

**Serendipity
Supply List**

A Quick-Strip Paper Piecing Workshop
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The Serendipity block is one of the easiest patterns to paper piece using the Quick-Strip Method. Even beginners are able to make this pattern quickly and easily. It also offers many design possibilities, many of which can be viewed on my website (above); just click on workshops, then scroll down to the Serendipity workshop and click on it to see many different setting options.

The quilt at left uses 16 individual 6" Serendipity units; and is 34 1/2" x 34 1/2" with suggested borders.

Supplies:

- Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
- Sewing machine, with extension table if you have one, and basic sewing supplies: pins, seam ripper, etc.
- Open-toed (satin stitch) foot (if you have it) plus your regular foot for 1/4" seams
- Iron and ironing surface (these can be shared) plus a small piece of muslin for each ironing surface
- Size 80/12 or 90/14 sewing machine needles and neutral colored thread to match your project
- Fabric scissors, and paper scissors or old rotary cutter and blade for cutting out paper patterns
- A small paper bag for trimmings

Fabrics: 100% cotton recommended. Prewash (optional) and spray starch fabric before cutting strips. The spray starch helps to stabilize the grain for paper-piecing.

There are many ways to color these blocks; the background areas and colors below are just one suggestion. Again, see examples on my website, or refer to my book *Quick-Strip Paper Piecing*, pages 26, 32, 33, 87 and 88 for color ideas and ideas for combining Serendipity with other blocks. If opting to set with other blocks, bring blocks along to the workshop as well.

Yardage below is for 16 individual units (four 12" blocks). The numbers of the areas below correspond to the picture of the Serendipity 6" unit shown below at right. Cut strips before class, if possible for more sewing time. BRING ALONG ALL LEFTOVER FABRIC IN CASE YOU NEED AN EXTRA STRIP.

Note: All strips are cut from selvage to selvage (about 40" long)

Background (areas 3, 5, 6, 8): 1 yard

- Cut into: 7 strips 2 1/2" for areas 3 and 6
- 6 strips 1 3/4" for areas 5 and 8

Color 1 (area 1): 3/8 yard

- Cut into: 4 strips 2 1/4" for area 1

Color 2 (area 2): 3/8 yard

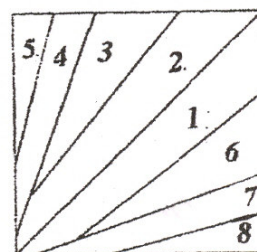
- Cut into: 4 strips 2 1/4" for area 2

Color 3 (area 4): 3/8 yard

- Cut into: 4 strips 1 3/4" for area 4

Color 4: (area 7): 3/8 yard

- Cut into: 4 strips 1 3/4" for area 7



Serendipity 6" unit

Suggested borders (as shown in above 4-block quilt)

- Accent border, cut 4 strips 1 3/4" 1/4 yard**
- Wide border, cut 4 strips 4 1/2" 5/8 yard**

Binding: 3/8 yard

Backing: 1 1/8 yard