

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 1/2" x 6 1/2" unfinished flying geese blocks (15 per strip).
- 6 - 4 1/2" unfinished border/sashing strips.

Finished quilt size: 34 1/2" x 53 1/2"

Fabric and Cutting Requirements:

- Fabric A (variety of colors/prints for geese): 45 - 7 1/4" 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 1/2" x WOF strips
- Four - 4 1/2" x 45" (should be the length of fabric left after cutting the first two strips.)
- Binding Fabric: 1/2 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 1/4" = _____ (CUT ONE)

Fabric B (Background or Sky Fabric): Finished height of geese square _____ + 7/8" = _____ (CUT FOUR)

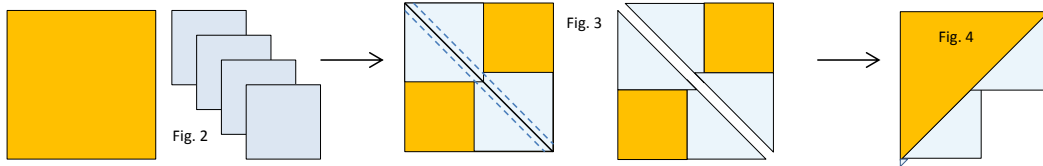
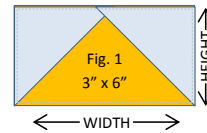
Example:

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

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

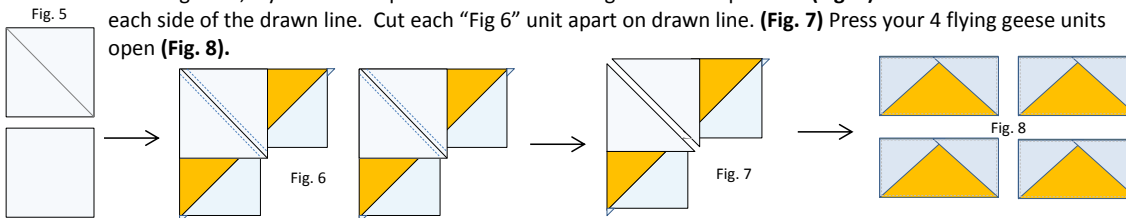
Fabric A (Geese Fabric): 6" + 1 1/4" = 7 1/4" square (Cut 1)

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" 1/4" 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 1/4" 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 1/2" border/sashing strips between rows. Add 4 1/2" vertical borders. Add horizontal borders.
5. Layer quilt top, batting and backing. Quilt as desired and bind.