

**Workshop Name: Sunset Strip Sweatshirt Jacket by Jerri McKee  
(Full Day Class)**

**Workshop Description:**

Is this jacket really made from a sweatshirt? This is the most commonly asked question at the Moonlight Design booth. The answer is: Yes! This beautiful jacket uses the sweatshirt for the jacket base and the pattern pieces. If you have never made a jacket this is the perfect beginner class and if you are an expert Jerri will find something a little more challenging for you to add to your jacket. Fitting instructions will be covered also. Bring note-taking material because Jerri has a wealth of information on wearable art and proclaims to know just about every short cut around!

**Kits for the jacket will be available for purchase in class. There will be many, many colors to choose from. The cost of the kit is \$50.00. If you would like to add Lining to the jacket it will be an additional \$22.00. The pattern will be available to you for ½ price which is \$5.50.**

**Supplies:**

Sunset Strip Jacket Pattern

One Sweatshirt with Set-In Sleeves

-should be your regular size or if you are worried – one size larger. Can be an old sweatshirt from home or 50/50 blend new one, but not too thick. Please cut the sweatshirt apart based on the instructions attached.

**You must come to class with the Sweatshirt already cut up. See page 2 for instructions**

Tip for choosing fabric:

Choose One Print for your focus fabric and binding – then choose 7 more fabrics in the same color family. Example – all red, all blue, etc. This is very important.

What this means is all shades from the same color group. Please feel free to use stripes and plaids – they turn out really nice in this jacket.

(8) – 1/2 yards (no fat quarters) for Patchwork

2 ½ yards of Cotton Fabric for Lining

½ yard of Binding Fabric

½ yard of cotton batting if you'd like to make the jacket longer.

Thread to match fabric and lining.

You will be sewing the strips and quilting the jacket at the same time.

505 or KK2000 Basting Spray

Chalk Pencil that will show up on your sweatshirt (I like Clover Chalkoliner)

Scissors

A Large, Long, Ruler – at least 6 x 24

Rotary Cutter and Mat

Irons and Boards will be provided – however if you have a small iron and board feel free to bring it with you.

Straight Pins

If you are bringing your own sewing machine: Don't forget your foot control and cord!  
¼" foot and walking foot recommended.

## **Prewash sweatshirt.**

### Preparing Your Sweatshirt:

Using scissors, or rotary cutter—cut off ribbing at the bottom edge of the sweatshirt.

Hold sweatshirt up by the shoulder seams allowing it to hang perfectly straight. Lay it carefully down onto a flat ironing surface. Iron across the body and put good creases in what would normally be side seams. Carefully fold shirt in half matching the shoulders, neckline, and sleeves right sides together. Iron well making another crease right down the center of the body. Open back up and using scissors cut up the **Front Only** on that creased line -from the bottom edge to the neckline. **Leave the back as one piece!**

Remove the ribbing from the neckline and sleeves using the same method as above.

Remove the sleeves. Cut the underarm seams so that the sleeve now lays flat.

Press.

Cut the shoulder seams on the remaining body. Lay shirt on a flat surface and cut away the front panels from the back at the creases on the sides of the body that you ironed previously.

You should now have 2 fronts, 1 back, and 2 sleeves.

### **Author's Note:**

At this point—I pin baste the sweatshirt back together using a 1/2" seam and try it on. I want to check the fit and to check the sleeve length. I know many people who make beautiful wearables and never wear them because they don't fit. I think that this is an important step—but you can skip it if you want. If the jacket is only slightly too large—use a 3/4" seam allowance. If it is much too big—you will need to cut it down—but be careful—once you cut you can't put it back! I found that you can cut the outside edges of the front and the back by following the same shape as the original sweatshirt—I took about 1/2" off the front sides and both sides of the back while still maintaining the same shape of the armhole. Baste the jacket together again and try it on. You'll be surprised that the sleeves will fit better too. Once you figure out your size then you can go buy more of that same sweatshirt—because I'm going to be making many more sweatshirt patterns that I'm sure you are going to like!