

## Roman Stripe Quilt Block - November 2012 BOM

This is a fast and easy scrappy block. We'll be making 8 ½ inch unfinished blocks\* to be turned in for the December meeting.

1. You have been given a heavily starched half-square triangle (HST) that will be half of your block.

(We cut the HST from a 9 ½ inch block.)\*

2. Cut 6 strips of scraps that are 1 ½ inches wide by 14 inches long.

OR

Cut your strips:

Strip A – 1<sup>st</sup> one sewn to the white hst = 1 ½ x 14 inches long

Strip B – 2<sup>nd</sup> one = 1 ½ x 11 ¼ inches long

Strip C – 3<sup>rd</sup> one = 1 ½ x 9 ½ inches long

Strip D – 4<sup>th</sup> one = 1 ½ x 7 ½ inches long

Strip E – 5<sup>th</sup> one = 1 ½ x 5 ½ inches long

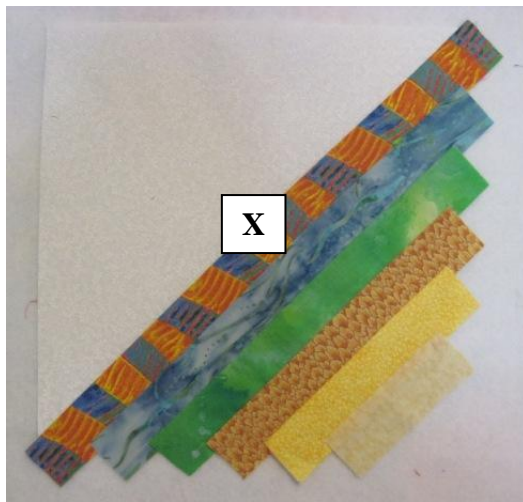
Strip F – 6<sup>th</sup> one = 1 ½ x 3 ½ inches long

(We've added a little bit to the lengths so you won't be caught short when you 'square it up' in step #5)

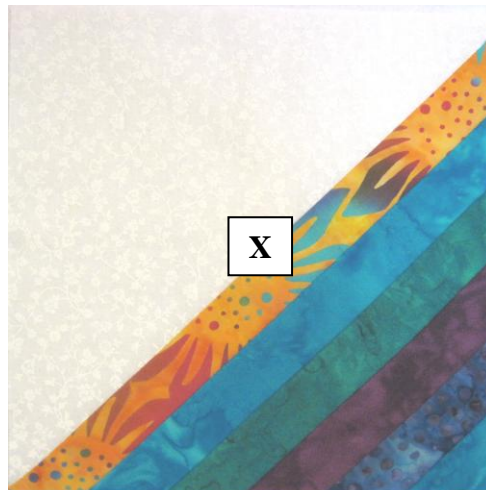
3. Fold the strips in half and press (finger or iron) to mark the center of each strip in order to keep the strips aligned at center as you go to step 4 below.

4. Sew the strips with right sides together, using ¼ inch seam allowance. Begin sewing strip A to strip B and press toward B. Continue in the same way through "F".

5. Press (finger or iron) cream triangle in the center on long side (at x, see photo below).



6. Trim the block to the correct size square (in this case, 8 ½ inches).



\*You can do this same method for any size block. All you need to do is add more strips to make the top wider to match whatever size square you cut into two half-square triangles.

\*\* Normally you would start with a square of solid fabric and cut it in half to get 2 half-square triangles for 2 blocks.