ROMAN HOLIDAY MYSTERY QUILT - JULY CLUES

ABOUT THE CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

WOF = Width of Fabric (selvedge edge to selvedge edge). All seams are a precise 1/4", unless otherwise noted.

Wherever you see 3 numbers separated by hyphens, they represent the 3 sizes - Lap, Full, Queen. Select the number for the size you're making, and draw a circle around it to make it easy to keep track of how many units you are supposed to cut or sew.

July Cutting & Piecing:

NOTE: I will be demonstrating the following steps at the July meeting. Click here for a video.

Retrieve the **Fabric B** 2-5/8" x 5-1/4" rectangles you cut in April. Separate into two equal stacks (with 17-31-49 rectangles in each stack). With **right side up**, cut one stack diagonally from the upper left corner down to the lower right corner, and the other stack diagonally from the lower left corner to the upper right corner (see illustrations). Keep these two types of triangles in separate stacks.

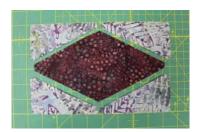




Use Template A to trim one stack of rectangles, and Template B to trim the other stack. **It is important to trim the corners** - this will help you match the pieces when you're ready to sew. Note that the corner cuts are very small - you will simply line up the right-angle corner of the template with the fabric, and then trim the corners to match the template.

Retrieve the **Fabric D** 4-1/8" strips you cut in April. Use Template C to cut 17-31-49 diamonds. Line up the top and bottom edges of the template with the long edges of the strip. (See photos and video.) **Be sure to trim the corners** as shown on the template - this will help you match the pieces when you're ready to sew.





Using a **scant** 1/4" seam, sew 4 **Fabric B** rectangles to each **Fabric D** diamond. Use 2 Template A triangles on opposite sides of the diamond, matching corners. Press toward **Fabric B**. Then add 2 Template B triangles to the other two opposite sides, matching corners. Press toward **Fabric B**.

Trim units to 4-1/2" x 8-1/2". Set these units aside for later.



There will be template sheets, printed in the correct size, available for you at the July meeting! If you choose to print your own, please read the following note: When you open the templates in Adobe Reader or Acrobat, and select "Print," be sure to select "Actual Size." Adobe often defaults to "Fit" - you don't want Adobe to change the size of the templates. Note that the template sheet has measurements so you can check to see that your printed template is the correct size.

