

# Easy Peasy Sneaky Tricks

The funny thing about piecing is that it's the little **tricks** that add up to really **great quilts**. While "Precision Piecing" sounds so stuffy and persnickity, that's exactly what we'll be learning in this class. You'll learn tons of **slick tricks** that make piecing **fun and easy!**

## The Supply List

Don't sweat the fabric choices for this little gem. The techniques you'll learn are more important than producing a perfect quilt.

### Fabric Requirements

$\frac{3}{8}$  yard Background Fabric

$\frac{3}{8}$  yard Large Star Fabric

$\frac{1}{3}$  yard Medium 1 Fabric (Center & Binding)

1 Fat Quarter Medium 2 Fabric

### Notion Requirements

Sewing machine in good working order  
insert a fresh 70/10 Sharps needle  
attach the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot

Don't forget the power cord!

Good quality cotton thread

I love MasterPiece by Superior

Rotary cutter with a new blade, ruler and mat  
( $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square rulers  
recommended)

Spray sizing

I prefer "Magic Sizing"

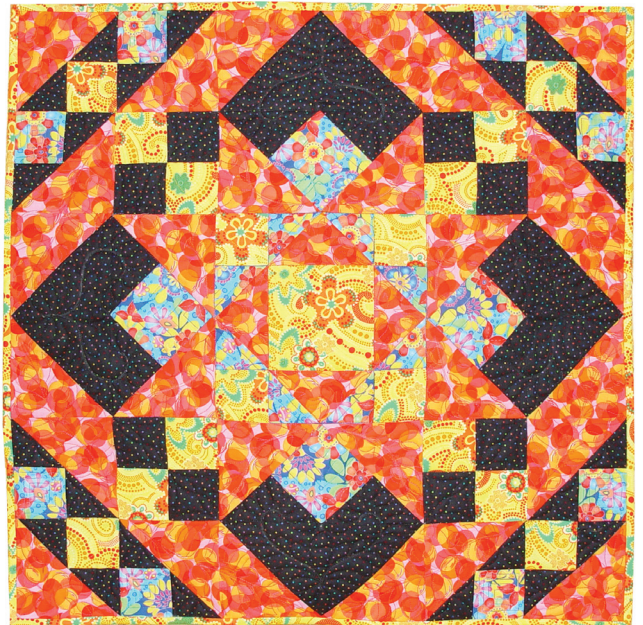
Basic sewing supplies

Scissors, seam ripper, pins

Pencil or marking pen

7 one-quart size zip lock type bags  
labeled one through seven

One ironing station per four students



### Before Class

Please cut and sew the following strips and shapes and place them in the bags as indicated. **Bring the scraps to class!**



**Background Fabric**

Cut one strip  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " X WOF (Width of Fabric)

Cut one  $9\frac{1}{4}$ " square, place in Bag 2

From the remainder, cut two  $5\frac{1}{4}$ " squares,  
place in Bag 1

From the remaining strip

Cut two  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strips and a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Set these  
aside for preclass sewing.

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### Large Star Fabric

Cut one strip  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x WOF (Width of Fabric)

Cut into eight  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares, draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each square, place 4 in Bag 2 and in Bag 4.

Cut one strip  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF

Cut six  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, place in Bag 5.

Cut one  $5\frac{1}{4}$ " square, place in Bag 2

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### Medium 1 Fabric (Center & Binding)

Cut one strip  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF

Cut it in half to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22"

From one half strip, cut four  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, place these in Bag 3

Set the remaining strips aside for preclass sewing.

Cut one strip  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF

Cut one  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square, Place in Bag 3.

Cut the remaining strip into two 2" strips for the binding

Cut one more 2" x WOF, place all three binding strips in Bag 7.

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### Medium 2 Fabric

Cut one strip  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x 22"

Cut four  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares, mark the diagonal on the wrong sides and place in Bag 2

Cut one strip  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22"

Set aside for preclass sewing.

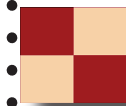
Cut one  $6\frac{3}{4}$ " square, place in Bag 1

A little work at home will allow us to get as much teaching time into the class as possible.

### Pre-class sewing

One strip  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 25" of Background Fabric

One strip  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22" of Medium 1 Fabric



### Make Four-patches

Sew the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Background Fabric and Medium 1 Fabric strips using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Press the seam away from the Background Fabric.

Cut into eight  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide segments.

Sew the segments together. Press the seams to one side.

The four-patches should measure  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

### Put these blocks into Bag 6.

Two  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 25" Background Fabric segments

One  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12" Medium 1 Fabric segment

One  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22" Medium 2 Fabric segment

### A little more sewing

Sew the Medium 1 Fabric strip and Background Fabric strips together lengthwise. Repeat with the Medium 2 and remaining Background Fabric strip. No worries, the Background fabric is supposed to be wider! Press the seam away from the Background Fabric.

Cut these strip sets into  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " segments. You'll need four segments with the Medium 1 Fabric and eight segments with the Medium 2 Fabric.

### Put these segments into Bag 5.

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