

# Block of the Month

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## BOM 2019 Welcome and some notes!

Hi everyone and welcome to my BOM program for 2019! I'm so glad to see you all. I hope we are going to have a fantastic, fun filled 2019 sewing together.

This document is like the BOM encyclopaedia. Please read ALL of the following carefully - you will find that the answers to a lot of the questions you might have about the BOM already, and also as we go along, are in the following information. This information will be posted BOM 2019 webpage at [www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com](http://www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com) from now onwards so that if you're wondering about something, you know where to find the answer!

Here's some FAQ's about how the program runs before we get into the nitty gritty.

### When do the patterns start to come?

Here is a table listing when all the patterns, videos and important information will be posted online at [www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com](http://www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com) for you.

Information	Content	Date
Welcome Notes	Includes information on BOM and FAQs	Upon signup
Material Requirements	Includes complete fabric requirements for the Coming Home quilt design, fabric inspirations and colour ideas.	Dec 15, 2018
Notions on sale	Optional acrylic template set and notions to help make the quilts – for sale at <a href="http://www.sarahfielke.com">www.sarahfielke.com</a>	Dec 15, 2018
Colour Planner	Purchase a large scale, printable black and white drawing to help you colour design your quilt	Dec 15, 2018
Notions Shipped	Priority given to all notions orders made by Dec 31. Notions ordered after this date will be shipped ASAP.	First orders shipped from Jan 10, 2019
Coming Home Patterns and Videos	Patterns and videos released onto website starting from Jan 31, 2019	Month 1 – Jan 31 Month 2 – Feb 28 Month 3 – Mar 31 Month 4 – Apr 30

		Month 5 – May 31 Month 6 – Jun 30 Month 7 – Jul 31 Month 8 – Aug 31 Month 9 – Sep 30 Month 10 – Oct 31 Month 11 – Nov 30 Month 12 – Dec 20
BOM 2019 Quilt Competition	Opportunity for you to send in pics of your finished quilt tops from BOM 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 to go into our competition to win fun prizes	Email quilt pics to <a href="mailto:bom2017@sarahfielke.com">bom2017@sarahfielke.com</a> by Feb 21, 2020 Voting from Feb 23 to 28, 2020 Winners announced Mar 1, 2020
BOM 2018 Quilt Competition	Opportunity for you to send in pics of your finished quilt tops from BOM 2016, 2017, 2018 to go into our competition to win fun prizes	Email quilt pics to <a href="mailto:bom2017@sarahfielke.com">bom2017@sarahfielke.com</a> by Feb 21, 2019 Voting from Feb 23 to 28, 2019 Winners announced Mar 1, 2019

### What happens when I join?

#### If you are a new BOM member:

You will receive an email receipt for payment and be directed to a webpage where you can download the BOM2019 Introduction Notes. Then you will receive an email invitation from the website, [www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com](http://www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com) where all the patterns and videos are hosted to for access. This email is sent to the email address you used to make payment. This email is sent manually by Damian (my BOM support) and will be sent to you **within 48 hours** from joining. The email asks you to set your password. Once this is done, you will be logged in for access to view the patterns and video you have purchased.

Please look out for it as it is time sensitive and personal to you.

#### If you are an existing BOM member with access to website already:

The new BOM page will be opened up on your existing website account within 48 hours.

From then on you will be able to log in at [www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com](http://www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com) with your email address and password, to view patterns and videos that are available, anytime.

### What happens if I can't remember my password?

You can reset your password by going to [www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com](http://www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com), click on LOG IN tab in navigation, then click on "Reset my password" on that page. You will receive an email to reset your password. *This may take up to 20 minutes to arrive in your inbox.* Sometimes this email is trapped in your SPAM folder. If you still have any problems, please email Damian at [bom2017@sarahfielke.com](mailto:bom2017@sarahfielke.com) for help.

## What do I get with my BOM?

Each month you will be able to access a new part of the quilt – a pattern with templates and a video tutorial available on [www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com](http://www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com) . Obviously, looking at the sketch, this is not a quilt where you get a “block” as such each month. Some of the months involve more work than others, and there will be quieter and simpler months where you can catch up a bit. Some of the borders and sections will run over two months’ worth of patterns. I will NOT, under any circumstance and no matter how hard you beg, release measurements, templates, bonus patterns etc. in advance of the release date at the end of each month. Sorry :)

## How do I get the patterns and videos?

You will receive an email from us each month when the pattern and video is uploaded to [www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com](http://www.sarahfielkeblockofmonth.com) , but this email will NOT have anything attached to it.

***You do not need this email to view the pattern and video.*** It is only a notification that the pattern and video have been uploaded to the website. You can go to the website anytime to view the new pattern and video (and all the previous months). They are uploaded by the end of the day on the last day of the month.

Access to this website is only for subscribers to the BOM. If you were a member in 2016, 2017 or 2018 you will have already received instructions on how to access the website and reset your password. The patterns and videos will remain available to subscribers here for the foreseeable future, even after the BOM has finished provided you have paid in full.

If you are a subscription member and stop paying, you will lose access to the website.

## How can the patterns and videos be used?

All the information for the BOM is for your own personal use only, that means you can copy and print for your own personal use to make the quilt, as many times as you like. If a group of friends wants to make the quilt, each person must sign up for the BOM separately. If there are more than ten of you sewing together, please contact Damian at [bom2017@sarahfielke.com](mailto:bom2017@sarahfielke.com) and he will arrange a group discount subscription for you. Access to the website is trackable.

There are lot of shops and designers participating again this year and I am SO very flattered by that! There have however been a lot of questions as to how this BOM may be used by shops. To clarify - you can run a class or sit and sew group for the 2019 BOM, in fact please do! HOWEVER, EVERY member of the class or group MUST be a member in their own right through my website, and therefore downloading their own personal copies of the patterns and videos. It is not OK to copy the pattern for the class, OR copy the pattern to kit it up. If you would like to run Coming Home as a BOM program for your shop, it will be available as a pattern book and broken down month by month as a shop program for the start of 2020. The 2016 quilt, Happy Days, and 2017 quilt Down the Rabbit Hole are already available as a book for you to sell, or a shop program for you to run right now. Simple Folk and The

Grasshopper will be available as pattern books from mid-January 2019 - again contact bom2017@sarahfielke.com for more information or to order.

### **What can I post on social media?**

You can post your quilt in progress, I encourage it! We have such a lovely, fun group of peeps on Facebook and Instagram, and it's so nice chatting to you all, seeing everyone's fabric choices, and then quilts, evolve. I am active on social media often and available to answer questions or give you advice here and there. Please post pictures of your quilt's progress and chat to me and the others in the program. *However, please DO NOT post measurements, templates, template details, excerpts from the patterns, your password etc. on social media, your blog or other quilting websites.*

The private Facebook group can be found by searching "Sarah Fielke BOM Coming Home" in your Facebook search bar. You will then send me a request to join the group and I will approve it. If you have requested to join the group and aren't approved within 48 hours, please check your messages or your "other" folder in your messages.

If the name you signed up with on PayPal isn't the same as your Facebook name, then I can't find your subscription and will need your help with a name or email address to find you so I can approve you to the group. This is not your Facebook email address but the email address you used for PayPal. I get a lot of requests from people not subscribed to the program which is why I need to check. Even if you aren't really into Facebook, I do encourage you to join this group and get to know everyone - it's a lovely, friendly and social way of meeting other quilters and sharing your stitching, and as it's private no one else on the internet can see it, just us!

The hashtags for Instagram this year are #sarahfielkeBOM2019 and #cominghomequilt. Please tag your pics and tag me, @sfielke, so we can all see what you're up to! Feel free to check the previous year's groups too and see what amazing quilts everyone produced, #sarahfielkeBOM2016, #happydaysquilt, #sarahfielkeBOM2017, #downtherabbitholequilt, #sarahfielkeBOM2018, #simplefolkquilt, #thegrasshopperquilt and #sarahfielkebom.

HOWEVER. Sometimes it's a sad old world, and this does need to be said - let's keep the social media experience positive peeps! It's so easy for people's feathers to get ruffled and comments that are typed often don't translate as how they are meant. If you don't like something, think there is a pattern error, think someone is being mean or unfair, or have another issue PLEASE contact me first before posting about it. So often things are a misunderstanding or are easily cleared up, and posting impulsive cranky comments just makes things a problem for everybody. I am available via Facebook Messenger, Instagram PM or sarah@sarahfielke.com. Please remember that I live in Australia and if you live elsewhere, sometimes I might be asleep - or maybe travelling, teaching, eating my dinner, having my hair cut..... No one works 24/7, but I do my best to get back to you ASAP. Rude, unkind and negative comments will be removed and I reserve the right to block anyone from the Facebook group if that unfortunate need arises. I just want everyone to have fun!

## How does the notions kit work?

All of the information about the kit and what is contained in it you will find at [www.sarahfielke.com](http://www.sarahfielke.com) from December 15, 2018. The notions kit is NOT compulsory, and you can buy all of it or just a few pieces as you need. The kit is an option for those wanting to use the same notions and templates as I do, and some things to make the process easier for you. The kit is structured on my website so that you can build in everything you want to purchase, and leave out what you don't. I ship the kits worldwide - **please take note that the website will not take into account my being able to package things together etc. and so may charge you too much postage.** I will refund any difference after shipping. If you would like a more accurate indication of postage please contact me before you buy, telling me what you would like and where you are in the world, and I can help you. I don't have any control over how much the postage costs; Australia is a long way away! You might be surprised though that the postage isn't as much as you think. However you chose to build your kit, it's a ONE OFF postage charge and everything will come all at the same time.

## When will notions I ordered ship?

**All of the notions are for pre-order and will ship mid-January**, provided you ordered by Dec 31. Orders placed after this will ship progressively by date ordered. Please remember that there will be 100's of you and only two of us, and we are packing as fast as our little hands can handle. Also remember that unless you paid and requested extra for tracking, there is NO tracking on International packages from Australia and I can't be held responsible for a lost parcel with no tracking.

Notions will remain available all year for purchase should you change your mind and decide you need something after all! Depending on availability, it may take a few weeks for the order to be sent but we will let you know if there are any issues.

## What if I don't keep up?

Peeps, this is YOUR quilt! There is no pressure whatsoever from me to "keep up". The patterns are there for you to start the next part of the quilt whenever you are ready, and if you want to take two years to make it you just knock yourself out! There will be people who complete the current section of the quilt within days, and people who are months "behind" - or rather, making it at their own pace. Either one is just peachy with me.

It must also be said, I have a lot of beginner quilters, and especially beginner hand appliquérs, taking my BOM program, and I LOVE that. If you are NOT a beginner quilter, a lot of my techniques might be different than what you are used to. I have been teaching, writing and designing for 20 years, so I do know what I'm doing - give them a go! You might learn something new. You are welcome of course to make your quilt in any way and with any technique that you fancy. Just PLEASE don't post on social media about how your technique is "better", or "quicker" than mine or how to do it - all it does is make others confused and upset that they have done the wrong thing, and it makes me cross. :) Posts about other teacher's techniques or patterns will be removed from the Facebook group.

### **How big is the quilt?**

Coming Home quilt - This quilt is 88" square (220cm square)

### **There is a lot of handwork in the quilt by the looks of things. Can I do it by machine?**

Sure thing! It's YOUR quilt; you can do it however you please. All the appliqué is suited to fusible machine appliqué if you would rather do it that way - you just need to remember to flip the templates over when you trace them or they will be facing backwards. I won't be giving instruction on machine applique as it just isn't my thing, but there are a plethora of excellent machine appliqué tutorials out there.

For Coming Home, all instruction is for hand applique and machine piecing.

### **Terms and Conditions of Membership**

1. Membership to the program is conditional on paying for the full program. If you are paying your membership monthly, and you discontinue your payments, your membership access will be cancelled.
2. Any Member found sharing, photocopying, distributing, teaching from without permission or generally using the pattern illegally will have their membership cancelled immediately with no recourse.
3. There are no refunds for terminating your membership as PDF patterns are not able to be recalled.
3. Abusive behaviour on social media will result in your removal from the Facebook group.
4. We are working from sketches. These are not to scale, represent no measurements, and nor are they a perfect representation of the quilt. Sarah reserves the right to modify the design as the process progresses.

### **How long does it take for Damian to return questions or contact via email?**

Remember, we are based in Australia. So any emails sent to Damian or Sarah (that includes the Contact form on the website), will be replied to in 24 hours except on weekends when we will reply on the Monday. For example, most email from the USA or Europe, would come to us when we are asleep, so we will review the next day.