

Free DIY Jelly Roll Floor Pillow Pattern



Pattern Description:

Create a cozy, vivid **Jelly Roll Floor Pillow** using pre-cut 2½" strips for a quick, quilted project. Perfect for playrooms, reading nooks, or casual seating, this pillow combines colorful fabric strips with a sturdy muslin and batting base.

The **quilt-as-you-go (QAYG)** technique makes assembly simple, while optional closures like zippers allow easy removal and washing.

Materials You'll Need:

- **One Jelly Roll** - pre-cut 2½" fabric strips (variety of prints)
- **Muslin or solid fabric** - about 1 yard, used for the pillow lining/backing
- **Batting** - enough to cut four 24" squares (for quilting stability)
- **Pillow form or stuffing** - roughly 24" x 24" (or your preferred size)
- **Thread** - coordinating with your fabrics
- **Basic sewing supplies** - sewing machine, scissors/rotary cutter, pins, ruler, and iron

Cutting & Measurements:

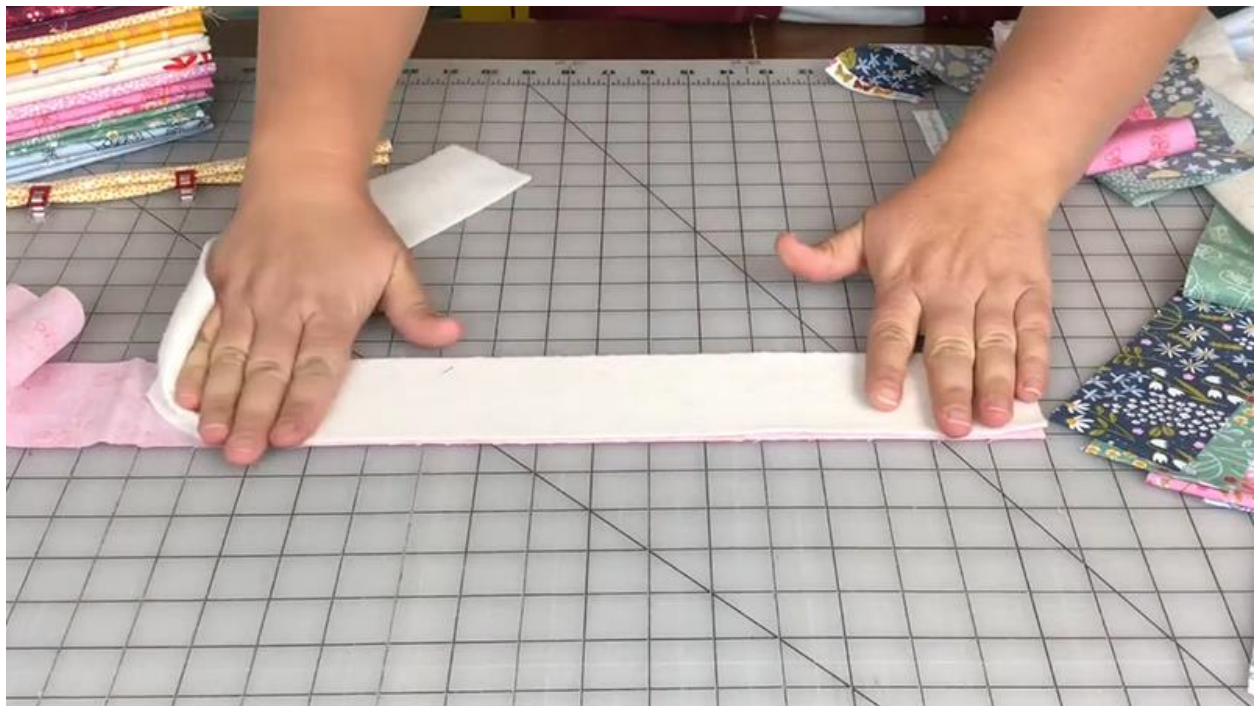
- From **batting**: Cut (4) squares measuring 24" x 24"
- From **muslin/solid fabric**: Cut (4) squares measuring 24" x 24"

- From the **jelly roll strips**: Use full strips (2½" wide) to create quilted panels for the pillow top and bottom

Abbreviations Used:

- **JRS** - Jelly Roll Strips (pre-cut 2½" fabric strips)
- **MSLN** - Muslin fabric (used for backing or lining)
- **BTNG** - Batting (used for quilt stability)
- **PF** - Pillow Form (the pillow insert)
- **RSU** - Right Side Up (fabric orientation)
- **RST** - Right Sides Together (for sewing seams)
- **SA** - Seam Allowance (space between seam line and fabric edge)
- **QAYG** - Quilt-As-You-Go (technique for sewing quilted panels)
- **ZP** - Zipper Placement (optional closure)
- **LS** - Ladder Stitch (hand-stitch used to close gaps invisibly)
- **PFILL** - Polyfill (stuffing for the pillow)

Instructions for Making the DIY Jelly Roll Floor Pillow Pattern:



Materials & Prep

To begin, gather all materials. You'll need a **jelly roll (JRS)** - pre-cut 2½" strips of assorted prints - along with **muslin (MSLN)** or solid fabric for the pillow backing, **batting (BTNG)** for quilting stability, and a **pillow form (PF)** measuring roughly 24" x 24".

Also have **coordinating thread, sewing machine, pins, scissors/rotary cutter, ruler, and iron** ready.

Cut **four squares of MSLN and BTNG**, each measuring **24" x 24"**. Keep your JRS organized for easy access. This prep ensures your project runs smoothly and keeps fabrics aligned as you sew.

Quilt-As-You-Go (QAYG) Technique

The **QAYG method** allows you to assemble the pillow top in manageable sections. Begin with one **BTNG square** as the base, layering it under one **MSLN square (RST - right sides together not needed here)**. Position a single **JRS strip** diagonally across the square **RSU (right side up)**.

Add a second strip next to it along one long edge, stitching with a **¼" SA (seam allowance)**. Press each seam open as you go.

Continue adding strips in alternating directions, maintaining a balanced color pattern, until the entire square is covered.

Repeat for the remaining three squares so you have **four fully quilted panels** - two for the top and two for the bottom of the pillow.

Squaring & Trimming

Once all strips are sewn, square up each panel by trimming edges back to **24" x 24"**, ensuring all sides are straight and even.

Proper trimming keeps the pillow neat and ensures the panels align correctly during assembly.

Assembling Pillow Top & Bottom

Place two quilted panels together **RST** and sew along one edge using a **½" SA**. Repeat with the remaining two panels.

Then, join these halves along the edges to form a complete pillow cover, leaving either a **zipper opening (ZP)** or a **gap** for inserting the pillow form.

Adding Closure

For easy removal and washing, install a **zipper (ZP)** along one edge. Alternatively, leave a 6-8" gap and insert the pillow form. Once the PF is inside, hand-stitch the gap closed with a **ladder stitch (LS)** to hide seams.

Finishing Touches

Insert the pillow form or stuff with **polyfill (PFILL)** until the pillow reaches your desired fullness. Fluff and shake to distribute the filling evenly. Press seams lightly if necessary to ensure a crisp, professional look.

By following these steps, you'll create a durable, stylish **floor pillow** entirely from jelly roll strips, perfect for cozy corners, playrooms, or decorative seating.