you have more time on your hands and you want every single piece in this block to be different – than you can do it. The instructions will be for my strip piecing technique. You will cut out each section as you make it. Sew every seam with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance. Here we go!!!

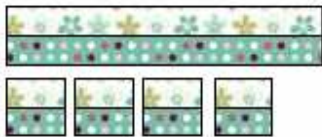
Stripped nine-patch -



Cut out one $1\frac{1}{2} \times 13$ inch strip of two different fabrics. Sew together and press seams to dark fabric. Cut across horizontally at $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches to get five $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares.



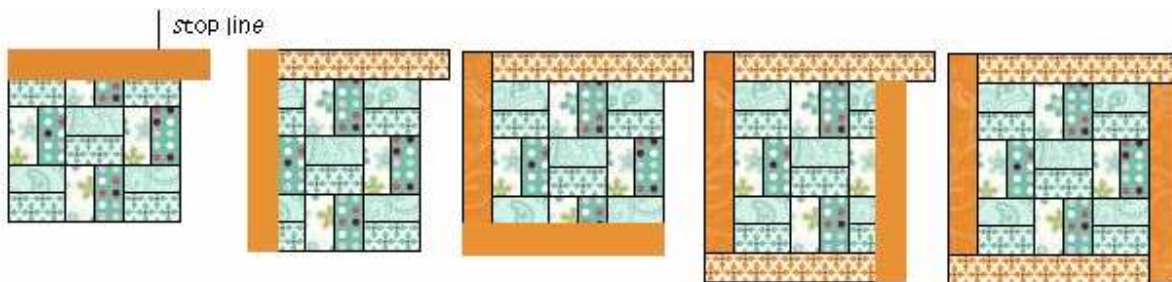
Make a nine-patch with the $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares you just made. Be sure to press your seams well!



Cut out one $1\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ inch strip of two different fabrics. Sew together and press seams to dark fabric. Cut across horizontally at $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches to get four $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares.

Around the world strips -

Once you have the nine-patch put together cut out (4) $1\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips. I used two different orange fabrics for my block, but you are more than welcome to use 4 different fabrics. Use the diagram below for reference when setting your strips around the block.



- #1 – Sew the first $1\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip to the top of the block, leave about $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 inches un-sewn on the right side. Press your seams towards the $1\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip.
- #2 – Sew the second $1\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip to the left side of the block. This strip should fit nicely along the edge. Press seams towards the strip.
- #3 – Sew the third strip along the bottom. Press seams.
- #4 – Sew the fourth strip along the right side of the block and press seams towards the strip.
- #5 – Fold the edge of the first strip back down, right sides together, and stitch the remaining 2 inches in place. Press seams.

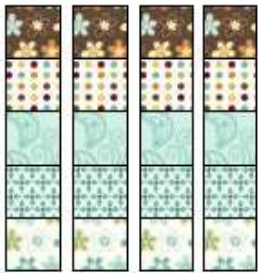


Around the world blocks -

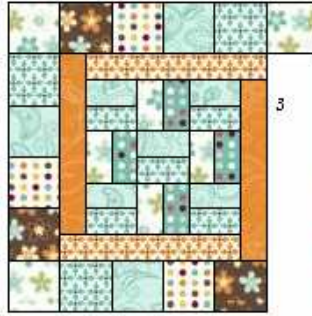
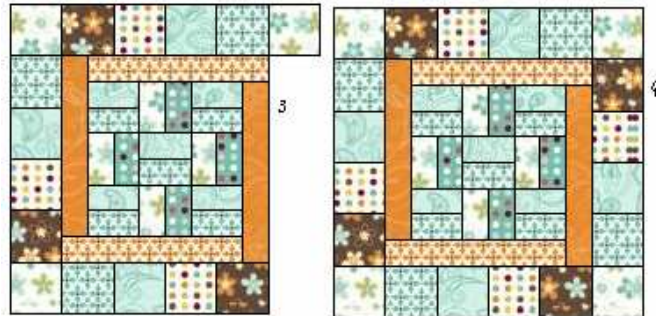


Use 5 different jelly roll strips measuring $2\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ inches.

Sew the strips together and press each seam to one side.



Cut across horizontally at $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches to get 4 rows of 5 squares.



Once you have the strip rows done you will sew them to the block as a border. You will use the same technique of sewing them "around the block" as you did with the orange $1\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips. You will start with #1 and go to #4 as shown in the picture above and to the right.

I hope you had fun with this block. I had a great time making it.

