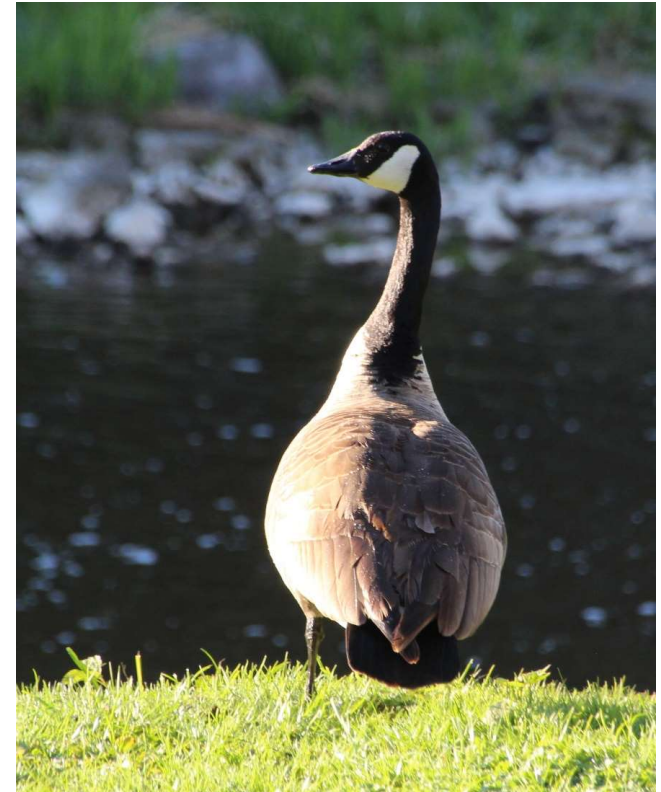




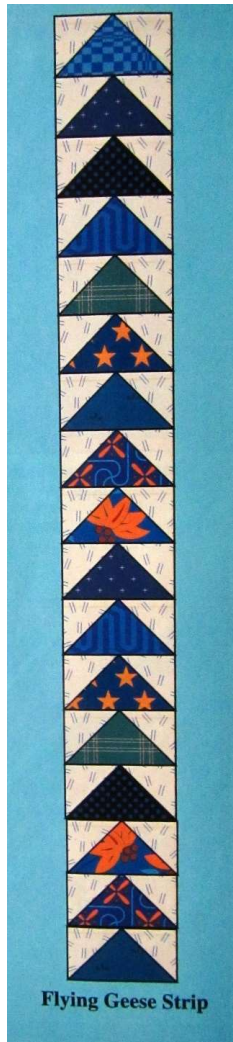
**I am lucky to live on the
banks of the Grand
River, but I do not like
geese very much!**



On the
other
hand,
I LOVE
flying
geese.....

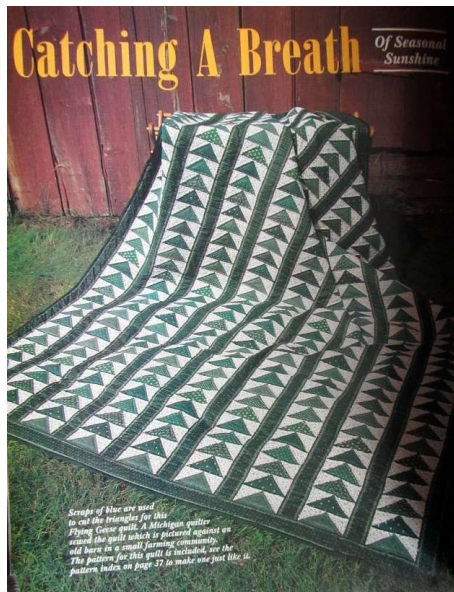


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Country Quilts Winter 1997

...especially if
the flying
geese involve
quilting!!



Quilt, summer 1993

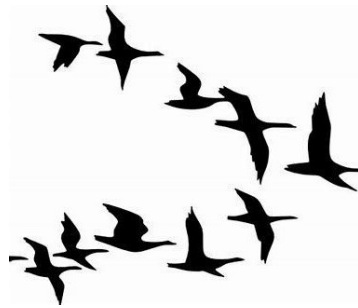


Wild Goose Weave
McCall's Nov 1993

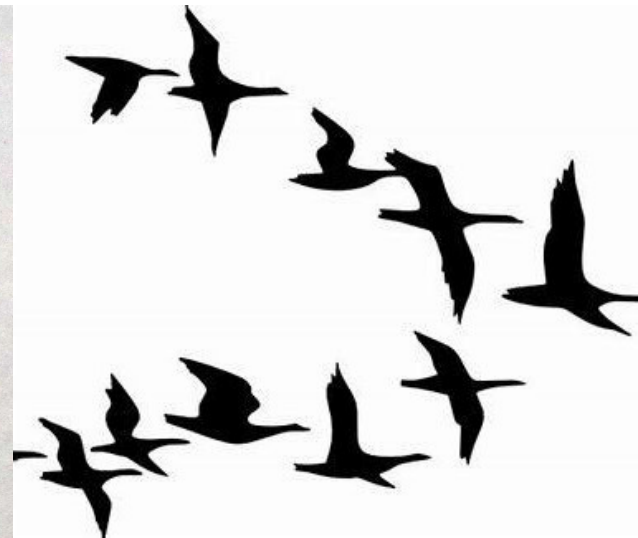
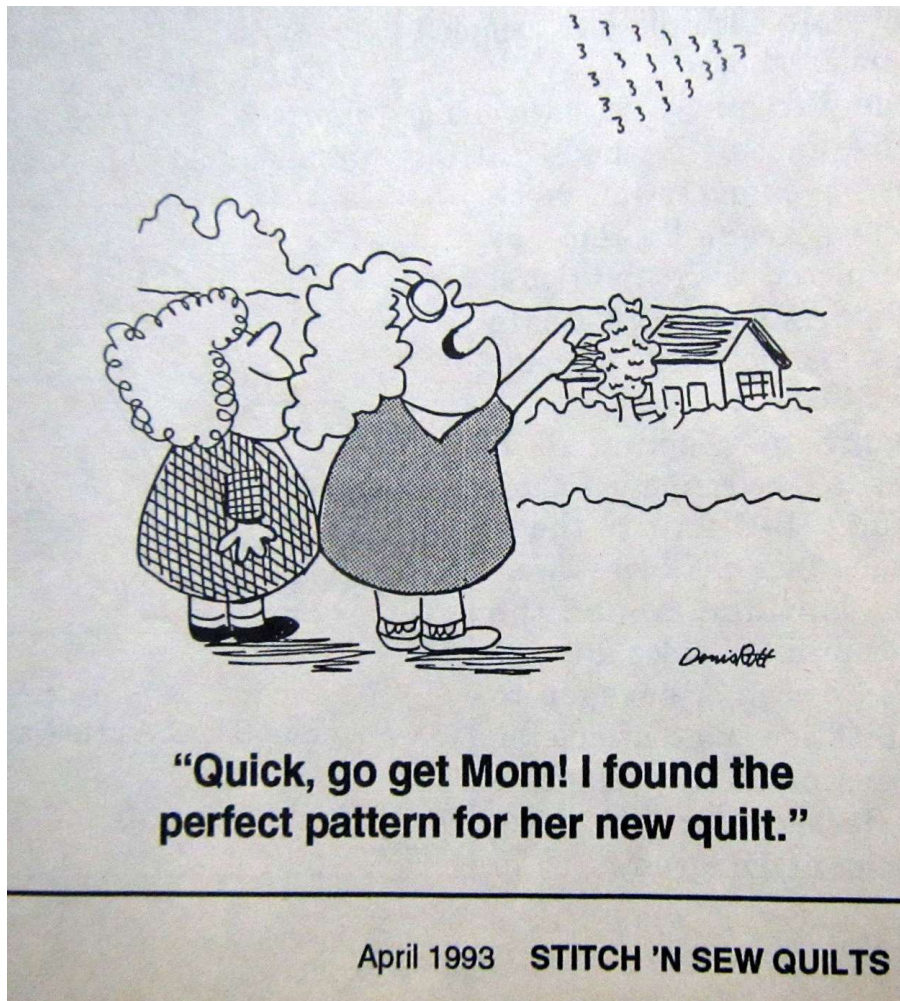
Why do I like the flying geese block so much??

- it is a very simple block – so you can keep it simple or dress it up in many ways
- it can stand on it's own as a whole quilt, or it can contribute to more complicated blocks
- it can be made in a variety of ways, depending on your own preference
- it can contribute to a border or add a direction
- it can be a principal player, or make a small cameo appearance
- it can be at home in traditional, contemporary, or modern quilts.
- flying geese blocks have been around for a long time!

.....and you can add such wonderful titles on to your quilt, such as some of those used previously:

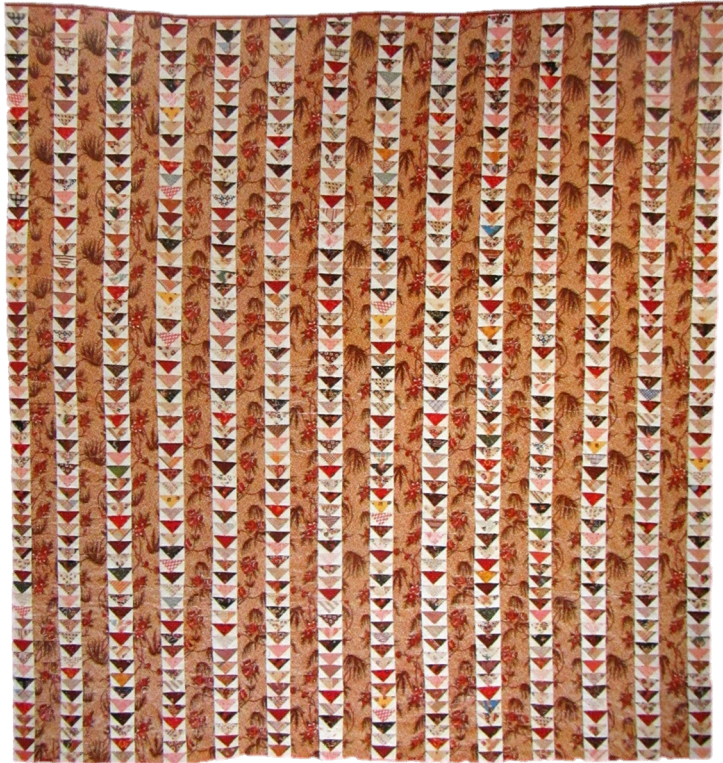


- *Flock together*
- *Geese are still flying*
- *Southward bound*
- *Wild geese*
- *Wild goose weave*
- *Fancy flight*
- *Take flight*
- *Geese in the lilies*
- *Migrating geese*
- *Snowbirds*
- *Northern neighbours*
- *Wild goose chase*



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flying geese have appeared since at least the 1770's



Flying Geese 1825-1850
in
The American Quilt, Roderick Kiracofe



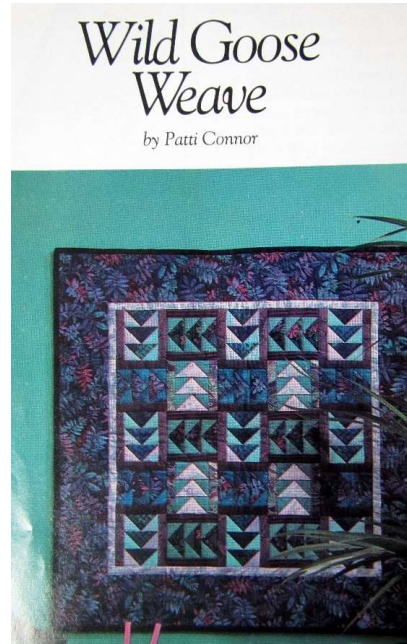
wild goose chase 1835 – 1855
(detail) in
The American Quilt, Roderick Kiracofe

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In the 1990's when our guild was being birthed, flying geese were plentiful!



5 easy pieces (detail),
Barbara Black
McCall's Quilting
Aug 1996,

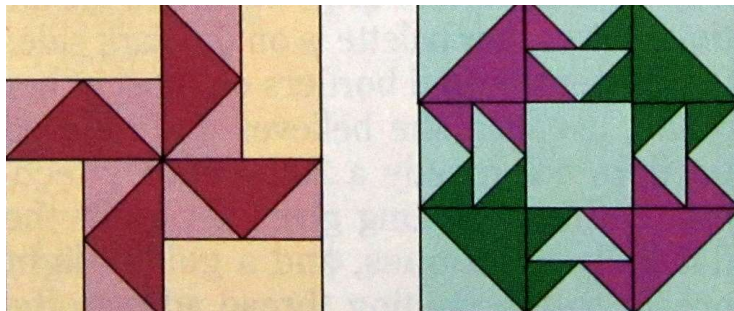
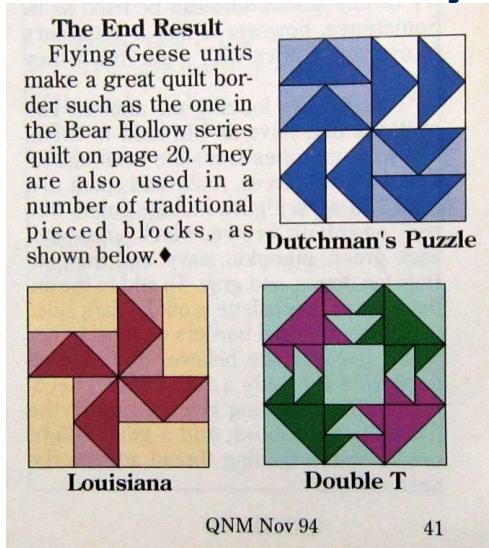


Wild Goose Weave
by Patti Connor
McCall's, November 1993

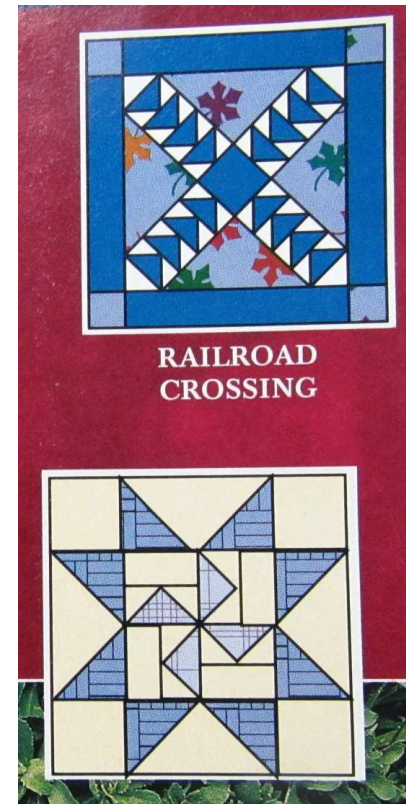
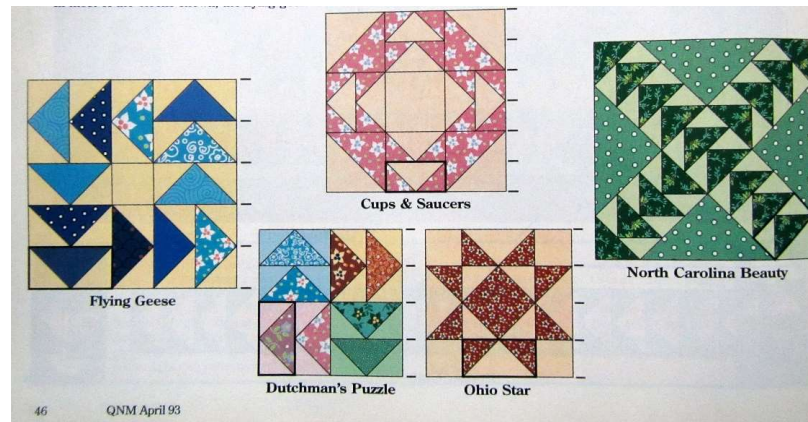
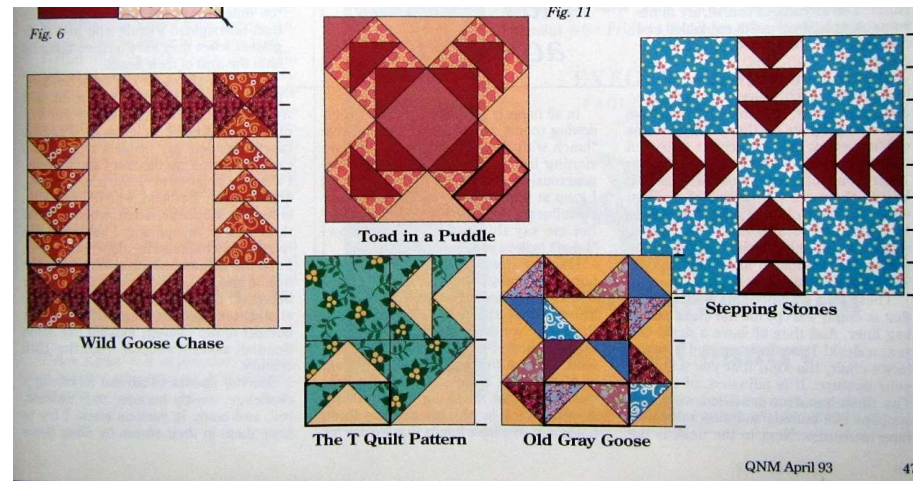


Southward Bound
McCall's Quick Quilts
Winter 1997-1998

.....and the flying geese show up in a lot more traditional blocks!!

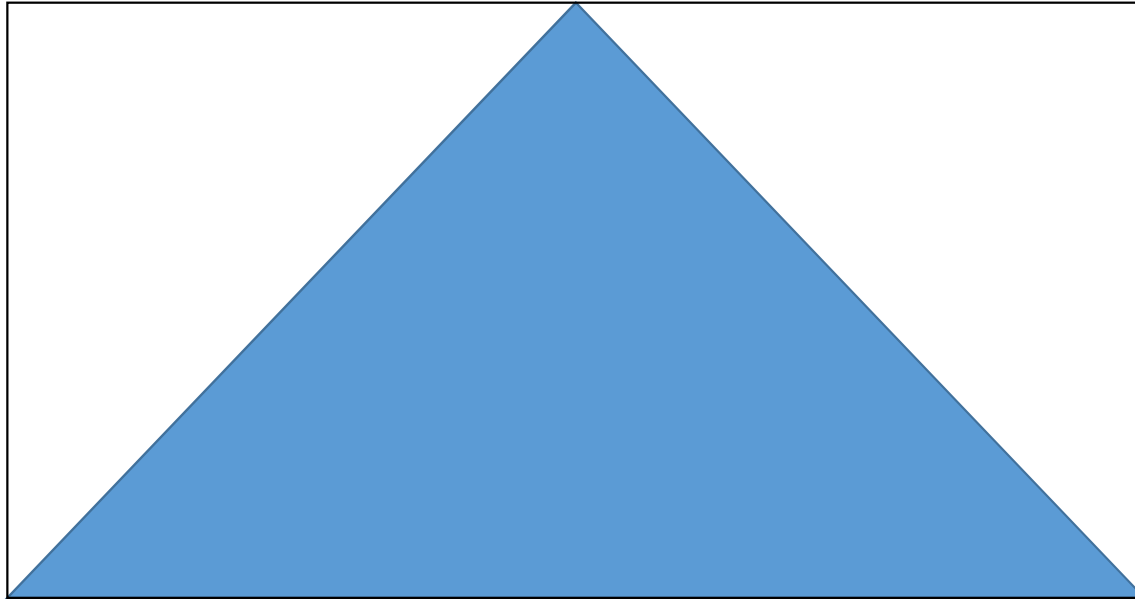


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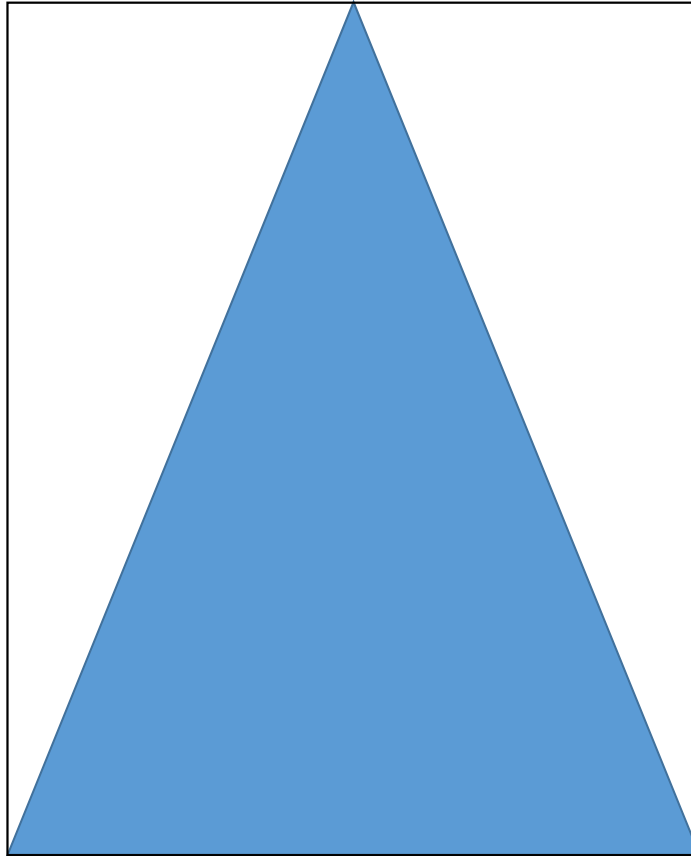
Country Quilts,
fall 1996

Traditional flying goose block: proportions are 1:2 meaning the width is twice the height

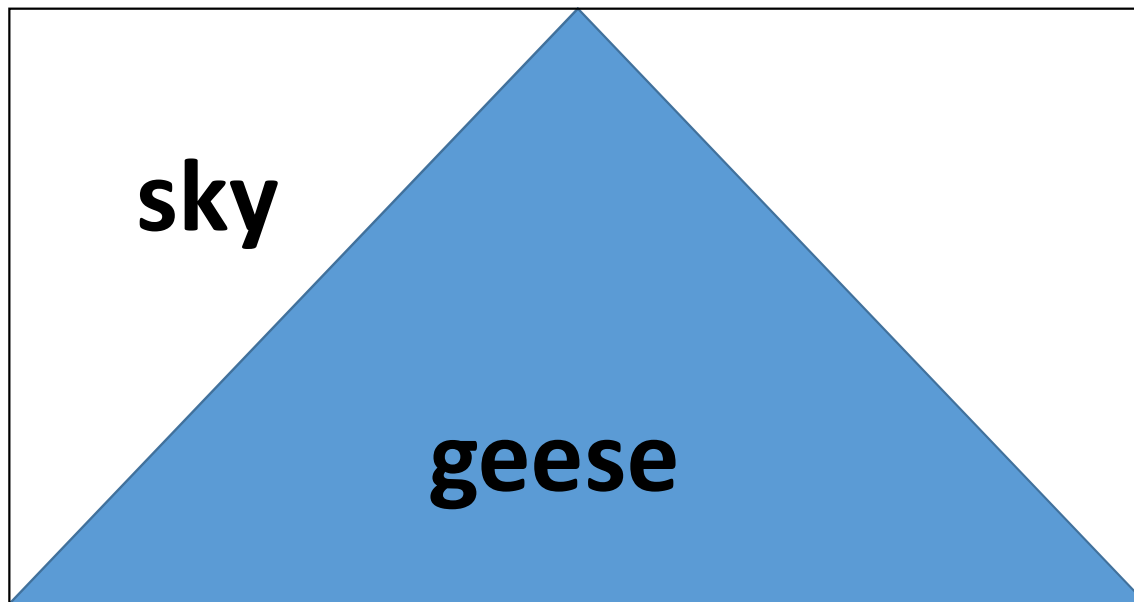


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**However, if you don't want to be traditional,
you can make them whatever proportions you want!**

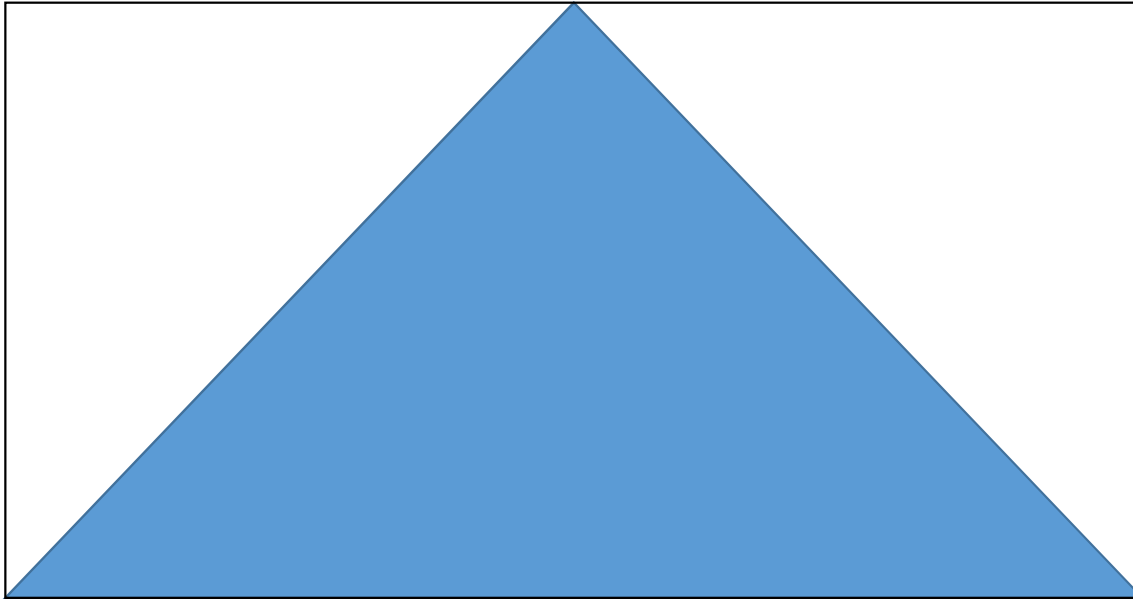


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**You can do light “sky” and dark “geese” or dark “sky” on light “geese”:
the important thing is to have a value contrast (light and dark) so your pattern shows up.**



There are many ways to make flying geese:

- **-pieced (such as one at a time, or no-waste method)**
- **-as a simple flying goose, or part of a more complex pattern**
- **-as a border element**
- **-(appliquéd if you love doing points and appliqué)**
- **- foundation pieced, including with freezer paper**
- **-with or without specialty rulers**
- **-good in string quilts or made-fabric (slab quilting)**
- **-three-dimensional flying geese**
- **-designed in EQ (Electric Quilt)**
- **-pre-printed on fabric, including the Inklingo method**

some methods for piecing flying geese

- **traditional – using 3 triangles – but uses a lot of bias edges**
- **corner triangle method:**
- **(“stitch and flip” method – yields some “wasted” little triangles)**
- **the no-waste flying geese method – yields 4 geese at a time**
- **the one-seam (dimensional or 3D) flying geese**
- **foundation-pieced**

NO WASTE METHOD FOR MAKING FLYING GEESSE UNITS (Makes 4 geese units)

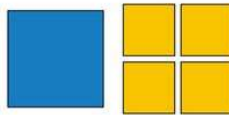
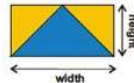


NOTE: These instructions give the formula for making Flying Geese units and do **NOT** give a particular cutting size. Just remember that the width of the finished unit is always twice its height.

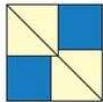
Size to cut squares:

Fabric A: Finished width of desired geese unit + 1 1/4" (1.25)

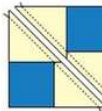
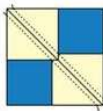
Fabric B: Finished height of desired geese unit + 7/8" (.875)



From Fabric A (the geese fabric), cut ONE (1) _____ square
From Fabric B (the sky fabric), cut FOUR (4) _____ squares

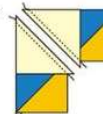
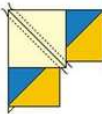


With right sides of fabric together, lay two of the smaller squares on the larger square, as shown. Using a ruler, draw a light pencil line diagonally from top left corner to bottom right corner.



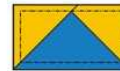
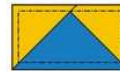
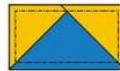
Stitch a scant 1/4 inch on both sides of the drawn line.
Cut apart on the center drawn line.

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!



No Waste Method For Making Flying Geese Units

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the no-waste flying geese method

Many articles, books and Youtube videos have elaborate charts for many different sizes of flying geese.

As this year our Block of the Month has focused on doing 12" finished blocks for yourself or for our community quilts, I will just give several sizes that could be combined into a 12" block:

finished height and width	cut 1 square for "geese"	cut 4 squares for "sky"
1" x 2"	3 ¼"	1 7/8"
1 ½" x 3"	4 ¼"	2 3/8"
2" x 4"	5 ¼"	2 7/8"
3" x 6"	7 ¼"	3 7/8"

Dimensional (3D) Flying Geese – just one seam!

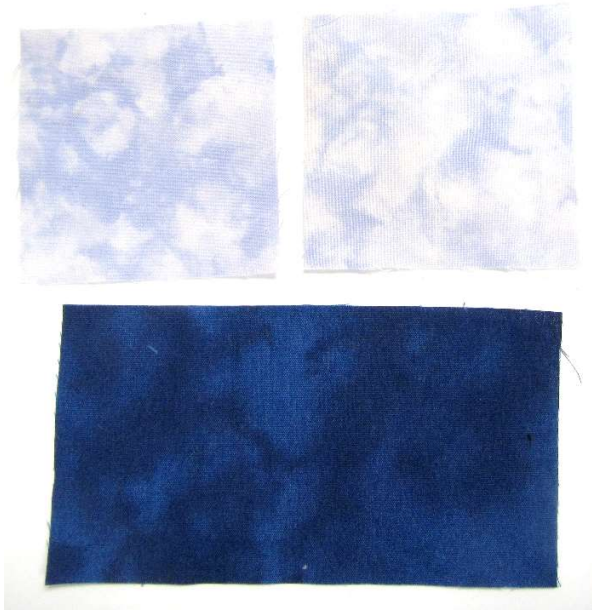
There are a few different YouTube tutorials - (I like the Ricky Tims/Alex Anderson version because he states that he learned this technique from some British quilters!) (see link in the resources page)

- **For the flying geese, take 3” strip of the “geese” fabric, cut 5 ½” pieces from that**
- **For the background fabric, 3” squares**
- **Fold the 3x5 ½ pieces right sides together**

Sandwich together:

- **Bottom layer: background square right side up**
- **Middle layer: folded flying geese fabric, fold away from you, lined up flush with the bottom of the background square (fold will not reach up to the top of the square)**
- **Top layer: background square, right side down**
- **Sew ¼” seam on one side**
- **Press open, reaching underneath to form the flying geese**

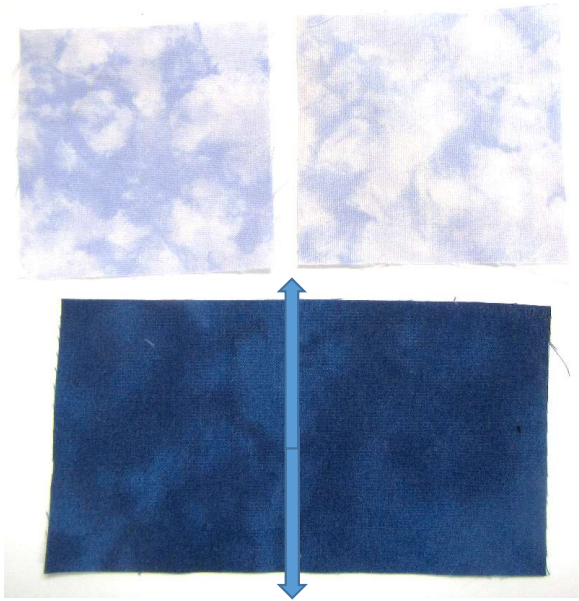
Dimensional (3D) Flying Geese



“sky” 3” x 3”

“goose” 3” x 5 ½”

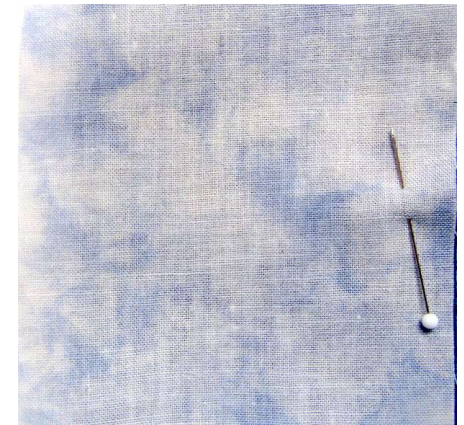
Dimensional (3D) Flying Geese



"sky" 3" x 3"
"goose" 3" x 5 ½"
fold the "goose" fabric in half

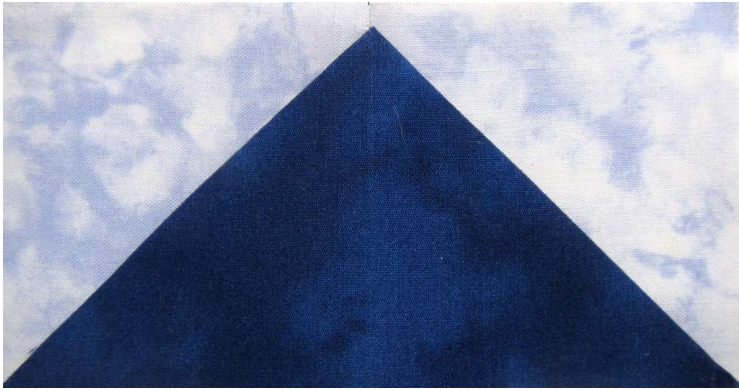


sandwich:
-bottom: "sky fabric", right side up
-middle: the "goose fabric" folded
with the fold at the top,
right sides out
-top: the "sky" right side down
(the fold will not reach to the edge
of the "sky" pieces)



sew ¼ " seam along
the right side

Dimensional (3D) Flying Geese



open the “goose” from the bottom and press



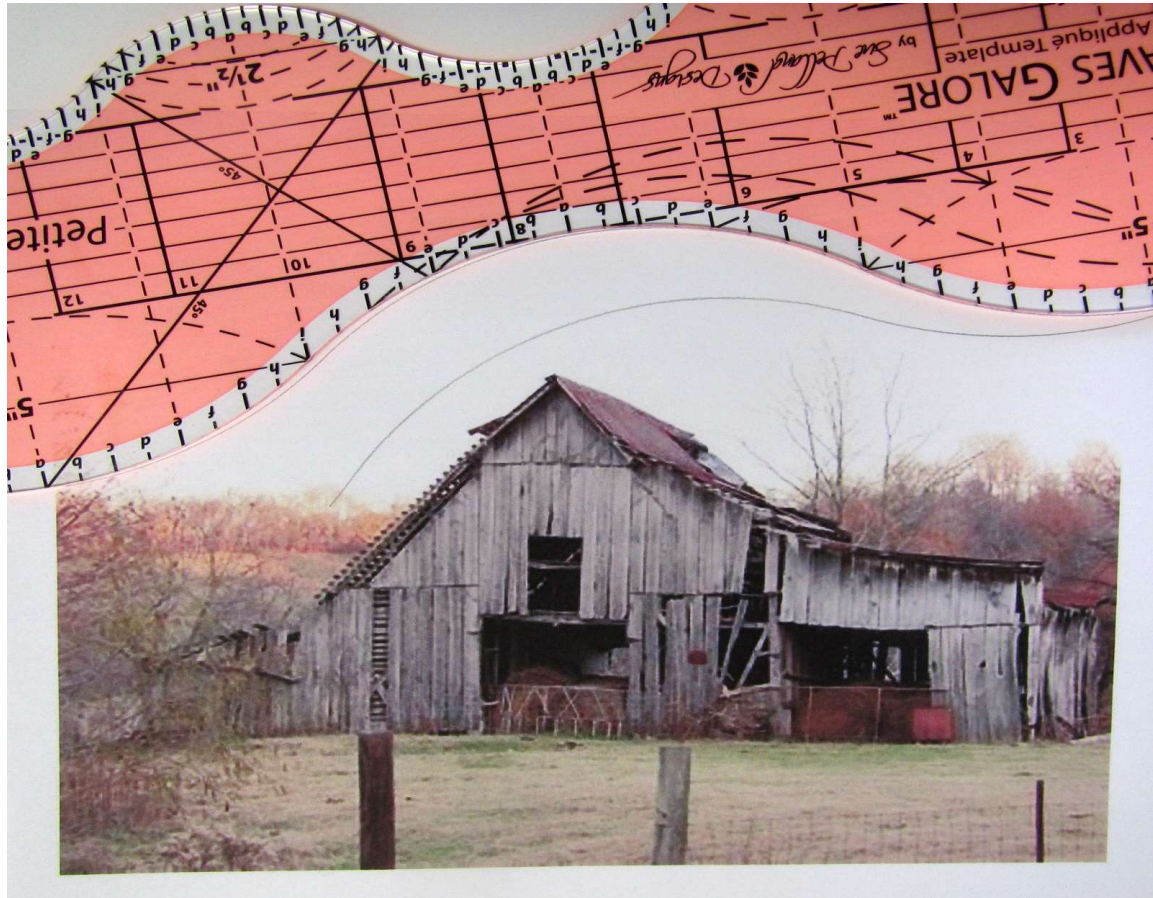
**the ruler is just tucked behind
just to show that there is no seam there**

designing your own freeform flying geese



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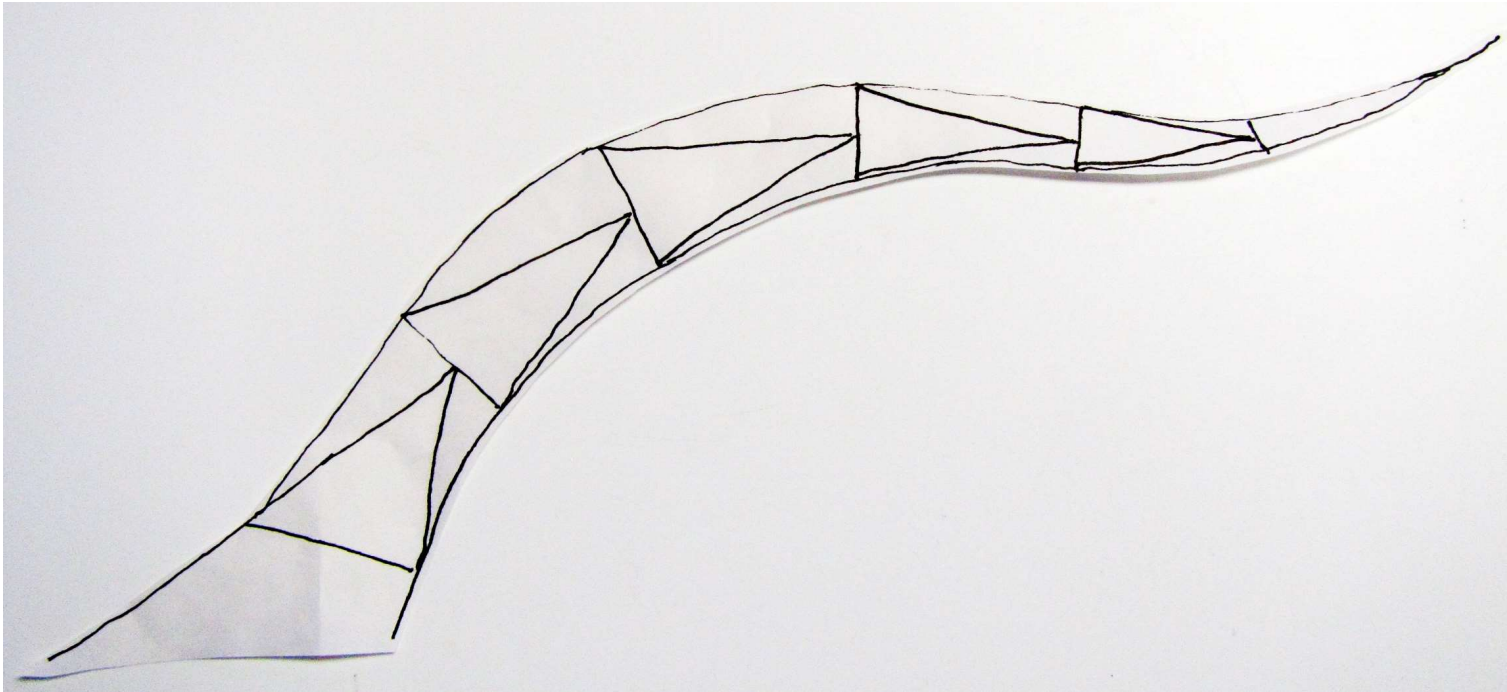
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flying geese

flying geese quilt tutorial

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flying geese no waste method

flying geese quilt block

flying geese quilt

flying geese ruler

flying geese 4 at a time

flying geese border

flying geese 4 at a time tutorial

flying geese paper piecing

online resources for flying geese

Online resources for flying geese

Note: this is just a small sampling – “the sky is the limit for flying geese”

-No waste method for making flying geese units,
 (“free to share with your quilt guild”, www.patchpieces.com by Patti R. Anderson

[One-seam flying geese cutting chart - The Crafty Quilter](#)

[How to Make a Flying Geese Block \(5 Different Ways!\) - Simple. Handmade. Everyday. \(kristinesser.com\)](#)

Quilting Tutorial - One Seam Flying Geese Quilt BlockTutorial (ie dimensional flying geese),
Ricky Tims https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78Mu0C_QL8Y

Book Resources if you want to fly out of your comfort zone:

- Design your own quilts, Judy Hopkins,
That Patchwork Place, 1998 , Martingale (an oldy but goody)
- Flying Colors, Gail Garber, *C&T 2010*
- Flying Geese: New Quilts from an Old Favorite,
Linda Lasco *American Quilters' Society 2017*

(and remember, I (Millie) have lots of other flying geese books, articles, and images if you want to drop over for tea or coffee and a visit post pandemic!!)

I am leaving you with two quilts that are examples of where I think flying geese really “sing”:



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Northern Neighbours

by Deb Tucker, Studio 180 Designs,
reproduced by permission of designer
Deb Tucker and Studio 180 Designs, who
also produce a number of specialty rulers.



and finally, a good friend in BC sent me these pictures,
and I thought they were a wonderful use of flying geese:
thank you, Donna for permission to reproduce this lovely quilt.

**Australian Memories by Donna Hikichi
(adapted from designer Wendy Williams "Over the Hill")**



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the end!

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