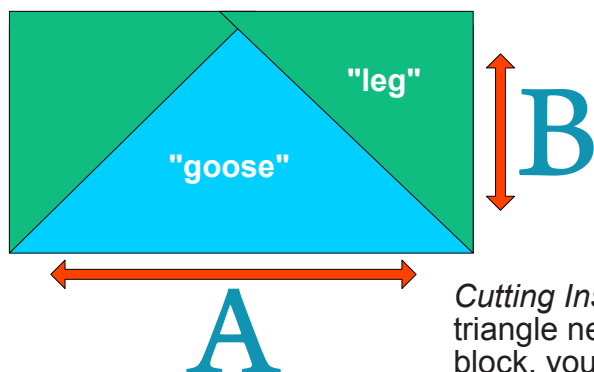


First Monday Sew-day!

February 3, 2020

Flying Geese:

There are two basic parts to this little unit--one is the "goose" and one is the "leg." The goose is the larger triangle, and the legs are the two side units. Usually I just refer to them as smaller and larger triangles, but now you have the complete vernacular.



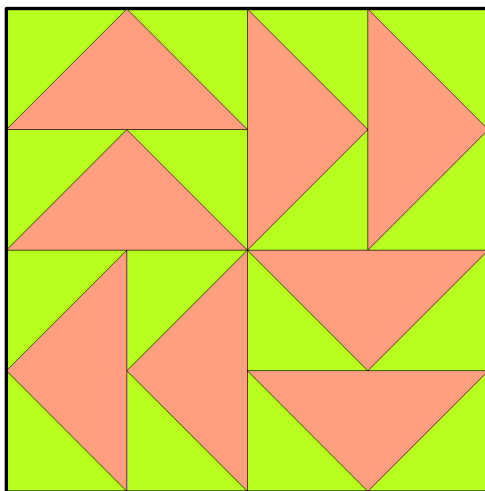
- Side A is always twice as long as side B.
- If side A finishes to 3" then side B is 1 1/2."
- If you know side B is 2" then side A is 4"

Cutting Instructions: Since you now know that a half-square triangle needs an extra 7/8" to make this simple Flying Geese block, you would add 7/8" to the "leg" of B measurement.

For the "goose" add 1/2" on both A and B measurements (because we use 1/4" seam allowances everywhere).

The fun begins when Flying Geese are combined into units.

The Temperature Quilt to the right is ONLY Flying Geese, some flipped up and some down, in different colors. (Info about this quilt is on my blog, OPQuilt.com.)



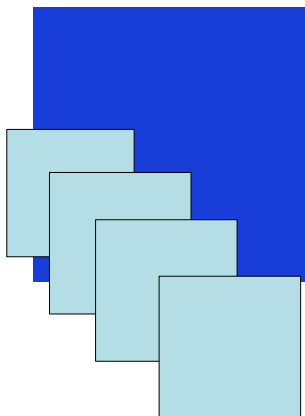
There are two ways to make flying geese. This next version called the “no-waste” method of Flying Geese. If you search for “No Waste Flying Geese” online, you’ll find many charts to help you know what size to cut the pieces. I’ve included one on the reverse.

The basic equation is this:

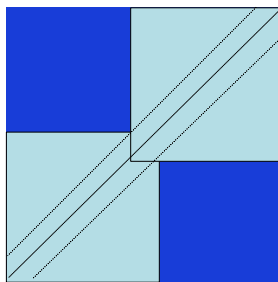
Large square: Take the measure of side A. Add 1 1/4” to that measurement.

Small Squares: Take the measure of side B. Add 7/8”.

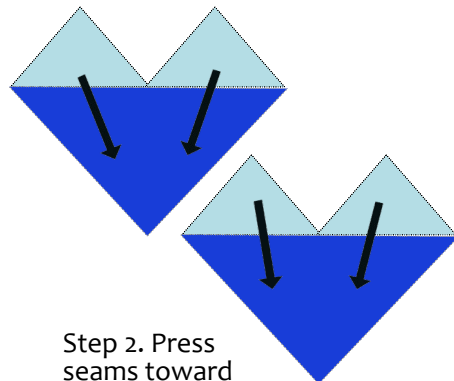
If you want a little bit extra of room for trimming, bump the large square measurement by a total of 1 1/2” and the small squares by 1”.



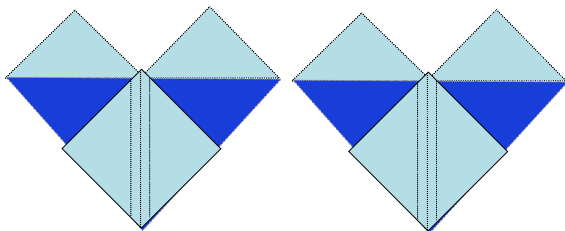
For four Flying Geese Units, use measurements from cutting diagrams and cut as shown.



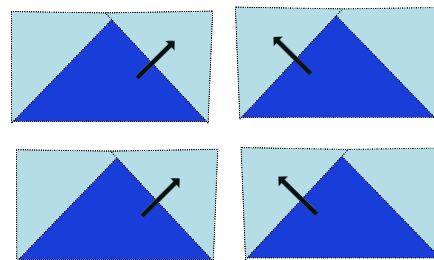
Step 1. Overlap 2 small squares onto 1 large square. Draw line diagonally down center; stitch on each side. Cut on drawn line.



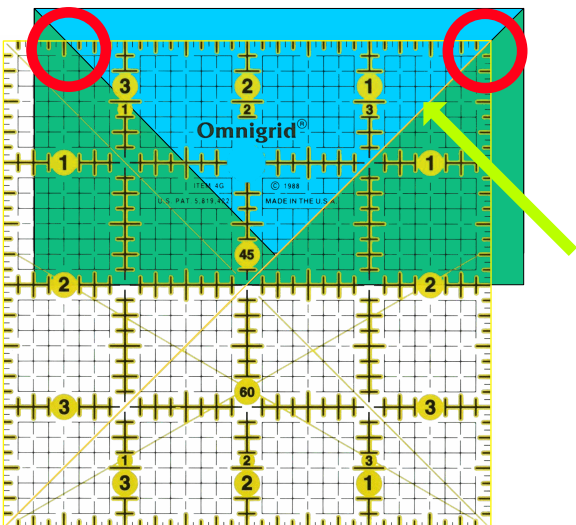
Step 2. Press seams toward larger triangles.



Step 3. Add remaining squares and stitch. Cut apart on drawn center line.



Step 4. Cut apart and press seams, as shown.



Trimming Flying Geese:

1. Place the point towards you. Align the diagonal line (green arrow) along one seam of the Flying Geese. Be exacting.
2. Since I am trimming this to finish at a 3 1/2” by 2” block, I place the upper corner on the line (right red circle), and the 3 1/2” mark on the other diagonal of my triangle (left red circle). I trim the right and top edges.
3. Flip the flying geese block 180 degrees, finish trimming the remaining two sides so block measures 3 1/2” by 2.” (This will finish as a 3” by 1 1/2” block when sewn.)