

## Quick Construction Technique for Flying Geese

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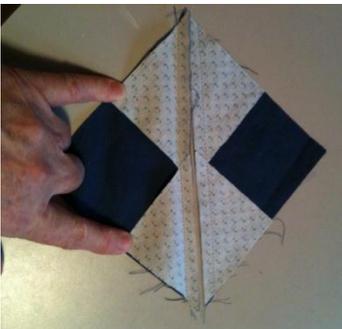
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I learned this technique from Maureen R., who found it in Quiltmaker magazine in 1994. It is a quick and easy way to make flying geese, with no waste fabric. *You make 4 flying geese “blocks” at a time using this method.*

*You will cut 4 small squares using the background fabric, and 1 large square using the “flying geese” fabric.* This chart tells you what size to cut those squares, given the finished size of flying geese that you want:

Finished Size of Flying Geese	1" x 2"	1 ¼" x 2 ½"	1 ½" x 3"	1 ¾" x 3 ½"	2" x 4"	2 ¼" x 4 ½"	2 ½" x 5"	2 ¾" x 5 ½"	3" x 6"
Small Square (background)	1 7/8"	2 1/8"	2 3/8"	2 5/8"	2 7/8"	3 1/8"	3 3/8"	3 5/8"	3 7/8"
Large Square (geese)	3 ¼"	3 ¾"	4 ¼"	4 ¾"	5 ¼"	5 ¾"	6 ¼"	6 ¾"	7 ¼"

*Lay the large square face up. Place two small squares, face down, on the large square as shown here.*



Pin the small squares in place.

Draw a line along the diagonal.

Sew two diagonal lines, ¼" on either side of the line you've drawn.

Cut along the centre diagonal line.

*Press the small triangles open, with the seam allowance pressed toward the small triangles as shown on the left-hand piece in this photo. You will have two such pieces.*

*Then, on each of these pieces, lay another small square face down.*



Pin the small square in place.

Draw a line along the diagonal.

Sew two diagonal lines, ¼" on either side of the line you've drawn.

Cut along the centre diagonal line.

Repeat these steps for the remaining half large square.



*Press the small triangles open. You will now have four flying geese... and no wasted fabric!*