

# FLYING GEESE

*Scratching the Surface*




- Block named due to the resemblance to the “V” formation of geese in flight.

- Block was used for the Underground Railroad during the Civil War, along with other blocks such as the log cabin and the bears paw. Some say the direction of the “arrows” pointed the way to food, water, supplies and shelter.



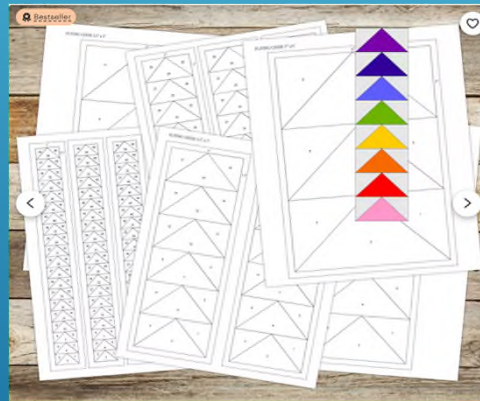
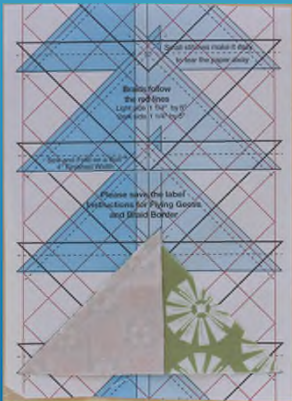
- The finished size of the block is 2 times the height (2 x 4, 3 x 6)

# Important information about block construction:

- Accuracy in cutting fabric and seam allowances
  - Choice of tools such as rulers and other materials
  - Choice of construction method
  - Contrasting colors for geese and sky fabrics
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- A decorative graphic consisting of several parallel white lines of varying lengths, slanted diagonally from the bottom right towards the top right, set against the dark blue background.

# Methods of Block Construction:

- Foundation paper piecing

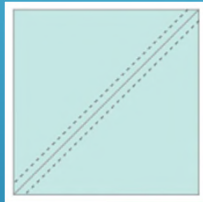


# Methods of Block Construction:

- One at a time

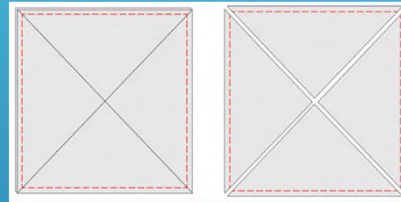
Half square triangles

(size charts from [www.treasure.com](http://www.treasure.com))



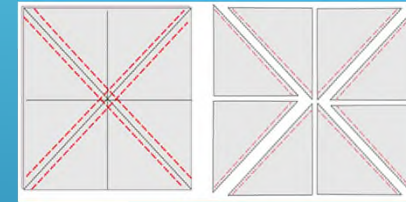
Two patch

FINISHED SIZE	CUT SQUARES	FINISHED SIZE	CUT SQUARES
1"	1 7/8"	4 1/2"	5 3/8"
1 1/2"	2 3/8"	5"	5 7/8"
2"	2 7/8"	5 1/2"	6 3/8"
2 1/2"	3 3/8"	6"	6 7/8"
3"	3 7/8"	6 1/2"	7 3/8"
3 1/2"	4 3/8"	7"	7 7/8"
4"	4 7/8"	7 1/2"	8 3/8"



Four patch

FINISHED SIZE	CUT SQUARES	FINISHED SIZE	CUT SQUARES
1"	1 5/8"	4 1/2"	7"
1 1/2"	2 3/8"	5"	7 7/8"
2"	3 1/8"	5 1/2"	8 5/8"
2 1/2"	4"	6"	9 7/8"
3"	4 3/4"	6 1/2"	10 1/4"
3 1/2"	5 1/2"	7"	11"
4"	6 1/4"	7 1/2"	11 3/4"



Eight Patch

FINISHED SIZE	CUT SQUARES	FINISHED SIZE	CUT SQUARES
1"	3 3/4"	4 1/2"	10 3/4"
1 1/2"	4 3/4"	5"	11 3/4"
2"	5 3/4"	5 1/2"	12 3/4"
2 1/2"	6 3/4"	6"	13 3/4"
3"	7 3/4"	6 1/2"	14 3/4"
3 1/2"	8 3/4"	7"	15 3/4"
4"	9 3/4"	7 1/2"	16 3/4"

If piecing accuracy is an issue, squares can be cut 1/8" larger and trimmed to size after cutting blocks apart.

# Methods of Block Construction:

- One at a time

Rectangle and two squares cut away – rectangles cut  $\frac{1}{2}$ " larger than finished size; squares are cut at the height of the rectangle block

One seam method – requires the same starting blocks as the cut away method

Strips of fabric – fabric strip should be cut at the height of the unfinished block (i.e., 2x4 finished,  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  unfinished, strip should be  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. This method works best with the use of a special ruler.

# Methods of Block Construction:

- Multiples at one time

No waste method – makes 4 at a time. This method requires a large square and four small squares

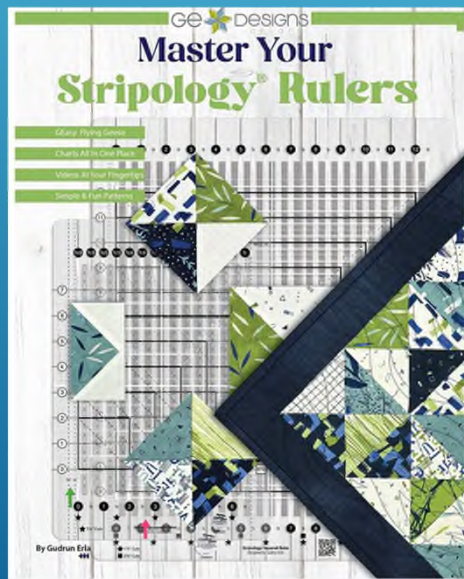
Four-at-a-Time Flying Geese / No-Waste Flying Geese							
quitting JETgirl		Beginner		Intermediate		Expert	
Finished Size	Unfinished Size	Cut 1 Large Square "Goose"	Cut 4 Small Squares "Sky"	Cut 1 Large Square "Goose"	Cut 4 Small Squares "Sky"	Cut 1 Large Square "Goose"	Cut 4 Small Squares "Sky"
1" x 2"	1½" x 2½"	3½"	2½"	3½"	2"	3½"	1½"
1½" x 3"	2" x 3½"	4½"	2½"	4½"	2½"	4½"	2½"
2" x 4"	2½" x 4½"	5½"	3½"	5½"	3"	5½"	2¾"
2½" x 5"	3" x 5½"	6½"	3½"	6½"	3½"	6½"	3½"
3" x 6"	3½" x 6½"	7½"	4½"	7½"	4"	7½"	3¾"
3½" x 7"	4" x 7½"	8½"	4½"	8½"	4½"	8½"	4¾"
4" x 8"	4½" x 8½"	9½"	5½"	9½"	5"	9½"	4¾"
4½" x 9"	5" x 9½"	10½"	5½"	10½"	5½"	10½"	5¾"
5" x 10"	5½" x 10½"	11½"	6½"	11½"	6"	11½"	5¾"
5½" x 11"	6" x 11½"	12½"	6½"	12½"	6½"	12½"	6¾"
6" x 12"	6½" x 12½"	13½"	7½"	13½"	7"	13½"	6¾"
6½" x 13"	7" x 13½"	14½"	7½"	14½"	7½"	14½"	7¾"
7" x 14"	7½" x 14½"	15½"	8½"	15½"	8"	15½"	7¾"
7½" x 15"	8" x 15½"	16½"	8½"	16½"	8½"	16½"	8¾"
8" x 16"	8½" x 16½"	17½"	9½"	17½"	9"	17½"	8¾"
8½" x 17"	9" x 17½"	18½"	9½"	18½"	9½"	18½"	9¾"
9" x 18"	9½" x 18½"	19½"	10½"	19½"	10"	19½"	9¾"
9½" x 19"	10" x 19½"	20½"	10½"	20½"	10½"	20½"	10¾"
10" x 20"	10½" x 20½"	21½"	11½"	21½"	11"	21½"	10¾"
10½" x 21"	11" x 21½"	22½"	11½"	22½"	11½"	22½"	11¾"
11" x 22"	11½" x 22½"	23½"	12½"	23½"	12"	23½"	11¾"
11½" x 23"	12" x 23½"	24½"	12½"	24½"	12½"	24½"	12¾"
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Size chart taken from  
www.quiltingjetgirl.com

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- Multiples at one time

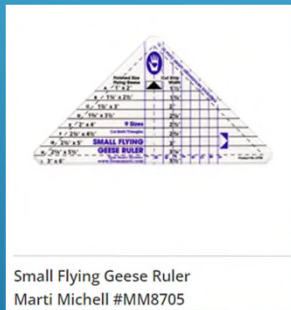
Stripology Ruler– makes 4 at a time. This method requires a large square and a smaller square. This method does create a little bit of waste fabric.



This method can be found in the "Master Your Stripology Rulers", written by the creator, Gudrun Erla.

# Tools used in Block Construction:

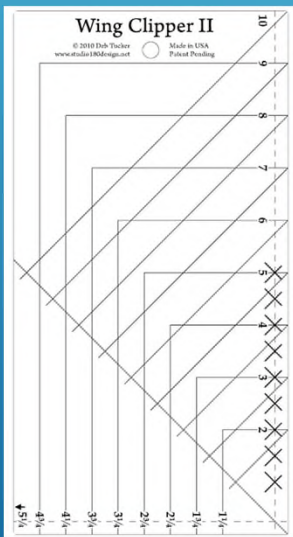
- Foundation papers
- Specialty Rulers
  - Strip Rulers



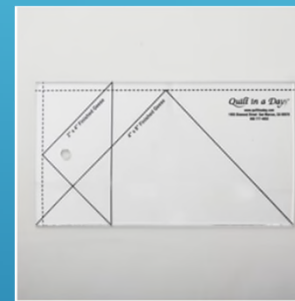
- Quilting Easy Angle and Companion Angle created by EZ Quilting
- Essential Triangle Tool created by Bonnie Hunter

# Tools used in Block Construction:

- Specialty Rulers (continued)
- Trimming Rulers



Creative Grids Ultimate Flying Geese Tool



Flying Geese



# Demonstrations:

- No Waste Method



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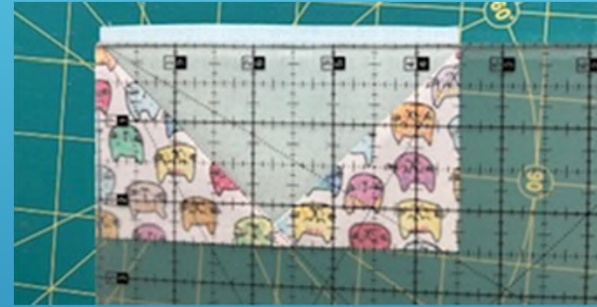
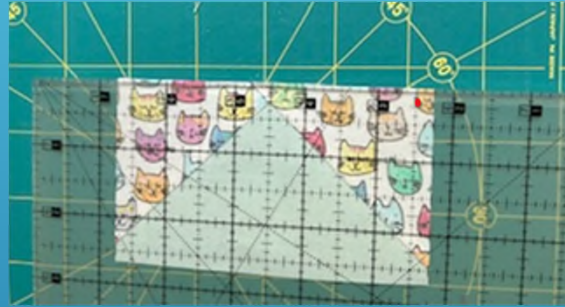
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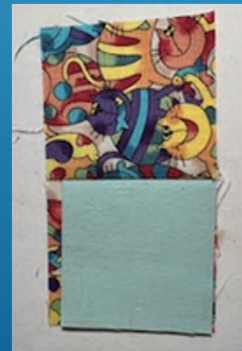
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- No Waste Method



# Demonstrations:

- One Seam Method – starts with same blocks as cut-away method



# Demonstrations:

- Strip Method



# Demonstrations:

- Stripology Method



# Demonstrations:

- Stripology Method



# How to use Flying Geese blocks in quilts:



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From the Carol Bryer Fallert website photo gallery



# Websites for free blocks/patterns:

 I Love Quilting Forever  
<https://ilovequiltingforever.com/best-flying-geese-quilt-pattern> ▼  
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