

## In a Nut Shell

Level of Experience: Beginner to Advanced

Approximate Finished Size: 55 x 70  
11 blocks wide by 14 long

Learn a fool-proof way to cut and sew curves!  
Each block will be different from one to the next with little extras goodies created and tucked in the middle. This class is so much fun - once you start making these blocks, it's hard to stop! Come ready to experiment and learn new exciting piecing techniques to create your own design. I encourage you to check out the fabric requirements and bring along extra 12" squares of colors you love. I used batiks for the deep colors that appear as a solid from a distance.

**Fabric Tips:** Fabric that appears as a solid from a distance will work well for the blocks. Choose contrasting colors for the blocks in a variety of values as listed below. I used several black prints as well as green, blue, gold, gray and shades of red. Lay your choices out and make sure you have a good balance of dark, medium and light values. Purchase yardage or build your quilt "by the block", see fabric requirements below.



### Supplies

Pattern: In a Nut Shell by Karla Alexander

Sewing Machine in good working order

Basic rotary cutting and sewing supplies

Square Ruler, 9 1/2" or larger

OPTIONAL: 2 yards flannel for design wall

\* OPTIONAL: Circle Savvy Ruler by Creative Grids IF YOU WANT PERFECT ARCS.

I USED THE RULER FOR SOME OF THE BLOCKS AND CUT THE OTHERS FREE-STYLE.

\* If you plan on using templates, bring 1 yard of freezer wrap paper for templates.

### Fabric

Yardage for the Blocks:

3/8 yard each of up to 5 different dark values

3/8 yard each of up to 5 different medium values

3/8 yard each of up to 4 different light value

2 fat quarters of one medium light value and one dark value

-OR By the Piece

A variety of 40 squares, 12" x 12" each

3 1/2 yards fabric for the backing

1/2 yard fabric for binding

**PLEASE PRE-CUT FABRIC FOR BLOCKS PRIOR TO CLASS**

Cut a variety of squares, 12" x 12" from each color group. The remaining squares can be cut in class.

You are welcome to view the finished quilt on my web site at [www.saginawstreetquilts.com](http://www.saginawstreetquilts.com) or email me with any questions at [karlaalexander@mac.com](mailto:karlaalexander@mac.com). My books, patterns and specialty rulers are all available on my web site.