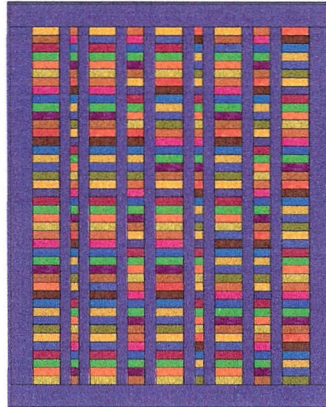


ABOUT CHINESE COIN QUILTS



All borders and columns don't have to be equal



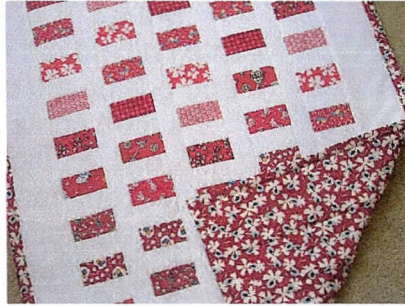
You can make two stacks into a large block. This quilt has about 20 such blocks, with alternate blocks rotated 90°



This quilt uses 27 stacks the same size – 3 sashed stacks are in each large block, and the 9 large blocks are laid out like a Rail Fence.



You can make Rainbow Chinese Coins



You can cut charm squares in half, sew to white strips, then add sashing and borders



You can stack evenly



or not evenly



or maybe add narrow sashing

JELLY ROLL CHINESE COINS QUILT ~58" x 72"

SUPPLIES:

Coins and binding: (1) jelly roll of 40 strips

Column sashing and borders:

2 yds (in one piece) complementary fabric, usually a solid or tone-on-tone that stands out against the "coins."

Batting: at least 66" x 80"

Backing: at least 66" x 80"

STEP 1: From your jelly roll, select 32 strips for the coins and the rest (7 or 8) for the scrappy binding. Set aside the binding strips and move your coin strips to the cutting board.

NOTE: Since jelly rolls are strips from an entire fabric line, there are usually 5 to 7 strips that are much lighter than the rest. Decide if you want to use these as a light binding against or to put dashes of light throughout your coin stacks.

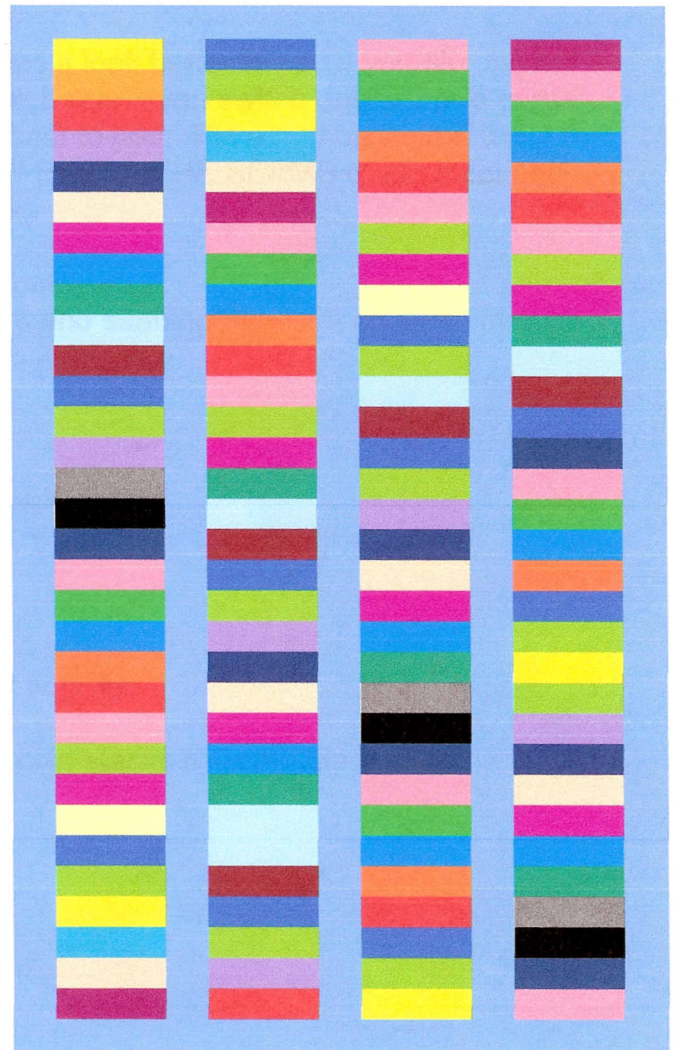


ILLUSTRATION NOT TO SCALE

STEP 2: Trim the selvage from one short edge of a coin strip. Cut the trimmed strip into (4) sections, each 10" long, and place these strips on your work table to "start" four stacks of strips.

STEP 3: Repeat Step 2 with the remaining coin strips. You should have four identical stacks of 32 "coin" strips.

STEP 4: MIX UP THE FABRICS IN EACH STACK. An easy way to do this is to leave the first stack "as is" and start mixing with the second stack. Just as you would cut a deck of cards, select a portion of strips from the top of the second stack and move these to the bottom of the stack – then do the same for the other two stacks, selecting a different portion of strips from the top.

STEP 5: Sew the first stack strips together, in order, along the long edge. Align your pieces carefully before stitching to ensure straight edges along the strips' short sides. Be careful not to pull your fabric as you feed your strips to avoid a curve or bend in your column. You'll end up with a column of 32 "coins." DO NOT PRESS SEAMS YET. Repeat for the other three stacks.

STEP 6: Lay your four stacks side-by-side. Does it look better to you if you flip one or more of the columns bottom-to-top? Does it look better if you switch one or more of the columns? Play with your columns until it looks best to you. Pin a number to the top coin of each stack to show the final order. **NOW PRESS THE SEAMS** of each column towards the bottom coin. Set the columns aside.

STEP 7: From your sashing and border fabric, cut:

(5) strips $4\frac{1}{2} \times 64$ – for left and right side borders and sashing between coin columns

(2) strips $4\frac{1}{2} \times 59$ – for top and bottom border

STEP 8:

- a. Sew sashing to right and left of Coin Stack 1
- b. Sew sashing to right of Coin Stack 2
- c. Sew sashing to right of Coin Stack 3
- d. Sew sashing to right of Coin Stack 4

STEP 9: Connect the coin stacks to each other in order.

STEP 10: Sew top and bottom border strips to coin stacks to complete the top.

JELLY ROLL CHINESE COINS – UNEVEN COIN STACKS

Quilt size 60"x70" without sashing or borders



This block finishes at 10"x10"
Each block is unique because
you decide how evenly (or not)
the coins are stacked.

SUPPLIES (for 42 blocks: 7 rows of 6 blocks):

1 jelly roll of 40 strips PLUS 2 strips 2 1/2" x 40+"
subcut each strip into (5) 8" pieces

2 1/4 yds white fabric, subcut into
33 strips, 2 1/2" x WOF, then subcut into
420 rectangles 2 1/2" x 3"

Binding – 280" of binding strips

Batting – at least 70" x 80"

Backing – at least 70" x 80"

GET STARTED!

Sew one white rectangle to each short edge of your
jelly roll rectangles; press towards the focus fabric.



This has optional narrow
sashing between blocks.
Our block's white background
creates an uneven sashing
to complement the uneven
stacking.



ASSEMBLE THE BLOCK: Each block needs five different fabrics



1. Arrange your stack – **DO NOT LINE UP ANY OF THE SEAMS** and don't worry about matching them when you sew the rows together.

2. Sew your stack together as you have arranged it.



3. Trim your block to 10½" square, making sure there is at least 1/2 inch of background on each side of the focus fabric strips.