

Fast Flying Geese

These directions will make 2" x 4" Flying Geese units. If you need units of different dimensions, see the chart on next page to make your own custom size.

1. Cut (4) squares $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " from the fabric that will be the background triangles.
Cut (1) square $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " from the fabric that will become the "geese" triangle (the large one in the center of the unit).
2. With right sides together, place small squares at opposite corners of the large square, align edges, and pin in place (the corners of the small squares will overlap in the center).
3. Draw a straight line from corner to corner through both sides.
4. Stitch an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the line along both sides.
5. Cut the squares in half along the drawn line. See diagram 1.
6. On each half, press the small triangles and the seam allowances away from the large triangles. See diagram 2.
7. Position another small square at the corner of one large triangles, pin in place, and draw a diagonal line from corner to corner.
8. Again sew a line of stitches $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the line along both sides. Repeat for the second large triangle. See diagram 3.
9. Cut apart on the drawn line to create two Flying Geese units. Press the small triangles and seam allowances away from the larger triangles. Repeat to make two more Flying Geese units. See diagram 4.

One large and four small squares make a row of four Flying Geese. When joining the long sides of the units, take care not to catch the finished point of the large triangle inside the seam. Trim off the points of the seam allowances along both edges so no dark fabric will show through once they are joined to other patches. If you need a unit of a different size, the formula for cutting the squares is an easy one. Measure the finished size of the large triangles patch for both needed dimensions. To determine the cut size of the small triangles, measure the finished height of the large triangle patch and add $\frac{7}{8}$ ". See diagram 5.

To determine the cut size of the large squares, measure the finished base of the large triangle patch and add $1\frac{1}{4}$ ".

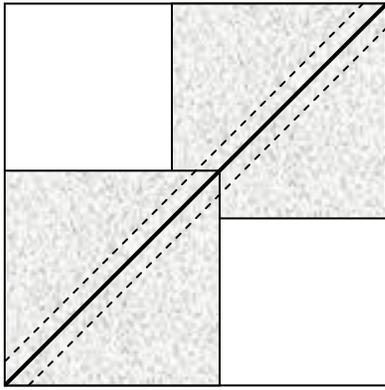


Diagram 1

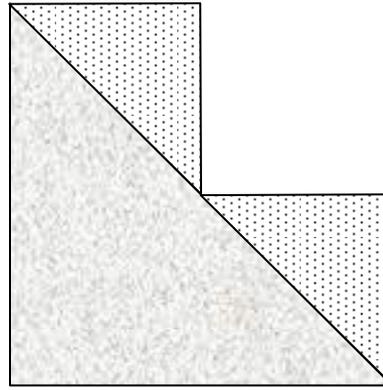


Diagram 2

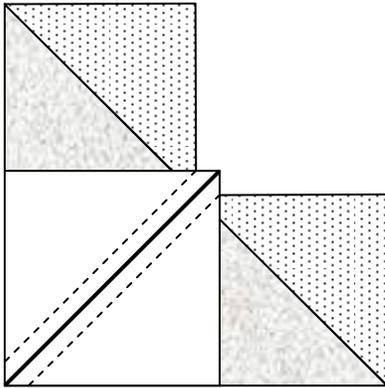
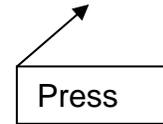


Diagram 3

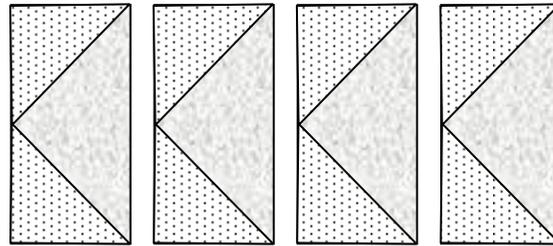
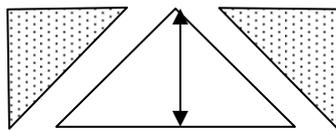
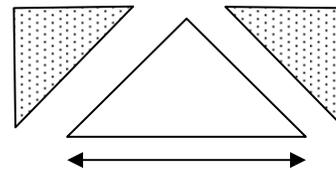


Diagram 4



Height + 7/8" = Size of
Small squares



Base + 1 1/4" = Size of
Large square

Refer to this chart for the most common sizes of Flying Geese									
Finished Flying Geese Unit (Height X Base)	1" x 2"	1 1/4" x 2 1/2"	1 1/2" x 3"	1 3/4" x 3 1/2"	2" x 4"	2 1/4" x 4 1/2"	2 1/2" x 5"	2 3/4" x 5 1/2"	3" x 6"
Small Square Cut Size	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 Cut Size	3 1/4"	3 3/4"	4 1/4"	4 3/4"	5 1/4"	5 3/4"	6 1/4"	6 3/4"	7 1/4"