

# Fast Flying Geese

This is a “no fabric waste” technique for making 3” x 6” (finished) “Flying Geese Blocks”.

**The finished quilt pictured has:**

- 45 - 3 ½” x 6 ½” unfinished flying geese blocks (15 per strip).
- 6 - 4 ½” unfinished border/sashing strips.

**Finished quilt size:** 34 ½” x 53 ½”

**Fabric and Cutting Requirements:**

- Fabric A (variety of colors/prints for geese): 45 - 7 ¼” squares
- Fabric B (background/sky fabric): 2 yards
  - Cut: 180 - 3 7/8” squares = 2 yards total
- Fabric C (border and sashing strips): 1-1/2 yards
  - Cut: Two - 4 ½” x WOF strips
  - Four - 4 ½” x 45” (should be the length of fabric left after cutting the first two strips.)
- Binding Fabric: ½ yard
- Backing and batting cut to size



**Instructions for making a Flying Geese Block: (any size)**

*Note: The width of a Finished Flying Geese Block is ALWAYS twice its height.*

**To make one Flying Geese Unit (= 4 Flying Geese Blocks):**

You will need one square of “geese” fabric (Fabric A) and four squares of “background or sky” fabric (Fabric B) for each unit. One unit makes four Flying Geese Blocks.

**What sizes are the squares used to make one Flying Geese Unit (= 4 Flying Geese Blocks)?**

Use the following formula:

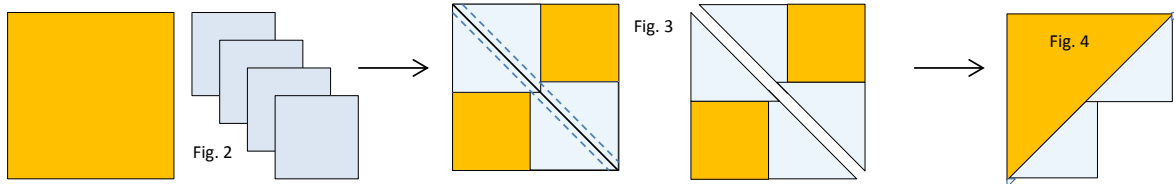
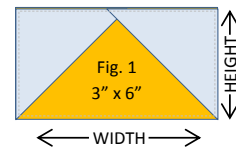
- Fabric A (Geese Fabric): Finished width of geese square \_\_\_\_\_ + 1 ¼” = \_\_\_\_\_ (CUT ONE)
- Fabric B (Background or Sky Fabric): Finished height of geese square \_\_\_\_\_ + 7/8” = \_\_\_\_\_ (CUT FOUR)

**Example:**

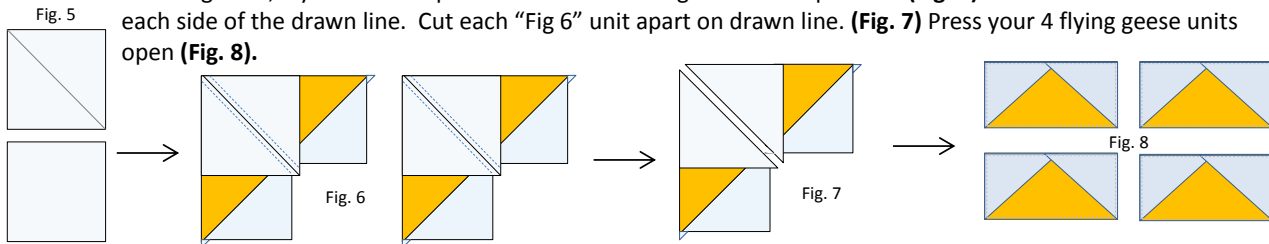
In this quilt our finished flying geese squares are 3” (height) x 6” (width). (Fig. 1)

**1. Using the flying geese formula: (Fig. 2)**

- Fabric A (Geese Fabric): 6” + 1 ¼” = 7 ¼” square (Cut 1)
- Fabric B (Background/Sky Fabric): 3” + 7/8” = 3 7/8” squares (Cut 4)



2. With right sides of fabric together, lay two of the small squares on the large square. Draw a light pencil line diagonally from top left corner to bottom right corner. Then stitch a “scant” ¼” on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart on pencil line. (Fig. 3) Open and press toward Fabric B (sky/background fabric). (Fig. 4)
3. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the remaining 2 background/sky squares. (Fig. 5) With right sides together, lay a marked square on each of the “Fig. 4” units as pictured (Fig. 6) and stitch a scant ¼” on each side of the drawn line. Cut each “Fig 6” unit apart on drawn line. (Fig. 7) Press your 4 flying geese units open (Fig. 8).



4. Assemble quilt top by sewing together 15 flying geese blocks in a strip as pictured in quilt picture. Make 3 strips. Add 4 ½” border/sashing strips between rows. Add 4 ½” vertical borders. Add horizontal borders.
5. Layer quilt top, batting and backing. Quilt as desired and bind.