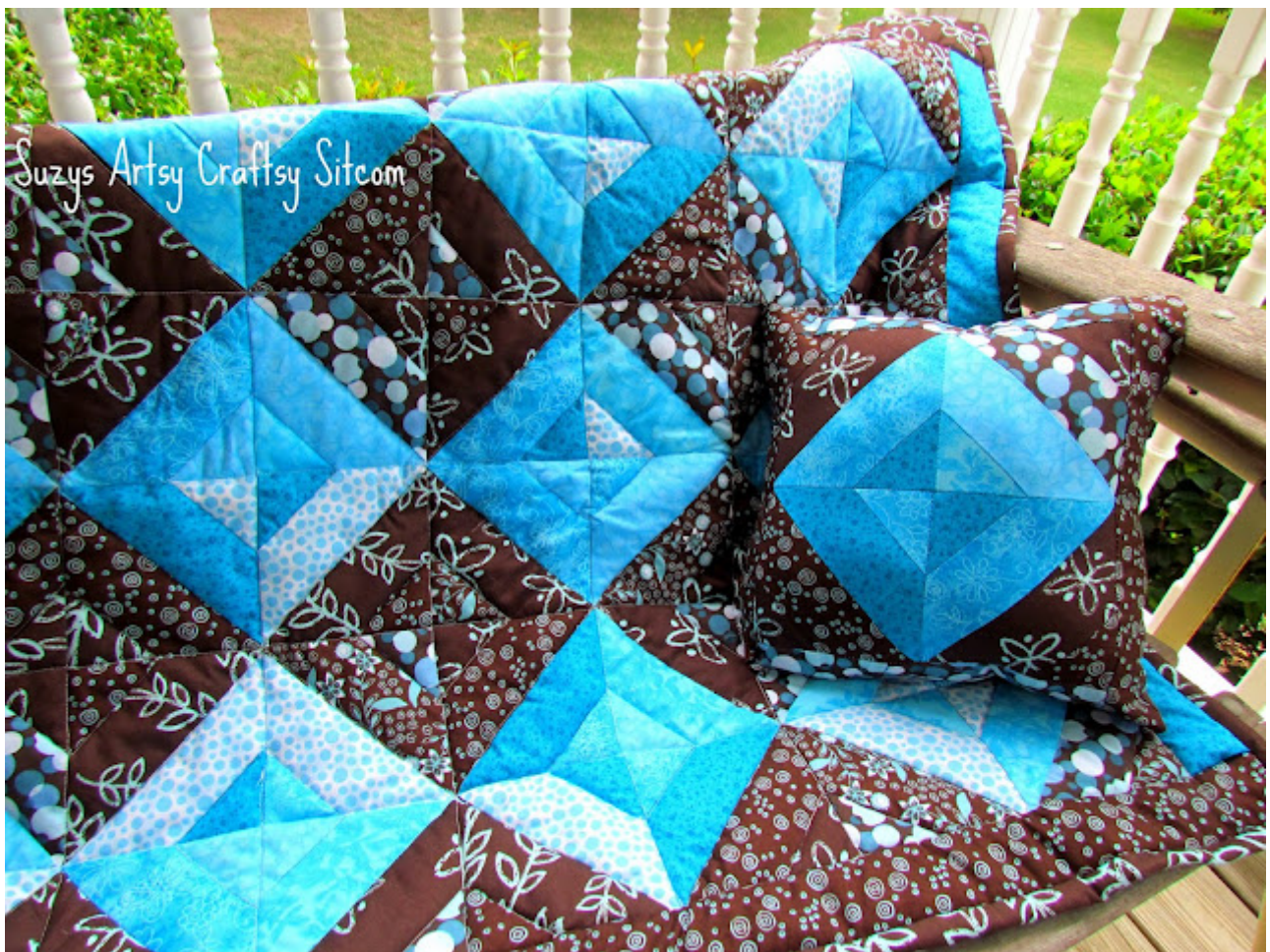


# Summer Jewels Beginner Quilt Pattern Series- Lesson One

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We are right in the middle of summer, and you probably aren't thinking a lot about **quilting**. But I have a **quilt pattern** for you that would be perfect for the **beginning quilter**. A quilt that you can piece in one afternoon! Have any young teens sitting around without much to do? Now is the time to teach them something new! And create a wonderful keepsake that you can look back on for years to come.



For this pattern I want to present to you a simple quilting tutorial using pre-cut strip fabric called Jelly Rolls. A Jelly Roll consists of 10 carefully selected fabrics in light, medium and dark values-in this case 5 Brown fabrics, and 5 Teal/Turquoise fabrics . Each strip is die cut for pinpoint accuracy, 2.5" x width of the fabric or 42/44" approximate.

Want to know how to make it?

In the next four weeks, I will be posting a series of tutorials that will walk you through the process of creating this quilt. All you need is the fabric!

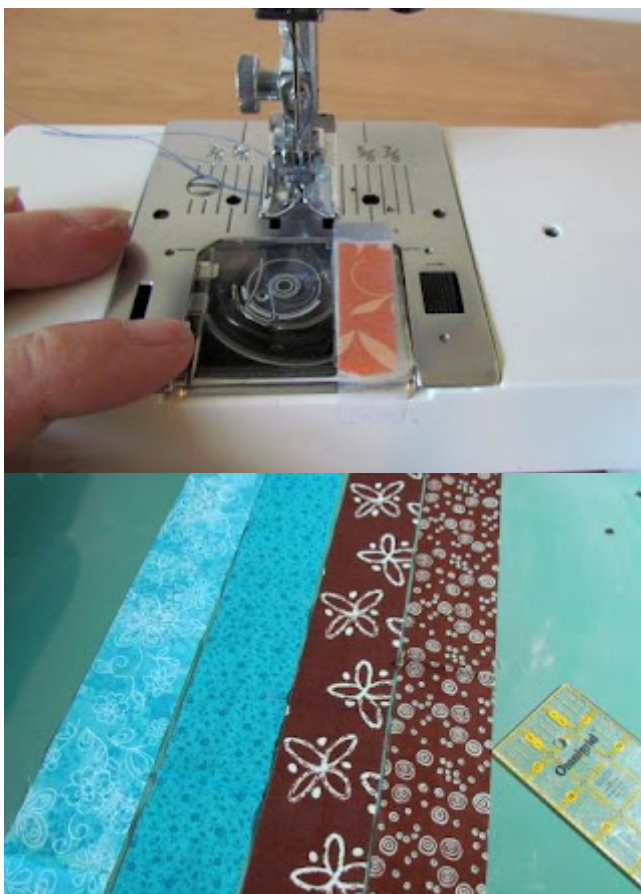
## Lesson 1- Summer Jewels Quilt (Piecing the Blocks)

You will need:

- One Jelly Roll pack (20 strips of 2.5" wide fabric)  
20 strips will make approximately 45 blocks. You will need 42 blocks for this pattern.
- Rotary Cutter
- Ruler
- Sewing Machine and thread
- Iron



Start by separating out your colors. My jelly roll contains 10 teal strips and 10 brown strips. For this project, half the block is teal and half is brown. Select two teal strips and two brown strips.



You will be sewing 1/4" seams. In order to get even seams, I suggest that you place a marker on your sewing machine. I used a strip of paper and taped it down 1/4" to the right of the needle. If you follow this marker as you sew, you should have perfect 1/4" seams.

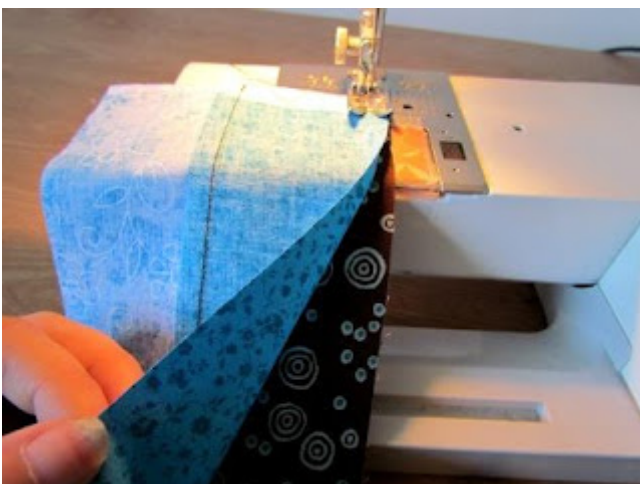




Take your two teal strips and place them right sides together and sew along the entire length.



Press your strips, pressing the seam to one side. Sew the two brown strips together (right sides together) and then press them.

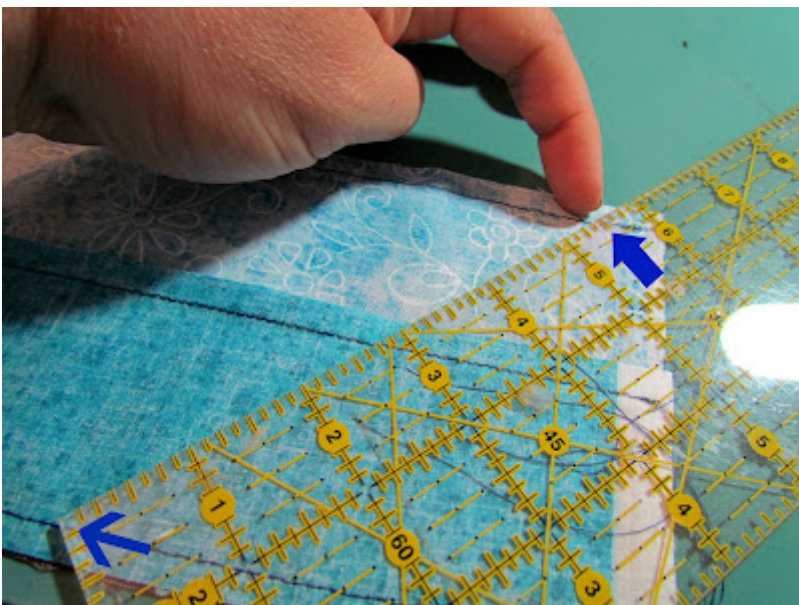




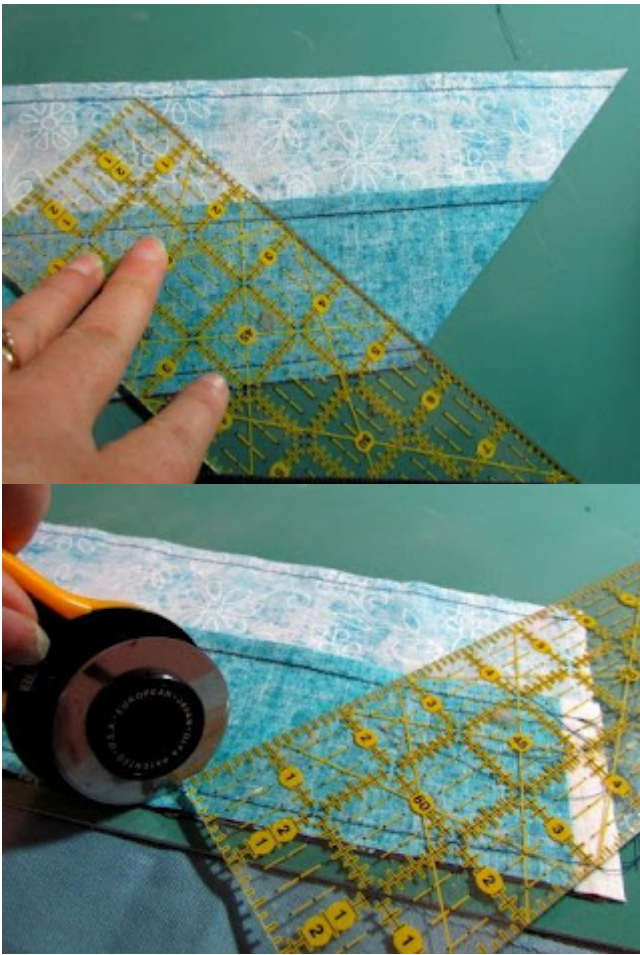
Now place the two teal strips over the two brown strips (right sides together) and sew a 1/4" seam down the length of one side, sewing the brown to the teal



Then flip it over and sew another 1/4" seam down the other side, creating a tube.



Lay your ruler at an angle so that the 5 1/2" mark is at the top seam and the 0 mark is at the bottom seam.



Use the rotary cutter to cut along the angle of the ruler. Then place the ruler with the 0 mark at the top seam and the 5 1/2" mark at the bottom seam and using the rotary cutter, cut along that angle.



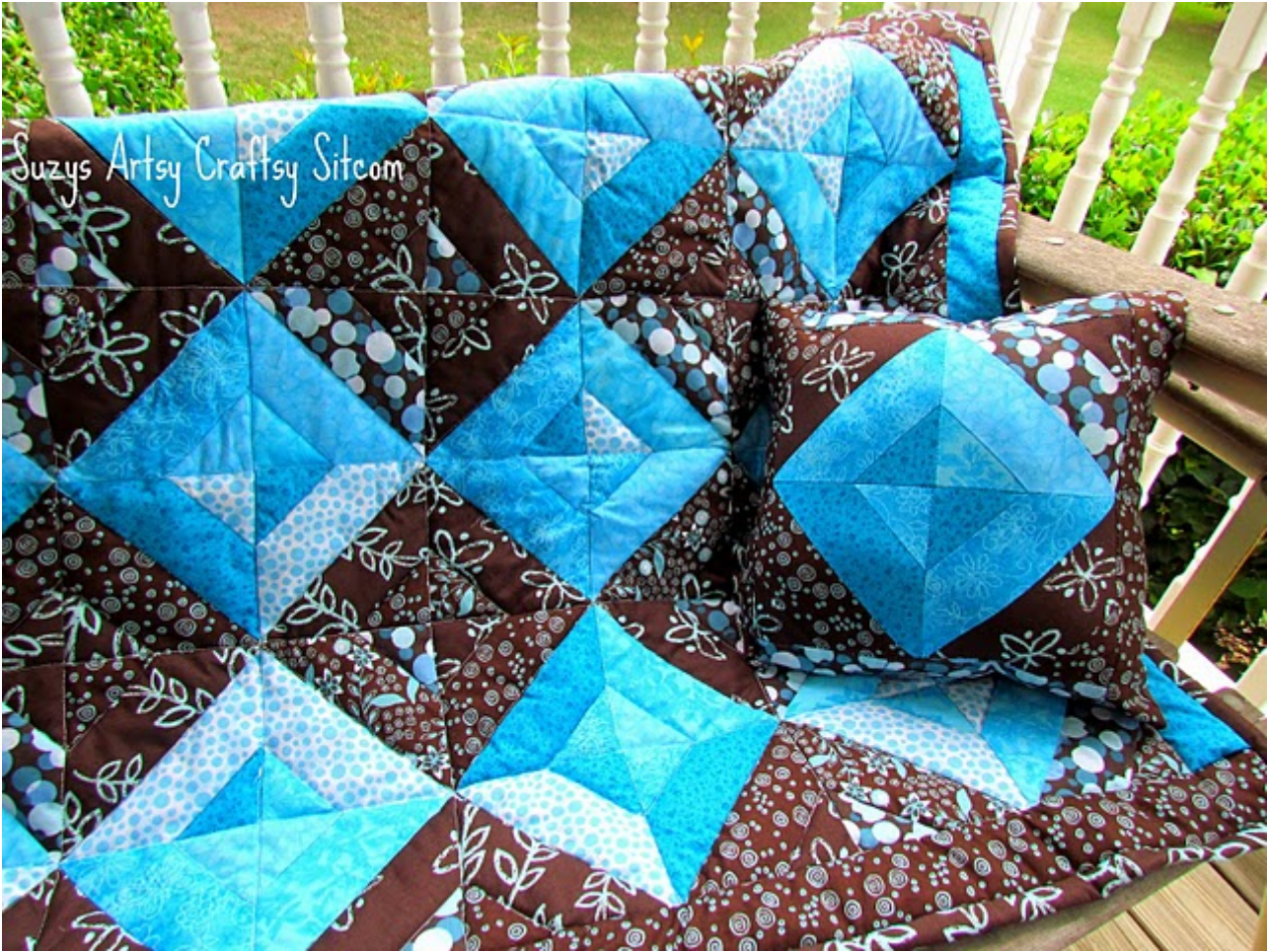
Open it up, and you have a perfect 5 1/2" block!

Continue cutting the rest of the length of your tube, alternating the ruler as shown above to create additional blocks. You should be able to get at least 9 blocks out of one set of strips.



Sew another set of four strips together as shown at the beginning of this tutorial and repeat the process. For this quilt, you will need to make 42 blocks. You will use a total of 20 strips. Press all blocks when completed.

Want to learn how to make a **beautiful quilt**? This simple **quilt pattern** is easy enough for beginners! What an amazing gift! This is lesson number two: **How to sew the top together**. You can also refer to lesson number one: [Cutting and Piecing the Quilt Blocks](#).



## Summer Jewels Quilt

### Lesson 2- Sewing the top together

(Please follow this link for [Lesson 1](#))







As you can see, just by turning your blocks at different angles, you can come up with all kinds of ways of putting them together. For Summer Jewels Quilt<sup>©</sup>, we are putting the blocks together as shown in the first photo.





Begin with the first row of blocks, sewing them with right sides together and matching the seams, piece the first row.



Sew each row, matching the seams as best as you can. Press each row with a hot iron, pressing the seams to one side.



Then sew each row together, right sides together, matching the seams. Press.







For the sashing: With right sides together, sew one strip to each side of the quilt top. Add your strips one at a time, pressing the seam out and then clipping off the excess fabric. Then adding on the next strip.



The quilt top is now complete! You have graduated from the piecing of the top and are ready for the next step. Quilting!



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### Lesson 3- Quilting

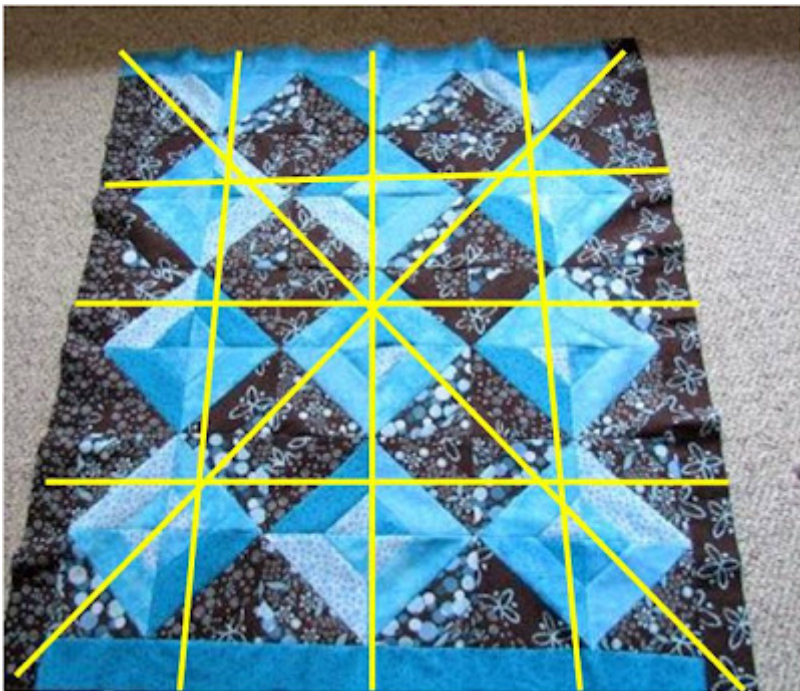
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Cut a piece of fabric for your backing that is at least 3" wider on each side than your quilt top.

Cut a piece of batting the same size as the backing. Then create a "sandwich" by laying the backing wrong side up, then the batting, then the quilt top (right side up) on top.



Baste all three layers of your quilt sandwich together. I hand sew using stitches that are about 4" long. I follow the general pattern shown above. Some quilters use safety pins, but for some it is easier not to have to fool with pins while quilting the layers together. These stitches take very little time and are easily removed later.





Look carefully here, and you can see the basting stitches in place.



For this pattern, we are “quilting in the ditch”. In other words, we are quilting in the seams. Start in the center of your quilt and work out to the edges. This is important as quilting causes the fabric to draw up and you want it to be evenly distributed. Increase your stitch length on your machine. Sew forward two stitches, back two stitches and then sew forward again. This will lock your thread in place.



When you get to the end of a row, sew back and forth again to lock the thread before clipping it.



With a quilt this size, machine quilting can be done in just an afternoon. When quilt has all been quilted, the back should look something like this. At this point, clip all the excess threads and then clip and pull out your basting stitches.