

## Herring House Quilting

## How to Use the Omnigrid Fons \& Porter Flying Geese Ruler

I have found that the ruler to use for the most efficient way to make the Flying Geese block unit is to use the Omnigrid Fons \& Porter Flying Geese ruler. This allows for both the "goose" and "sky" sections to be cut from the same size strip of fabric. Measurements are printed on the ruler, so there is no math work to be done.

## Cutting the "goose"



To cut the strip for the "goose" and "sky" sections determine the size of the unit. We will use a $3 \times 6$ finished unit size. Check that the strip for a $3 \times 6$ unit is cut $3-1 / 2$ inches wide. On the $3-1 / 2$ fabric being used for the goose strip, line up the bottom of the black tip along the top edge of the fabric and the 3 " $\times 6$ " line along the bottom edge of the fabric. Cut along both sides of the triangle. Without movig the strip of fabric, flip the ruler so that the black tip point is down and lined up with the bottom edge of the strip and the 3 " $\times 6$ " line is along the top of the strip, with the left side of the ruler lined up with the left side of the strip. Cut along the right side. Flip the ruler again, line up, and cut. Repeat across the full width of the strip. (See pictures on the next page.)


## Cutting the "sky"



To make the "sky" sections" you will use the side of the ruler. Note the yellow tip. The bottom of the yellow tip will line up with the top of the strip and the 3 " $\times 6$ " line will line up along the bottom of the strip. Line the straight side of the ruler along the cut edge of the strip and cut along the diagonal edge. Without movig the strip of fabric, flip the ruler so that the yellow tip point is down and lined up with the bottom edge of the strip and the 3 " $\times 6$ " line is along the top of the strip, with the left side of the ruler lined up with the left side of the strip. Cut along the right side. Flip the ruler again, line up, and cut. Repeat across the full width of the strip.


## To make the Flying Geese unit



Line up one "sky" triangle to the side of the "goose" triangle matching the blunt and pointed ends. Pin in place and stitch the $1 / 4$ inch seam.

Press the seam away from the "goose" triangle. Line up the other "sky" triangle along the opposite side of the "goose" triangle, matching the blunt end and pointed end. Pin and stitch. Press the seam away from the "goose" triangle. Trim off the two "dog ears" on the edge of the flying geese section.


