

## AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUILTS

African-American quilts blend the design preferences of Africa with the American quilt tradition. The result is a quilt that follows a different set of rules where improvisation replaces repetition, off-setting is preferred over matching, and the grid is abandoned for a vertical strip format. Complete a quilt top today!

### Supplies:

an open mind

fabric:

assortment of small and medium size prints, plaids/stripes

some high contrast, bold, wild selections: multi-color, large scale; bright--red and yellow are favorites; polka dots; large flowers

check to see that you have some light, medium and dark values

rotary cutter, pad

fabric scissors

graph paper: several sheets

sewing pins

masking tape

1 yard piece of Pellon Fleece, Thermo Lamb or flannel

sewing machine, extension cord

recommended book: *Plaids & Stripes* by Roberta Horton