



The Giving Quilt, Inc.

Saturday, September 17, 2011

9AM – 2PM

at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

12663 Perkins Rd, Baton Rouge

Jelly Roll 1600!

This event is sponsored by The Giving Quilt to benefit wounded soldiers. Quilts of Valor is unable to fill 150 requests for quilts for wounded soldiers per month. You can help fill that need through your participation in the Jelly Roll 1600! This is going to be a fun-filled day. Lunch will be provided and there will be lots of door prizes. Contact Candy Bergeron at 225-936-2238 or candy.bergeron@gmail.com for more information.

How it works.....

First you need a jelly roll. A jelly roll is 40 - 2½ inch wide coordinated fabrics cut from selvage to selvage. You can provide your own or request one be provided when you sign up.

Warm Up Lap:

Sew all 2 1/2" strips on a diagonal into one long strip as if you were sewing binding together. An example of joining strips on the diagonal can be found on you tube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZR6ls_IsIo. If you do not want to sew on the diagonal, you can join the strips end to end.

This is called the warm up lap because it must be completed before the "race" begins. St. Margaret's will be open at 9AM if you would like to join your strips at that time. You can also sew them at home before the day of the "race".

Before the Green Flag Drops...

DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP... From one end, cut off 18" of the sewn together strip and throw it away. This will randomize the location of the diagonal seams throughout the quilt. (Do not really throw it away. It can be used to second line around the room or given to Wasted Women or Granny Hugs)

Green Flag = GO!

At 10:30 AM the Green Flag will be waved and the sewing machines will be revved and running. You will need to be set up and ready to sew at that time. Do not forget to bring your sewing machine, thread, scissors and extensions cord.

Find the beginning and ending of the 1,600" long strip. Placing each of the ends right sides together, start sewing. This will be the longest seam. When the end is reached, cut the jelly roll strip apart and finish the seam.

Pit Stop #1

The strip is now 800" long. No need to press; it can all be done at the end.

Lap #2

Locate the beginning and end of the 800" strip and start sewing them together. When the end is reached, cut the jelly roll strip apart and finish the seam.

Lap #3 – 5

Repeat the same process a total of five times! Each "lap" will take half the time to sew as the lap before!

Press all seams the same direction and trim sides even. Borders are totally optional.