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Easy Flying Geese- the “No Waste” method

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Some call this method the “no waste” method of making Flying Geese blocks. Probably because you don’t have any little fabric triangles leftover (that you might throw away) like you would in the Stitch and Flip method.

It is a great technique for making multiple blocks- you will make 4 Flying geese units at a time. So if you only need one, it is not the right method for the job!

Tip: Be careful when you draw and sew your lines! If your geese are not the right size, your lines may be too fat or not lined up correctly, or you may have sewed slightly on either side of the line. Too large, you can trim; too small... not so much.

In a Flying Geese block, the block is always twice as wide as it is tall.
Let’s start by figuring out how big to cut your fabric pieces.

For the **Geese** fabric (that is the center fabric)- cut the fabric into a square that is 1¼” larger than the finished width of your Flying Geese block.

Example: if your block will finish at 2” x 4” (unfinished 2½” x 4½”), then cut your geese fabric into a square 5¼” x 5¼” (4” + 1¼” = 5¼”). You only need one square.

For the **Side triangle** fabric, cut 4 squares 7⁄8” larger than the finished height of your Flying Geese block.

Example: if you block will finish at 2” x 4”(unfinished 2½” x 4½”), then cut your side triangle fabric into 4 squares 27⁄8” x 27⁄8” (2” + 7⁄8” = 27⁄8”).

Here is a chart of some common sizes:

Flying Geese Block Finished Size	Geese Fabric	Side Triangle Fabric
1” x 2”	3¼” x 3¼”	17⁄8” x 17⁄8”
1½” x 3”	4¼” x 4¼”	23⁄8” x 23⁄8”
2” x 4”	5¼” x 5¼”	27⁄8” x 27⁄8”
2½” x 5”	6¼” x 6¼”	33⁄8” x 33⁄8”
3” x 6”	7¼” x 7¼”	37⁄8” x 37⁄8”
4” x 8”	9¼” x 9¼”	4 7⁄8” x 47⁄8”

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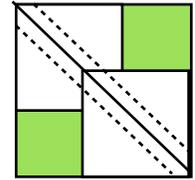
Flying Geese Units (FG)



Side triangle fabric

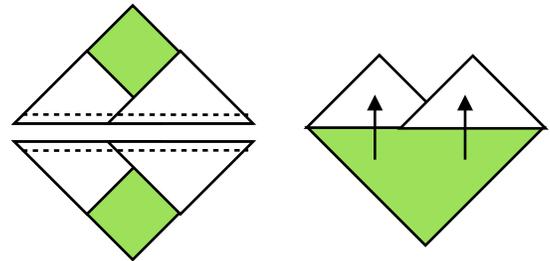
Step 1

Layer the Geese fabric square with 2 Side triangle squares as shown.
Draw a diagonal line corner to corner across the Side triangle squares.
(Or, draw two lines, each $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the diagonal line.)



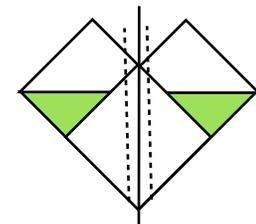
Step 2

Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the diagonal line on both sides.
Cut along the diagonal line. Press to small triangles.



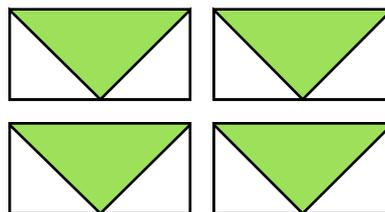
Step 3

Using one section, layer a Side triangle square as shown.
Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the square.
Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the diagonal line on both sides.
Cut along the diagonal line. Press to small triangles.



Step 4

Repeat with the second section.
You will have 4 Flying Geese units.



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