# No Waste Method for Making Flying Geese <br> Mary Y. Baker Alta High School <br> June Conference, 2004 

This class will cover an innovative method of making flying geese - fast, easy, accurate, and not wasting fabric. The following websites have great graphs and measurement charts for this method of making flying geese. The flying geese ruler and book are not necessary for making the flying geese.

Websites:
http://www.patchpieces.com/Flyinggeese.html
http://www.quilterscache.com/G_I/Howtomakegeese.html
http://www.patchpieces.com/Flyinggeese.html
Good resource for the book and ruler:
www.lazygirldesigns.com
www.flyinggeeseruler.com
Flying Geese Chart:

| Finished Size | Cut four | Cut one |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3/4" X 1 1/2" | $15 / 8 "$ | $23 / 4 "$ |
| 1" X 2" | $17 / 8 "$ | 3 1/4" |
| $11 / 4$ " X $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | $21 / 8 "$ | 3 3/4" |
| $11 / 2$ " $\times$ 3" | $23 / 8 "$ | 4 1/4" |
| $13 / 4$ " X 3 1/2" | 2 5/8" | $43 / 4 "$ |
| 2" X 4" | $27 / 8{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 5 1/4" |
| $21 / 4 " \times 41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | $31 / 8{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $53 / 4 "$ |
| $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 3 3/8" | 6 1/4" |
| $23 / 4{ }^{\prime \prime}$ X $51 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | 3 5/8" | 6 3/4" |
| 3" X 6" | $37 / 8$ " | 5 1/4" |
| $31 / 4$ " X $61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | $31 / 8 "$ | $53 / 4 "$ |
| $31 / 2{ }^{1 / 2} \times$ | $43 / 8$ " | 6 1/4" |

NOTE: These instructions give the formula for making Flying Geese units and do NOT give a particular cutting size. Just remember that the width of the finished unit is always twice its height.


## Size to cut squares:

Fabric A: Finished width of desired geese unit + 1 1/4" (1.25)
Fabric B: Finished height of desired geese unit $+7 / 8^{\prime \prime}(.875)$


With right sides of fabric together, lay two of the smaller squares on the larger square, as shown. Using a ruler, draw a light pencil line diagonally from top left corner to bottom right corner.


Stitch a scant $1 / 4$ inch on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart on the center drawn line.

Note: If your machine does not have an accurate 1/4 inch foot, draw your stitching lines using a ruler and pencil.


Press seams toward Fabric B. Draw a diagonal line on wrong side of smaller square. With right sides together, lay one of the marked squares on the sewn unit and stitch 1/4 inch on both sides of drawn line. Cut apart on drawn line. Repeat with the remaining unit and the remaining smaller square.

Press your 4 geese units open and use them in your favorite quilt blocks!


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