## Free Seaside Squares Lap Quilt Pattern



### **Pattern Description:**

The Seaside Squares Lap Quilt utilizes an easy square-in-square quilt block tutorial and is put together completely with these blocks.

This next-step project for beginner quilters comes together quickly, primarily using precut **jelly roll** strips, which are  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  x 42" fabric strips. Six jelly roll strips yield three blocks.

### **Materials Needed & Measurements:**

- **Materials:** Several jelly roll strips (depending on the desired quilt size). Six strips make 3 blocks.
- Tools & Supplies:
  - Sewing Machine and basic sewing supplies.
  - o Rotary Cutter.
  - o Rulers (including a large ruler and a **6.5-inch triangle square up ruler**).
  - o Fabric pen or Dritz Dual Purpose Marking Pen.
  - o Wonder clips.
  - Walking foot.
  - o Large cutting mat.
- Key Measurements & Dimensions:
  - o Jelly Roll Strip Measurement: 2 1/2" x 42".

- **Seam Allowance:** Use a **1/4 inch** seam allowance when sewing strips and blocks together.
- o Cut Size: The sewn jelly roll strips are cut into 6.5 inch squares.
- o Finished Block Size: Each finished block measures 11 inches.

# Instructions for Making the Seaside Squares Lap Quilt Pattern:

**Step 1: Organize and Combine Fabric Strips** 



First, separate the fabric strips and choose how they should be lined up. Next, sew the jelly roll strips together in sets of three. Ensure a **1/4 inch seam allowance** is used when sewing the strips together. After sewing, press the seams flat.

**Step 2: Trim and Cut into Squares** 



Once the three strips are sewn together, trim the edges on one side. Then, cut the continuous piece of sewn jelly roll strips into **6.5 inch squares**. If you use a single set of three strips (two colored and one white), this process will yield six 6.5-inch blocks.

**Step 3: Make Half Square Triangles (HSTs)** 



This step transforms the 6.5-inch squares into HST units.

- Take two squares and line them up, placing the right sides of the fabric together.
- Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the squares using a fabric pen.
- Sew the two squares together with a straight stitch **1/4 inch** on each side of the drawn line.
- Cut the square in half precisely along the diagonal line that was drawn.
- Open the newly formed squares.
- Press the seams flat and trim any extra fabric.

Note that if a white strip was included in the initial three-strip set, the results of this cutting will yield three white-edged squares and three patterned squares. If you desire a full block with white edges and a full block with colored edges, you must repeat the process with three more jelly roll strips.

**Step 4: Repeat and Arrange the Units** 



You will need to repeat the previous steps multiple times, repeating the process at least 6 to 10 more times to create enough blocks for a quilt. Once you have created enough individual HST units, decide how you want to arrange them. The arrangement of the squares offers many possible looks, depending on the fabric choices.

### **Step 5: Create the Final Block**

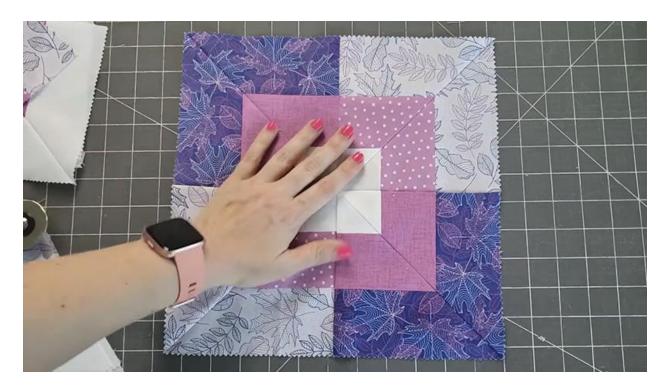


#### Once the four fabric squares (HST units) are lined up in the desired arrangement:

- Sew the top two blocks together.
- Sew the bottom two blocks together.
- Use a 1/4 inch seam allowance for these stitches.
- Line up the two resulting rows and sew them together to form the final block.
- Press the seams flat.

Each completed block measures 11 inches finished.

**Step 6: Assemble the Quilt Top** 



After all the necessary blocks are assembled, they are joined to complete the quilt top. Sew the finished 11-inch blocks together to form rows. Then, sew the rows together to complete the quilt top.

**Step 7: Finish the Quilt** 



The final step is to finish the quilt as normal, which includes adding batting, backing, and binding. Alternatively, the option of sending the quilt out to be professionally quilted.