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Serendipity Quilt (and Bonus Quilt) Instructions

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Serendipity Quilt (first quilt featured in the video)

This is what you'll need:

- One Jelly roll that has a dark, medium and light color way. The video features Count Down to Christmas by Sweetwater for Moda Fabrics.
 - 4 - 1/4 yard cuts of reds for the corners, which you need to cut into 5" squares (or you can use a solid red charm pack).
 - 1/3 yard for the inner border
 - 1/2 yard for the outer border.
 - 1/2 yard for binding.
1. To make the block sew three strips together from the jelly roll (one light, one medium, and one dark). You will end up with a strip-set that is about 44" long and approximately 6.5" wide (be sure to measure). Now take this long strip and cut as many squares as possible (each square will measure approx. 6.5" x 6.5").
 2. Lay all the squares you just cut in a stack with the light strip of each square on the bottom.
 3. Take your red 5" squares and iron a crease on the diagonal. This will be your sewing line.
 4. Lay your 5" red square on the bottom right corner of your strip-square (that you made in step 1) and sew on the crease that you ironed in step three (remember to keep your light strip to the bottom).
 5. Immediately flip the block around and sew a generous 1/4" to 1/2" seam right next to the seam you sewed in step four (toward the outside corner of the block).
 6. Now repeat steps 3 to 5 on the opposite corner of the block.
 7. Make a straight cut in between the seams on both corners of the block. What you end up with is three blocks total. You will have one large block that you will use to make the first quilt, and two small blocks that you will use to make your second quilt.
 8. Press open the corners on the large block.
 9. Once you have completed all your large blocks, you will sew them together in rows matching your light corners to light corners and darks to darks. This will create the star look. You will find that you can actually lay the blocks out in a few different ways that are all cute and fun. 😊
 10. To finish the quilt, add a 2 1/2" inner border and a 4" outer border.

Serendipity Bonus Quilt (second quilt featured in the video)

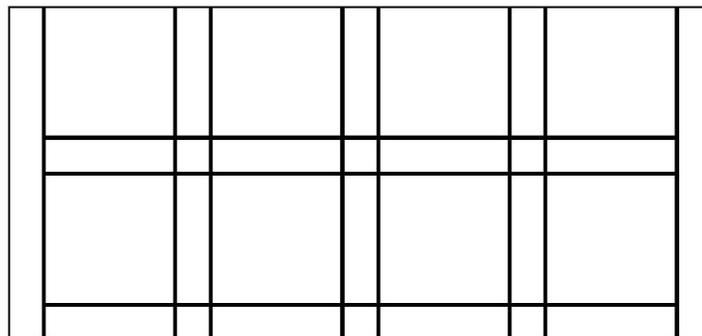
For this quilt you will only need additional sashing and border fabric as your blocks are already made.

This is what you'll need:

- For sashing and corner blocks you can use leftover jelly roll strips, or a 3/4 yard of fabric
- 1/2 yard for the 4" outer borders.
- All the small squares created in step 7 above.

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1. Gather the squares that you cut off in step #7 above.
2. Square up your blocks, laying out four at a time to form a double pinwheel (you can see how this is done in the video tutorial). Sew the blocks together.
3. Sash in between each block with a 2.5" strip that measures the length of your block. For the next row you'll join a 2.5" strip that measures the length of your block with a 2.5" cornerstone. Alternate strips and squares to create the sashing between your blocks. (please see illustration below).
4. Add the 4" border and then bind and quilt!



Corner Blocks