

# Which would you rather do?

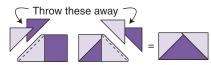
### Waste Fabric, Waste Time, Waste Money

Look carefully at the waste in this popular method of making Flying Geese.

Cut these three pieces and be prepared to throw away almost half of each one. Sew the squares onto the rectangle. Cut off and throw away the excess fabric. Using



this method, the cost of your fabric almost doubles!



### Save Fabric, Save Time and Save Money!

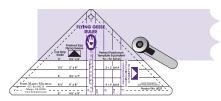
Why not just cut and sew the three actual-size pieces you need? To convert the instructions above to our rulers, use the cut size of the square for the strip width for both triangles. Cut and sew as shown previously.

# Using the Flying Geese Ruler

Determine the finished size of Flying Geese units you want to make from the column of 5 available Finished Sizes printed on the ruler. Cut strips the width listed in the "Cut Strip Width" column for both size triangles.

Cutting the large triangles

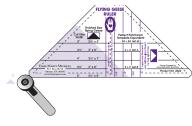
1. Use the black lines for measuring the large triangle. Put the appropriate line on one cut edge of the fabric. The blunt corner at the top of the ruler should line up perfectly with the other side of the strip. Cut both diagonal edges.



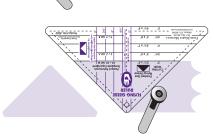
Right handed? Start at the left end of the strip. The first cut is awkward, the rest are natural. Left handed? Start at the right end.

Cutting illustrations are for a 2½" x 5" finished Flying Geese unit.

2. Reposition the ruler and cut away the "dog ears" on both pointed corners.

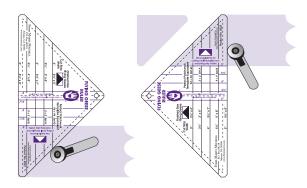


3. Rotate the ruler to the other side of the strip and cut the next large triangle. Continue across the strip in the same manner.



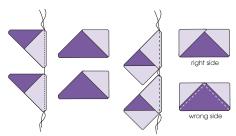
### Cutting the small triangles

- 1. Rotate the ruler so that you are using the appropriate purple line to measure the matching small triangles. Cut.
- 2. Position the ruler to blunt the corners, as before.
- 3. Rotate the ruler 180 degrees and cut again.



## Sewing Flying Geese Units

1. With triangles positioned as shown, chain piece one small triangle to the large triangle. Press seam allowances toward the small triangle, regardless of color.

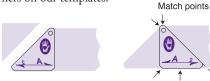


2. Add the second small triangle. Press toward the small triangle again.

## 2+2, 9+9, and 94+94

If you regularly use From Marti Michell Perfect Patchwork Templates, you know that in many blocks when two half-square triangles of matching fabric are to be sewn together, we recommend eliminating the seam. We say, cut a larger triangle, cut two small triangles, and assemble them like a Flying Geese unit because they are Flying Geese units!

We show template users who have Set A how to cut a 2+2 size triangle with a #2 template, a trick we can accomplish because of the special engineered corners on our templates.



Many customers said they would rather have a tool the size of a 2+2; this tool is in response to those requests. You can also cut large triangles for Set B (9+9) and Set Q (94+94) and two sizes that are not available in any of our template sets. Use the ruler to cut the small triangle for all five sizes, too!