



Grand Country Quilters Winter 2021 Mystery Stitch-Along



Week #5 – Flying Geese Blocks

This week you'll be making "Flying Geese" blocks...

- 172 – Light Grey/Dark Grey
- 24 – Light Blue/ Dark Blue
- 52 – Light Blue/Medium Blue
- 12 – Medium Blue/Dull Gold
- 12 – Dark Grey/ Bright Gold

To make a Flying Geese Block - just follow the steps below. There are 5 different color combos that you will need to make. One $5\frac{1}{4}$ " square and four $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares will yield 4 Flying Geese blocks. Make one "set" of Flying Geese blocks first so that you can get the hang of it and also to check your accuracy – if you're happy with the results, you're ready to begin sewing.

First – collect the following $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " and $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " squares "labeled":

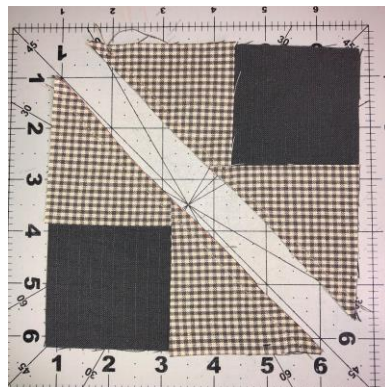
- "1B" & "2A" – 172 @ $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " Light Grey/ 43 @ $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " Dark Grey
- "7" – 24 @ $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " Light Blue/ 6 @ $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " Dark Blue
- "2C" – 52 @ $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " Light Blue/ 13 @ $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " Medium Blue
- "6" – 12 @ $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " Medium Blue/ 3 @ $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " Dull Gold
- "5" – 12 @ $2\frac{7}{8}$ " x $2\frac{7}{8}$ " Dark Grey/ 3 @ $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " Bright Gold



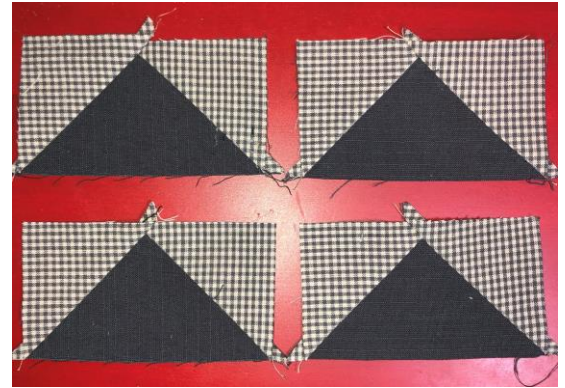
Second – make "Flying Geese" blocks

TIP - make one block first and check for accuracy.

- Iron your fabrics if needed.
- You will use one $5\frac{1}{4}$ " square and four $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares to make a "set" of four Flying Geese.
- Draw a line corner to corner on the wrong side of the $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares.
- Place two $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares on a $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{4}$ " square (right sides together) lining up the drawn line. Pin.
- Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of the drawn line... but not too scant or you'll lose the "tips" of the triangle.
- Cut on the drawn line.
- Press to the small triangles.. (use that "press and stack" method).



- Place the next two 2 7/8" squares on the corner of these two units – refer to photo.
- Stitch 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line.
- Cut on the drawn line.
- Press towards the small triangle.

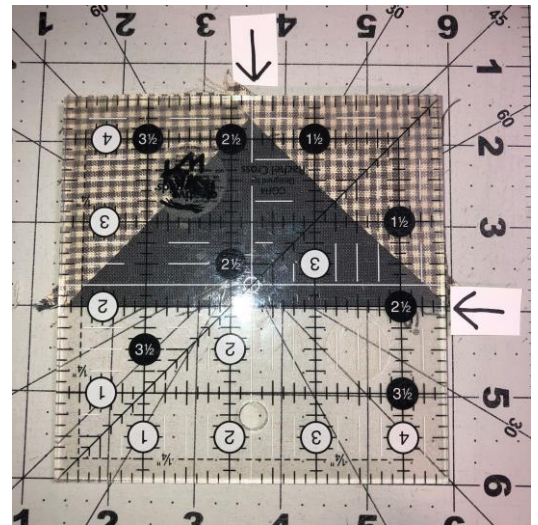


- You now have 4 Flying Geese! They should measure 2 1/2" x 4 1/2". There is very little excess fabric to trim away..but you do need to trim them up.

TIP - see the "tips" at the top of the triangle? – if you don't have the 1/4" seam allowance – then the scant 1/4" seam you used to sew the squares on was too scant and you need to adjust your 1/4" seam.

TRIMMING - USING THE 4 1/2" RULER

- Trim the Flying Geese to 2 1/2" x 4 1/2".
- Place the ruler on the block –
 - Line up the 2 1/4" mark with the center "tip" of the triangle. Make sure that you have a 1/4" seam allowance.
 - Line up the bottom of the block with the 2 1/2" markings.
- Once you have your block all lined up - Trim the 3 sides...it's usually just those "dog ear" tips. If you need to trim up the bottom of the block – just reposition your ruler and trim.



If you don't have a 4 1/2" square up ruler – any ruler will do. You just need the 4 1/2", 2 1/2", and 2 1/4" marked so you can refer to these points easily. You can draw these markings on your ruler using a permanent marker. These marks can be removed later with rubbing alcohol.

That's your assignment for this week – I know that you have a lot of Flying Geese to make this week - but you can do it! Next week we will start to sew some of our "parts" together – get excited! Please stay safe and healthy and we'll see you next Saturday!

Enjoy! Karen Wittmeyer

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