

Serendipity

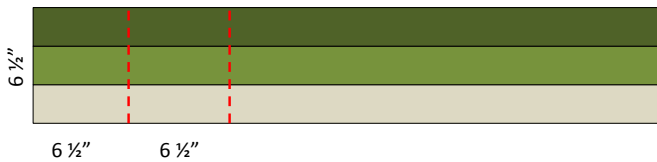
You can watch a tutorial by the Missouri Star Quilt Company here: <http://quiltingtutorials.com/quilt-projects/serendipity-quilt-2-quilts-price-1/> You get 2 blocks from one cut!

FABRIC:

You will use three strips (light, medium and dark) and 5" contrasting color charm squares of a particular color to make these blocks. In this quilt I used light, medium and dark of jungle-type prints and various 5" batik squares of various green and blue/green.

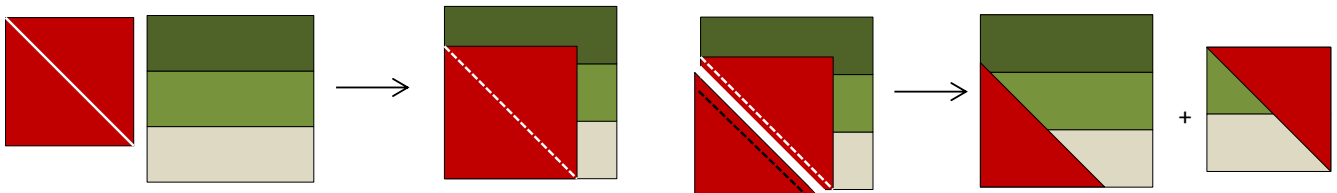
DIRECTIONS:

1. Sew three 2 1/2" x Width of Fabric strips together (light-medium-dark) or (light-dark-medium) – whatever you prefer.
2. Cut strip sets into blocks (measure the height of the 3 strips and then cut your block that width) – should be about 6 1/2" but it depends on your seam allowance.
3. REMEMBER: When you start to sew 5" squares on the 6 1/2" square strip sets, they MUST all be in the same direction as pictured.

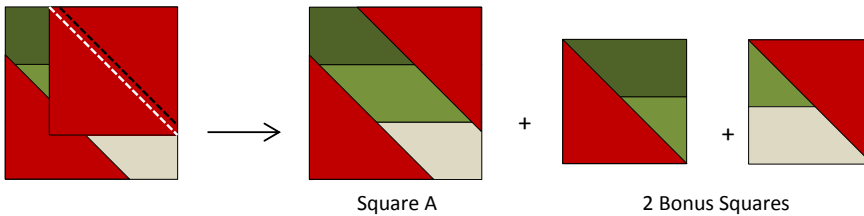


Cut six – 6 1/2" sections from each strip set. 2 identical strip sets (12 sections) will make 3 Block A's.

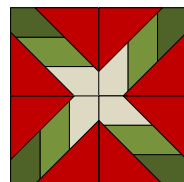
4. Sew a 5" square on the diagonal to the opposite corners of each 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" section. Here's how: Draw a pencil line diagonally across 5" square. This will be your first sewing line. Then, draw another pencil line a scant 1/2" from the diagonal pencil line. This will be your second sewing line. Sew along the diagonal line (white dashed line). Without cutting the thread, flip block and sew in the opposite direction on the 2nd pencil line (black dashed line). Carefully cut blocks apart between sewing lines. Press each open and set smaller block aside.



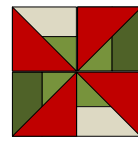
5. Add another 5" square to the opposite corner of the block by following the same instructions as in Step 4. You will end up with Square A plus two bonus squares! Combine 4 "Square A's" to create "Block A".



6. Finished blocks:



Block A
12 1/2" unfinished

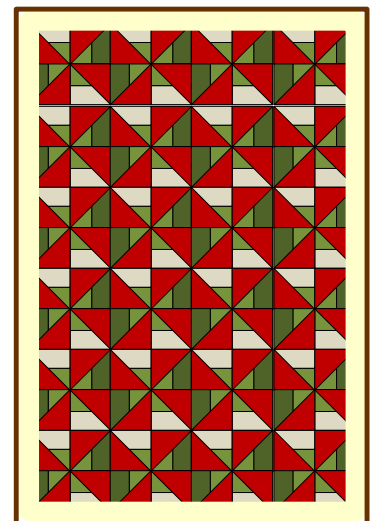


Block B
Approx. 8"-8-1/2" unfinished

Combining 4 bonus squares together makes Block B: 24 "B" blocks (6 rows of 4 blocks each or 96 bonus squares) will make this quilt.



To make this 12 block quilt plus the bonus quilt (below) you will need:
 8 – 2 1/2" x WOF strips (light)
 8 – 2 1/2" x WOF strips (medium)
 8 – 2 1/2" x WOF strips (dark)
 96 – 5" squares of various shades/prints of a particular color.
 5 – 3 1/2" x WOF border fabric (side borders will be pieced).
 1/2 yard binding
 Batting and backing approx.. (42" x 54")



Bonus Quilt