

## ROMAN HOLIDAY MYSTERY QUILT - FEBRUARY CLUES

### ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES:

**You will need the following supplies**, in addition to your fabrics, to complete the "Roman Holiday" Mystery Quilt:

- (1) Some kind of fabric marker that definitely will come off your fabric and not be visible later. If you're not sure, run a test on **Fabric B** to be sure the marker will come off completely. (A chalk marker works well. In a pinch, you also can use masking tape.)
- (2) A standard rotary cutting ruler that has a 45-degree line on it.
- (3) Also helpful, but not required - a square ruler (at least 8-1/2" square).

### 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.

### February Cutting:

Right here at the start, take the time to **remove all selvages** from all 4 of your fabrics. Then you won't end up with selvages showing in any of your piecing. (Does not apply to good-quality batiks, which have tiny selvages that aren't attached to pins on rollers during manufacturing.)

**Three reasons to remove selvages:** (1) Selvedge edges are weaker than the rest of the fabric because they've been attached to pins on the manufacturing rollers (causing all those little pin holes you can see in the selvages); (2) selvedge edges may cause distortion in seams (something I see frequently, as a longarmer, when people piece their quilt backs without removing selvages first); (3) you don't want the white edging, pin holes, or printed information to show on your blocks.

From **Fabric A**, cut 3-5-8 WOF strips 2-1/2" wide. Sub-cut into 48-80-120 squares 2-1/2" x 2-1/2".

From **Fabric B**, cut 3-5-8 WOF strips 4-1/2" wide. Sub-cut strips into segments 2-1/2" wide, yielding 48-80-120 rectangles 2-1/2" x 4-1/2".

From **Fabric B**, cut 1-2-3 WOF strips 5-1/2" wide. Sub-cut into 6-12-20 squares 5-1/2" x 5-1/2". Set these squares aside for later.

### February Piecing:

Retrieve all of the **Fabric A** 2-1/2" squares, and half (24-40-60) of the **Fabric B** 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles. Set the remaining **Fabric B** rectangles aside for later.

Sew one **Fabric A** 2-1/2" square to each end of each of the **Fabric B** 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles. Press toward **Fabric A**.

