

# Designing with Strips and Curves

## Lines and Curves: Basic Workshop Supply List for a 36" x 36" wall hanging

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If you plan to work with prints and solids instead of strip sets:

- 20 – 25 fat quarters of different fabrics

If you plan to work with strip sets, first review "[Into the Strata-sphere](#)" for guidance on fabric selection and constructing your strip sets. Construction of your strip sets should be completed before class so that you don't fall behind in class:

- 1 – 1½ yards of focus fabric
- 1/4 – 1/3 yard of 17-20 different fabrics that coordinate with your focus fabric

IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO **HEAVILY** STARCH AND PRESS YOUR FABRIC BEFORE CLASS. **PRESS!** DON'T IRON. YOU ARE STABILIZING THE FABRIC BEFORE CUTTING AND THIS STEP WILL MINIMIZE THE STRETCHING THAT OCCURS ON CURVED/BIAS EDGES. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROCESS TO ACHIEVE SUCCESSFUL CURVED SEAMS. When I use spray starch, I spray and PRESS fabric 3-4 times. If using yardage, I mix StayFlo liquid starch with an equal amount of water. Dip the fabric in the starch+water mixture until it is wet. Squeeze out the excess and toss it in the dryer. Then PRESS.

- Strips 'n Curves Basic Set templates (available at [stripsandcurves.com](http://stripsandcurves.com) and in class for \$39.95+tax)
- Sewing machine in good working order – don't forget your manual, electric cord, and pedal!
- If you have a knee lift bring it - it's very helpful
- 1/4" foot is a must (or your favorite way to assure 1/4" seams)
- Basic sewing supplies (scissors, seam ripper, pins, extra machine needles, etc.)
- Fine pins
- Glue pen with a few refills
- Neutral thread and several that coordinate with your fabric choices
- Extra bobbin(s)
- 28mm rotary cutter with new blade – the smaller size cuts curves sooooo much better than a 45mm
- Medium size cutting mat. If you have a rotating mat, bring that one. It makes cutting curves much easier.
- 6"x12" and 6"x18" rulers
- Fine point Sharpie marker
- Heat resistant** template plastic (sheets of Dritz heat resistant template plastic will be available in class for \$4+tax)
- Iron and ironing surface if there is sufficient space and workshop sponsor permits individual irons
- Foam core or flannel covered board to use as a design wall

### Helpful but not required

- Value finder/viewer, if you have one
- Louisa Smith's book "Strips and Curves: A New Spin on Strip Piecing," if you already own it

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