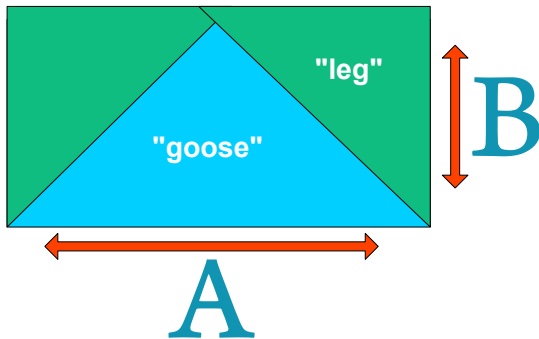


Tips and Tricks

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Flying Geese

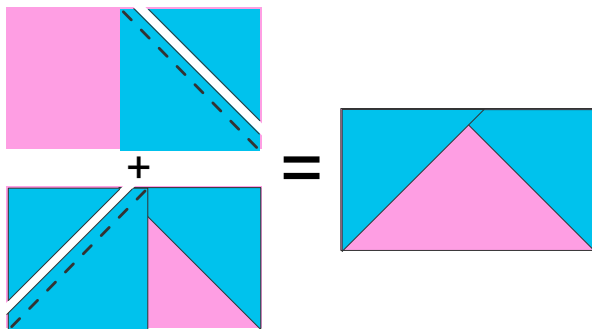
There are two basic parts to this little unit--one is the "goose" and one is the "leg." The goose is the larger triangle, and the legs are the two side units. Usually I just refer to them as smaller and larger triangles.



- 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"

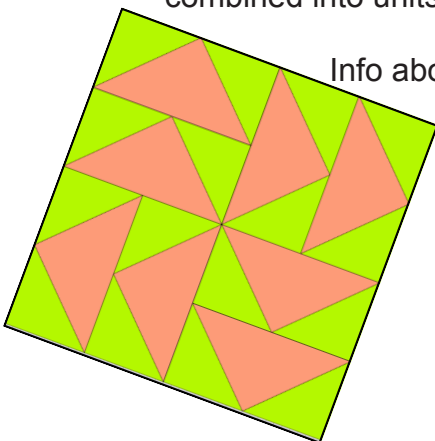
Cutting Instructions for basic method of one rectangle and two squares: Since a half-square triangle needs an extra 7/8," to make this simple Flying Geese block you'd add 7/8" to the "leg" of B measurement.

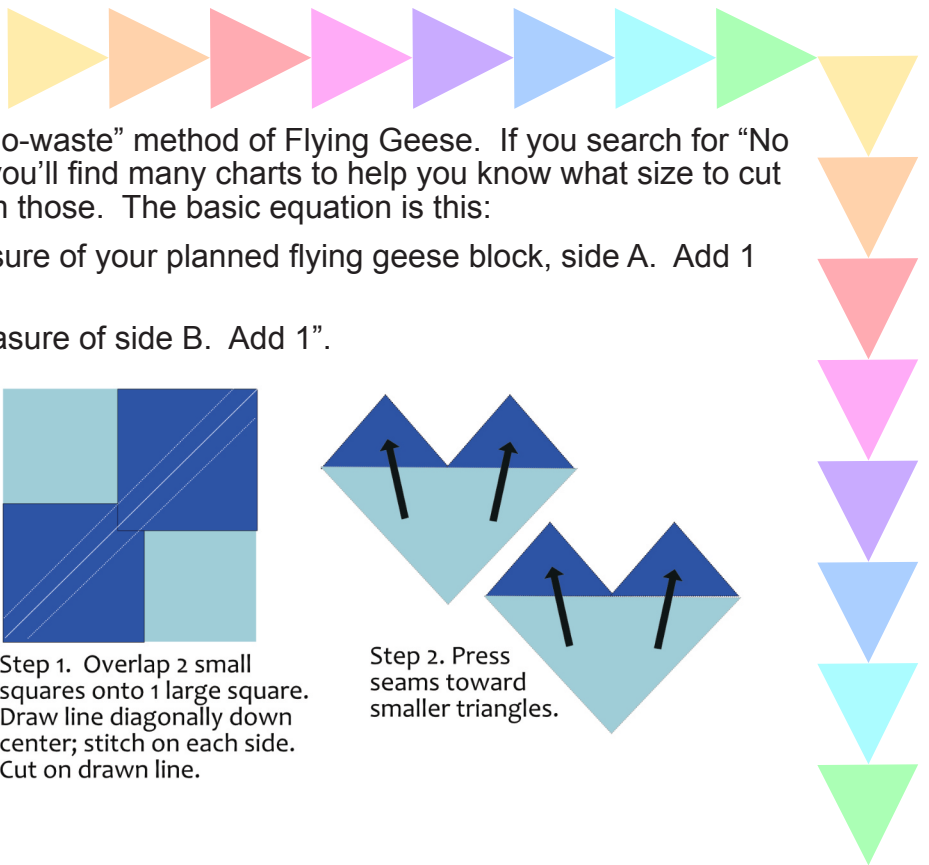
For the "goose" add 1/2" on both A and B measurements (because we use 1/4" seam allowances everywhere).



The fun begins when Flying Geese are combined into units. *Wealth of Days* is made of many flying geese.

Info about this quilt is on my blog, OPQuilt.com.)

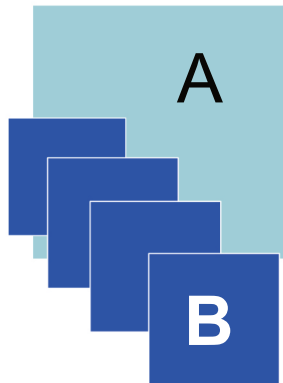




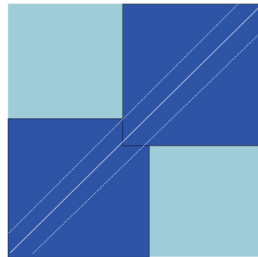
This next version called the “no-waste” method of Flying Geese. If you search for “No Waste Flying Geese” online, you’ll find many charts to help you know what size to cut the pieces. Free yourself from those. The basic equation is this:

Large square: Take the measure of your planned flying geese block, side A. Add 1 1/2” to that measurement.

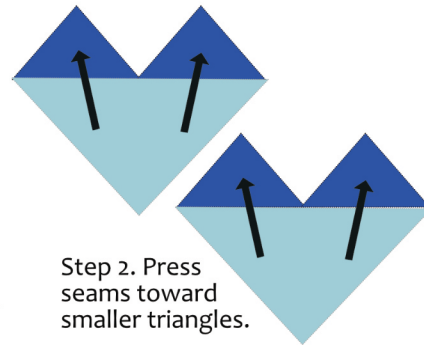
Small Squares: Take the measure of side B. Add 1”.



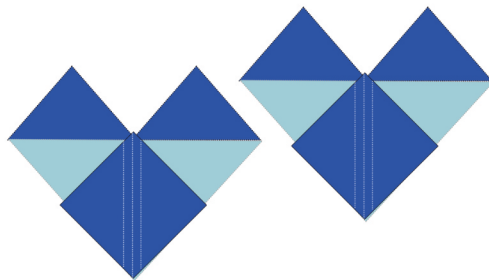
For four Flying Geese Units, use measurements from cutting diagrams and cut as shown.



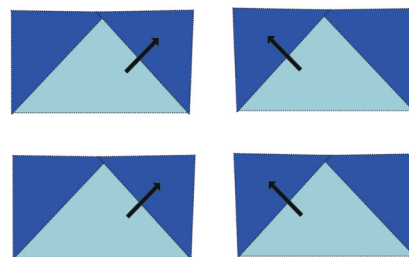
Step 1. Overlap 2 small squares onto 1 large square. Draw line diagonally down center; stitch on each side. Cut on drawn line.



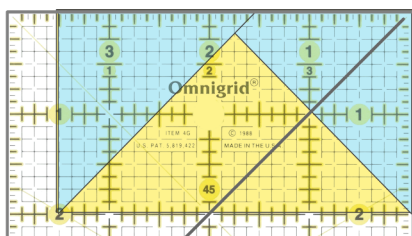
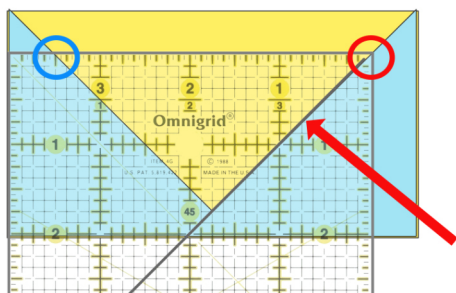
Step 2. Press seams toward smaller triangles.



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



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



Mostly Magical Way to Trim 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 example to finish at a 3 1/2” by 2” block, I place the upper corner of the ruler on the line (right **red** circle), and the 3 1/2” mark on the other diagonal of my triangle (left **blue** circle). I don’t worry about where the lower edge of the ruler is at this point. 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.)