

## Assembling the Centre of the Quilt:

If you are ready - and would like - to assemble the centre section of your quilt, this is an extract from pages 61-63 of the *Twelve Days of Christmas* pattern book, with a partial cutting guide.

### CUTTING:

1. From the background fabric included with your April (month 6) parcels cut as follows, **setting aside the remaining fabric and trimmings** for the final assembly: -

CUT	SUBCUT
<b>1</b> 5½" x WOF strips	<b>2</b> 5½" x 10½" pieces
<b>1</b> 4½" x WOF strips	<b>2</b> 4½" x 10½" pieces
<b>1</b> 3½" x WOF strips	<b>1</b> 3½" x 10½" pieces
<b>9</b> 2½" x WOF strips, setting aside <b>5</b> strips for the horizontal sashing	<b>4</b> 2½" x 24½" pieces <b>5</b> 2½" x 10½" pieces

2. To assemble the top row you will need the Turtle Doves block, **1** Gold Ring block, the French Hen block and **2** 5½" x 10½" and **2** 2½" x 10½" background sashing pieces.

Join the 5½" x 10½" background pieces to each side of the Gold Ring then add the remaining blocks and vertical sashing, always pressing towards the sashing at each step.

3. To assemble the middle row you will need the Partridge in a Pear Tree block, **2** Gold Ring blocks, the calling Bird block, the Goose a-Laying block and **1** 3½" x 10½", **1** 2½" x 10½" and **4** 2½" x 24½" background sashing pieces.

Join the 3½" x 10½" background piece to the bottom of a Gold Ring block then add the Calling Bird block. Next join the 2½" x 10½" background piece to the bottom of a Gold Ring block then add the Goose a-Laying block. Finally join these two units to each side of the Partridge in a Pear Tree block, alternating with the 2½" x 24½" vertical sashing.

4. To assemble the bottom row you will need **2** Gold Ring blocks, the Swan a-Swimming block and **2** 4½" x 10½" and **2** 2½" x 10½" background sashing pieces.

Join the 4½" x 10½" background pieces to each side of the Swan a-Swimming then add the remaining blocks and vertical sashing.

5. Join the three rows together, alternating with 2½" horizontal sashing – joining strips together to make longer pieces as required - to create the quilt centre.

