



## Easy Flying Geese- the “No Waste” method

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 works great- 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 sewed slightly on either side of the line so your geese are then too small or too large! Too large, you can trim; too small...

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 1 ¼” larger than the finished width of your Flying Geese block.

Example: if your block will finish at 2” x 4” (unfinished 2 ½” x 4 ½”), then cut your geese fabric into a square 5 ¼” x 5 ¼” (4” + 1¼” = 5 ¼”). 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 2 ½” x 4 ½”), then cut your side triangle fabric into 4 squares 2 7/8” x 2 7/8” (2” + 7/8” = 2 7/8”).

You can cut your pieces oversized- see note on page 2.

**Here is a chart of some common sizes:**

Flying Geese Block Finished Size	Geese Fabric	Side Triangle Fabric
1" x 2"	3 ¼" x 3 ¼"	1 7/8" x 1 7/8"
1 ½" x 3"	4 ¼" x 4 ¼"	2 3/8" x 2 3/8"
2" x 4"	5 ¼" x 5 ¼"	2 7/8" x 2 7/8"
2 ½" x 5"	6 ¼" x 6 ¼"	3 3/8" x 3 3/8"
3" x 6"	7 ¼" x 7 ¼"	3 7/8" x 3 7/8"
4" x 8"	9 ¼" x 9 ¼"	4 7/8" x 4 7/8"

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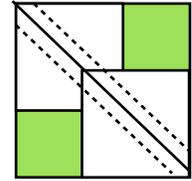
## Flying Geese Units (FG)



Side triangle Fabric

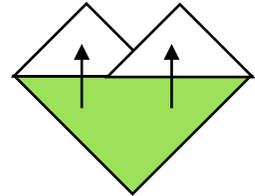
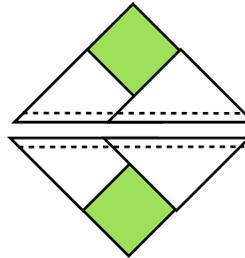
### Step 1

Draw a diagonal line corner to corner across the Side triangle squares.  
Layer the Geese fabric square with 2 Side triangle squares as shown.



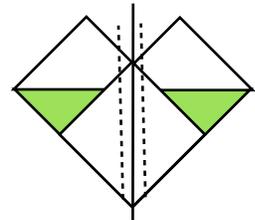
### Step 2

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



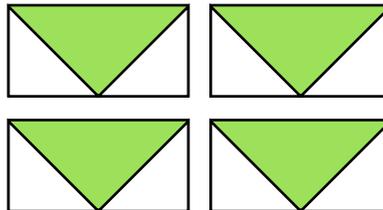
### Step 3

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.



**Oversizing:** You can cut your squares oversized to add a little wiggle room. You would then trim your geese to size once sewn. I usually just add  $\frac{1}{8}$ " -  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". So for squares cut  $4\frac{1}{4}$ ", I cut them  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " and for the side triangles cut  $2\frac{3}{8}$ ", I would cut them  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". When you oversize the squares, nudge the small squares in just a few threads rather than lining up the raw edges.

