

On the Pond

Mystery Block of the Month with Sarah Fielke

Hello and welcome to my **Mystery Block of the Month!** I'm so excited to share my first fabric range for Spotlight with you, & to see what you all create with the blocks I'm going to show you.

This block of the month is a mystery - it's also a little bit funky, and very fun. Don't worry if you're a beginner sewer, you will be just fine, there is nothing more difficult than half square triangles here, and you are welcome to ask questions here on the Spotlight page or on my own Facebook page if you need help.

We are going to make a total of 16 different kinds of blocks over 10 fortnights. I know it sounds a lot, but you will be amazed how quickly these come together.

Let's get started! To make the complete quilt you will need:

- 25cm of 13 On the Pond prints. This can be other fabrics, but if you are using On the Pond, you will need 25cm of all the fabrics in the range EXCEPT the green 'Upstream' print, shown in this month's block, and the dark green 'Weeds', which is used in some blocks and in the binding.
- 60cm of 'Upstream' in green
- 2.25m white Prima Homespun
- 80cm of 'Weeds' in dark green for blocks and binding
- 5.1m backing fabric, OR 3.4m and some extra pieced fabrics up the centre to make the backing wide enough
- 1.7m square cotton wadding

'Upstream'
green

'Weeds'
dark green



Sarah Fielke is a quilter, a teacher, an author and a fabric designer. 'On the Pond' is her first fabric collection for Spotlight. Lillies, weed, fish and frogs' eggs give the range a whimsical, fresh feeling. Neon pinks, blues and greens are in keeping with current colour trends and make the prints perfect for all kinds of sewing projects, not just quilting!

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'On the Pond' Fabric Range



Join the conversation!

Check in with Sarah Fielke fortnightly at www.facebook.com/Spotlightstores for her 'block by block' program, launching on Friday 1st February 2013.

Learn new quilting techniques and make all 16 blocks to create a finished quilt.

On the Pond: Block 1

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Block 1 - make 8 of this block

All seams are 1/4"

From the white fabric, cut:

- 16 pieces 12 1/2" x 2 3/4"
- 32 pieces 3 1/2" square
- 32 pieces 2 7/8" square

From the green Upstream fabric, cut:

- 8 pieces 12 1/2" x 2"
- 32 pieces 3 1/2" square

To make one block, first take four white 2 3/8" squares and cut them in half on one diagonal to make eight half square triangles. Fold a green 3 1/2" square in half along one diagonal and finger press a crease. Fold one of the white triangles in half and do the same.

Match the creases to make sure the triangle is centred on the corner of the green square, with 1/4" hanging over both edges, see **Diagram 1**. Sew, then trim the green fabric away behind the white triangle, see **Diagram 2**. Press, See **Diagram 3**.

Repeat with the opposite corner of the green square and press. Make 4 green squares like this.

Taking care to look at the block to see the orientation of the green "leaf" squares, sew a row of squares reading:

- Green
- White
- Green
- White

and another reading:

- White
- Green
- White
- Green

See **Diagram 4**. Press the seams towards the green fabric.

Again checking the block picture for the layout of the leaves, sew a white 12 1/2" strip to one side of a leaf strip, then the green 12 1/2" strip, then the other leaf strip, then another white strip, see **Diagram 5**. Press all the seams towards the green fabric.

strip to one side of a leaf strip, then the green 12 1/2" strip, then the other leaf strip, then another white strip, see **Diagram 5**. Press all the seams towards the green fabric.

This is one block, make 8 & you will be ready for the next installment in two weeks time on February 15. Have fun!



Diagram 1.



Diagram 2.



Diagram 3.



Diagram 4.



Diagram 5.

