



Simple Simon

A Mark Lipinski Design

"If you only make one quilt in your lifetime, this super-fast and easy quilt is the one to make!"

Finished quilt top: 78 x 99 inches
Unfinished block: 11-inches square
Blocks: 48 Simple Simon blocks plus border

Why a Simple Simon?

There is just about no quilt that comes together faster than these quick-to-piece Simple Simon blocks. The best part is that using this pattern's method of cutting and piecing you will learn ways to create up to 70 different unique quilt designs using the two simple blocks! After taking the class, you'll be able to transform every quilt block that you come across in a book, magazine or pattern into your very own creation! Frankly, you'll never look at a quilt block the same again! Plus, even a quilter without a whole lot of piecing experience will be able to create a queen sized quilt in just about the same amount of time as piecing a run-of-the-mill crib size quilt! That's why the Simple Simon is the perfect quilt to make to give to a friend or family member as a token of your affection and good wishes.

Now don't go looking online for a finished Simple Simon. I guess you can but you'll be defeating the purpose of the whole lesson. This is a class that will challenge your creative spirit and teach you how to turn any hum drum, run of the mill pattern into something unique and totally yours.

Simple Simon is so versatile and easy to make that there is no end to the possibilities of color and style combinations. Whether you choose batiks, hand dyes, brights, contemporary or traditional prints, 30's, children's patterns, plaids, flannels, or a combination of the above, your Simple Simon is bound to be a hit! Simple Simon is so easy that the novice quilter will quickly want to make another. For the experienced quilter, Simple Simon is such a relaxing and imaginative quilt to put together that it will be impossible to be satisfied with only one!

Supplies and Equipment

- Rotary Cutter
- Cutting Mat
- Wide Plastic Quilter's Ruler (6"x24")
- Pins (if you're a "pinner" — ugh!)
- Sewing Machine — in good working order and student should know how to operate it
- 100% Cotton sewing machine thread in a neutral color
- A notebook and pen
- A digital camera is also helpful to capture all of the ideas!

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Materials

- **Fabric A:** 2 ½ yards (block fabric)
- **Fabric A (border):** 1 ½ yards (optional outer border fabric — not needed in class)
- **Fabric B:** 2 ½ yards (block fabric)
- **Fabric C:** 1 yard (inner border fabric not needed for class)
- **Fabric D:** 1 yard binding fabric (not needed in class)
- **Fabric E:** 6 yards backing fabric (not needed in class)
- **Batting:** Standard queen-size batting (needed as a design wall)

The Simple Simon works especially well with bold, large-sized prints — the busier the better. Just remember that any combination can work well — complimentary designs and colors or those fabric and color choices that might even seem a little “*too close for comfort*,” and almost clash (just be sure that the values are very different)! **DON'T BE AFRAID OF WILD COLORS AND LARGE, YUMMY PRINTS! THIS IS A QUILT YOU CANNOT SPOIL! LEAVE YOUR COMFORT CIRCLE, BABY, AND HAVE SOME FUN** (Look at it this way — you may get hit by a Mac truck after the class and you would have missed your opportunity to let loose for once in your life....). One little hint: **When choosing your fabrics try to be careful that they're not too close in tone and color — you want to be able to tell one fabric from another from across a room.** **BE SURE THAT THE VALUE OF THE FABRICS ARE VERY DISTINCT AND DO NOT BLEND INTO EACH OTHER SO THAT THEY LOOK LIKE ONE FABRIC WHEN THEY ARE PUT NEXT TO EACH OTHER!**

Quantities specified for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics. All measurements include a ¼" seam allowance. Sew with the right sides together unless otherwise stated.

You will have MORE than enough to play with. You might even consider NOT buying your backing, binding and/or outer border fabric until AFTER the class!

If you have any questions or comments don't be afraid to pick up your phone and give me a ring or email me at pickleroadstudio@aol.com. xoxom

Cutting Instructions

Please have your fabrics cut before coming to class

- Cut **5-8" strips** (selvage to selvage) from **Fabric A**
- Cut **24-2" strips** (selvage to selvage) from **Fabric A**
- Cut **5-8" strips** (selvage to selvage) from **Fabric B**
- Cut **24-2" strips** (selvage to selvage) from **Fabric B**

Although you will not have cut all of the fabric you purchased for your Simple Simon quilt, please bring all of your remaining fabric for your quilt to class with you.