

# RIVER HERITAGE

## *Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt*

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### **pad·dle wheel**

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a large steam-driven wheel with boards around its circumference, situated at the stern or side of a ship so as to propel the ship through the water by its rotation.

### Month 1 – Paddle Wheel (d)

Welcome to the first block in the **RIVER HERITAGE *Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt!*** See the *Introduction* for more details about this project.

***Paddle Wheel*** uses dark, medium, and light fabrics. While I've decided to make my quilt as scrappy as I can, I choose to keep some consistency in the dark paddle wheel section for this block. Future blocks will have a scrappier look.

#### Cutting Instructions

##### **From light fabrics:**

2 – 5-inch squares  
8 – 2 ½ inch squares  
2 – 3-inch squares

##### **From dark fabrics:**

2 – 3-inch squares  
1 – 4 ½ inch squares  
2 – 5-inch squares

##### **From medium fabrics:**

4 – 2 ½ inch squares

**RST = right sides together**

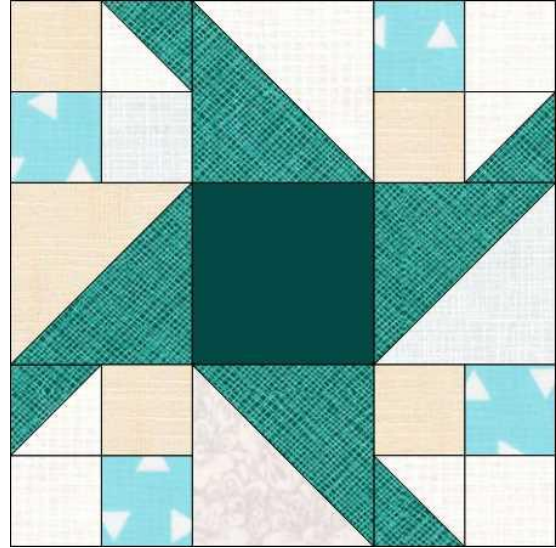
Draw a diagonal line on the reverse side of the 3-inch light squares. Lay each light square on a 3-inch dark square, matching edges, RST. Using a quarter-inch foot, sew ¼ inch on each side from the drawn line. Cut on the line. Press each half square triangle towards the darker fabric. Square/trim each block to 2 ½ inches.

Following the same process as above, stitch the 5-inch squares, cut, press, and trim to 4 ½ inches.

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Lay out fabrics according to the diagram shown.

Chain-piece the four-patch blocks by turning the squares on the right onto the squares to their left, RST. Stitch down the right edge. Press the top row to the right and the bottom row to the left for each 4-patch set. Nestle the seams of the top pair and bottom pair together, RST. Stitch along the top edge. Press open. Lay the four-patches in place according to the diagram.



Now turn the three center column of squares onto the three to their left, RST. Stitch. Press the first row to the right, second row to the left, third row to the right.

Turn the three right column of squares onto the center column squares, RST. Stitch. Again, press the first row to the right, second row to the left and third row to the right.

Turn the top row down RST onto the center row. Match and pin intersecting seams. Stitch. Press to center row or open.

Turn bottom row up, RST onto center row. Pin intersecting seams. Stitch. Press to center row or open.

Square block to 12 ½ inches. You have made your paddlewheel! Share your block using **#mysteryquilt** on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Pinterest!

Month 2 will be posted on February 12, 2018!

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