

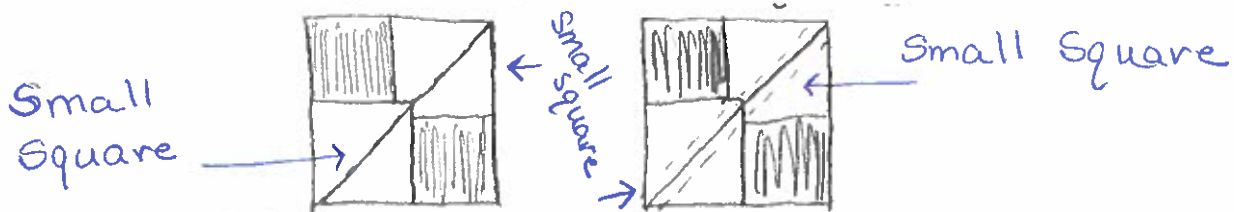
MYSTERY QUILT PROJECT

Welcome to the first segment of the Murder Mystery Quilt Project, "Murder at the Quilt Retreat". This month you will be making flying geese. Our mystery is set in the fall and a sure sign of the season is geese flying south for the winter.

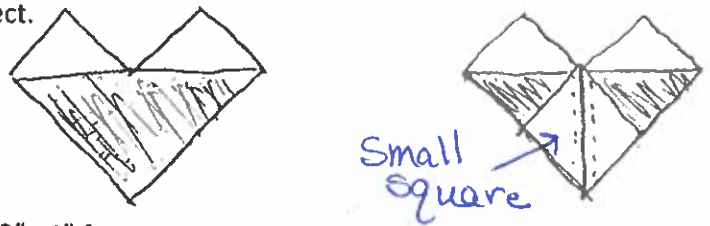
You will need to make a total of twenty-two (22) flying geese with a finished size of 2 inches by 4 inches (2"x4"). Your geese blocks will be 2 ½ " by 4 ½" with the seam allowance. Use your favorite method of making flying geese. Here are some suggestions for making them.

FLYING GEESE – using the 4 at a time method (2"x4" finished size)

Cut six (6) large squares (5 ½ inches) and twenty-four (24) small squares (2 7/8 inches). Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the small squares. Place two (2) small squares on top of the large square right sides together matching the corners. The small squares will overlap a little in the center. Stitch ¼ inch on either side of the diagonal line.

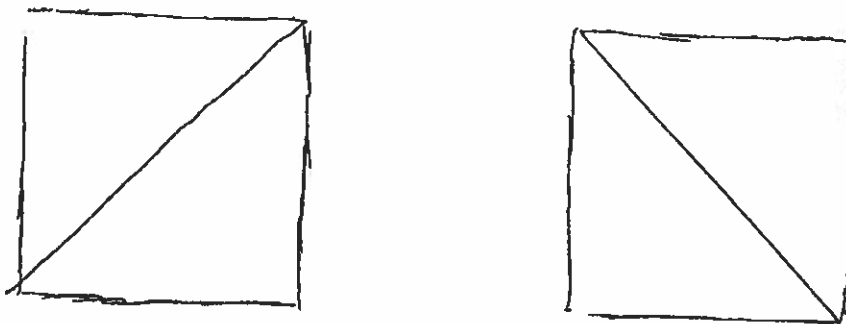


Cut on the diagonal line. Press the resulting two (2) units. Place a small square on each of the units and stitch ¼ inch on either side of the diagonal line. Cut on the diagonal line and press. The result is four (4) flying geese. Remember using this method you will have two (2) leftover flying geese that will not be used in the project.

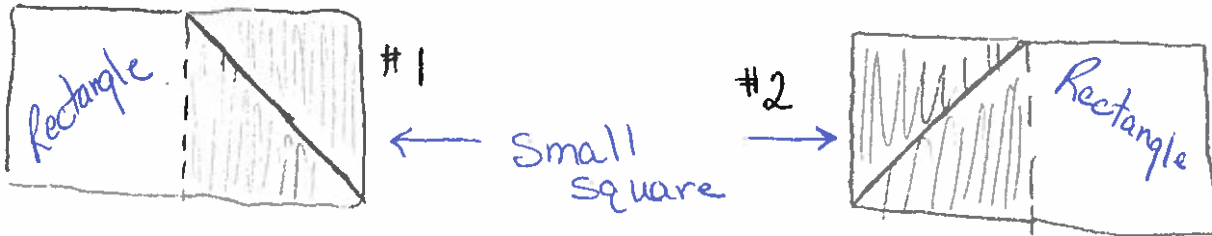


FLYING GEESE – Stitch and Flip Method -single block (2"x4" finished size)

Cut twenty-two (22) 2 ½ " by 4 ½ " rectangles and forty-four (44) 2 ½ " squares. Mark the small square with a diagonal line on the wrong side of the fabric. If the fabric of the small square is not solid you will need to mark 22 squares with the diagonal line pointing one way and the other 22 pointing the opposite direction, like the lines of the flying geese block.

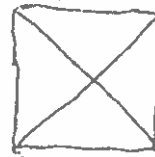


Place a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square on the right side of the rectangle with the diagonal mark going from left to right top to bottom. Stitch along the diagonal line just outside of it to allow for pressing. Then cut $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the stitching and press. Repeat this for the left side of the block. Make sure your diagonal line is going right to left, top to bottom on this side. Sew, cut with seam allowance and press. You should have a rectangular block (single flying geese block) that measures $2\frac{1}{2}$ " by $4\frac{1}{2}$ " which will yield a finished 2x4 block. Repeat the process to make 22 blocks.

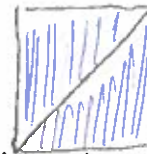


FLYING GEESE – Traditional method – Single block (2"x 4" finished)

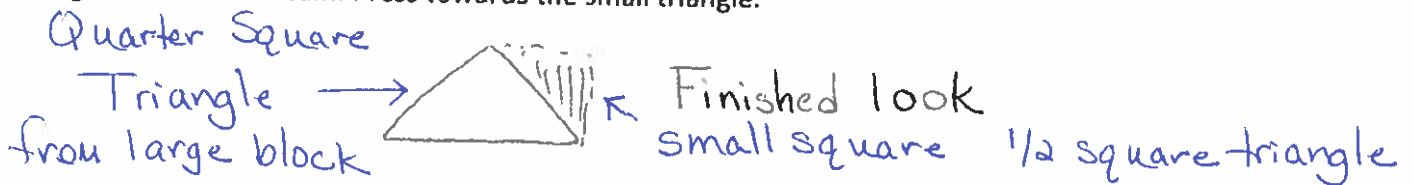
Cut 6 large squares $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches (these will be cut diagonally into 4 quarter square triangles. Each large square will yield 4 flying geese blocks.)



Cut 22 small squares $2\frac{7}{8}$ " (these will be cut diagonally into 2 half square triangles). If the fabric of the small square is not solid you will need to mark half squares with the diagonal line pointing one way and the other half pointing the opposite direction, like the lines of the flying geese block. This is especially important with one-way designs.



With bias edges together, place one small triangle on the right bias edge of the large triangle and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press towards the small triangle.



Place the second small triangle on the left bias edge of the large triangle and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press again towards the small triangle. You should have one flying geese block that measures $2\frac{1}{2}$ " by $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (finished size 2" x 4").



Sew 10 of your flying geese blocks together to form a single strip. Make sure the points of the geese are all facing the same direction/ Sew the remaining 12 together for a second strip of flying geese. Again make sure the geese are all flying the same way. These will be used in the quilt construction.

