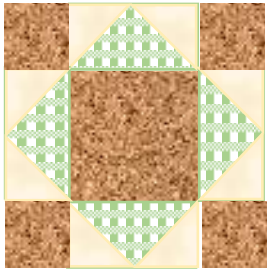


### Four Patch Diamond block

This is a simple block, but with a fun technique to make 4 flying geese quickly.



Your block should be 12.5" UNFINISHED. Finished Size (once sewn into the quilt) is 12".

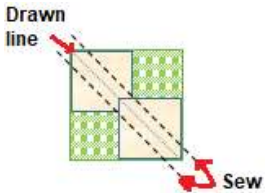
For each block, you will need:

<u>Fabric/Color</u>	<u>Cut Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Green, brown, or blue (corner squares)	3.5" x 3.5"	4
Green, brown, or blue (center square)	6.5" x 6.5"	1
Green, brown, or blue (diamond)	7.75" x 7.75"	1
Cream or very light Beige (use solid or small print)	4.25" x 4.25"	4

\*Use at least 2 different green/brown/blues, but make sure they contrast well against the cream. You can use solids or prints, or go wild with stripes, plaids, or outdoor themed. The 5 corner & center squares can all be the same, or 5 different fabrics for a scrappier look. For the diamond, use a fabric that stands out well against the center square.



Step 1



Step 2

#### SEW ALL SEAMS AT 1/4"

#### Make 4-at-a-time Flying Geese

##### Step 1:

Draw a line corner to corner on the back of all 4 of the Cream 4.25" squares.

##### Step 2:

Lay the 7.75" square (for the diamond) right side up. Place 2 of the Cream 4.25" squares on opposite corners, right sides together. The squares will overlap slightly in the middle. Make sure the drawn line is straight across the 2 squares as though it was drawn on the diagonal of the larger square. Sew 1/4" on **both** sides of the drawn line.



Step 3a

##### Step 3a:

Cut on the drawn line.



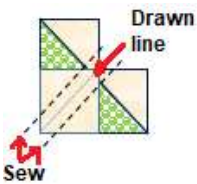
Step 3b

##### Step 3b:

Fold back the Cream triangles and press flat on both units. Press towards the light fabric.

##### Step 4:

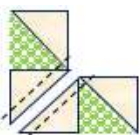
Place 1 of the Cream 4.25" squares on the corner of the large 'Diamond' triangle, right sides together. The squares will overlap slightly in the middle. Make sure the drawn line extends from the lower left corner to between the other Cream triangles. Sew 1/4" on **both** sides of the drawn line. Repeat with the other unit.



Step 4

##### Step 5a:

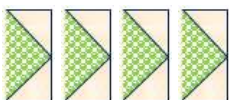
Cut on the drawn line on both units.



Step 5a

##### Step 5b:

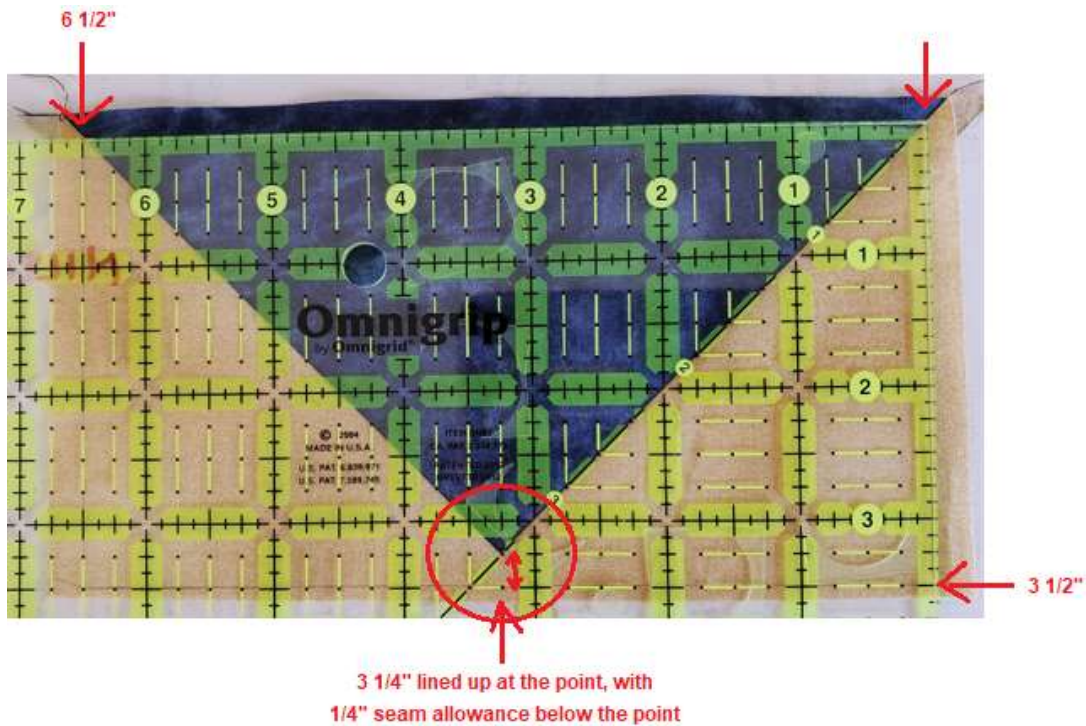
Fold back the Cream triangle and press flat on all 4 units. Press towards the light fabric.



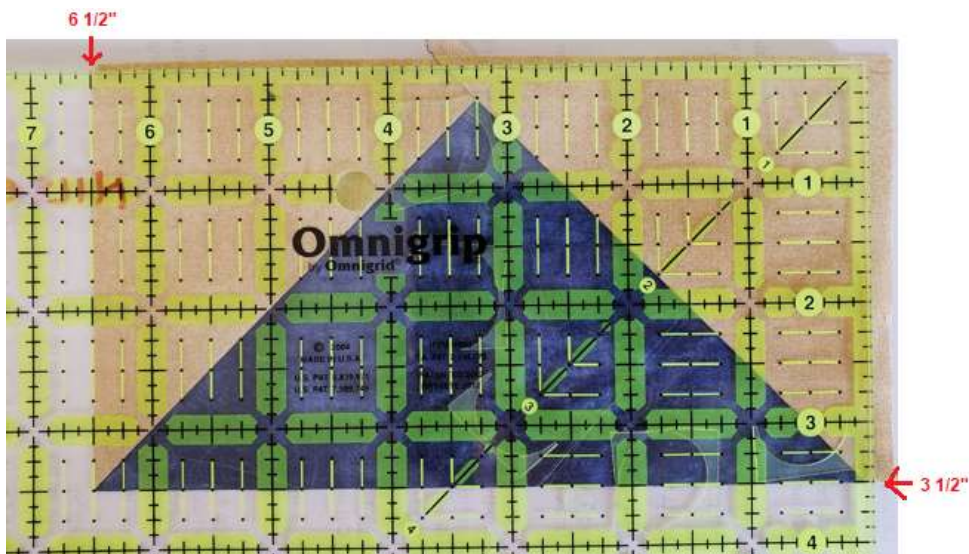
Step 5b

Step 6:

Trim the flying geese to 3.5" x 6.5". You don't need a special ruler to trim your geese. Place your finished goose with the point down. Then, set the top-right edge of your ruler on the right diagonal line and slide it along the diagonal line until the 6 1/2" vertical line on your ruler touches the left diagonal line. The 3 1/4" vertical line on your ruler should intersect the goose point at the bottom. There needs to be at least 1/4" of fabric below the goose point for seam allowance, so that you don't cut off your point when you sew the blocks together. Once your ruler is aligned, trim the right and top edges.



Next, flip the goose over so that the goose point is at the top. Place the ruler on the goose aligning the 6 1/2" vertical line on the ruler on the left edge of your goose, and the 3 1/2" horizontal line on the ruler on the bottom edge of your goose. Once your ruler is aligned, trim the right and top edges.



Repeat with the remaining 3 geese.



**Assemble the Block**

**Step 7:**

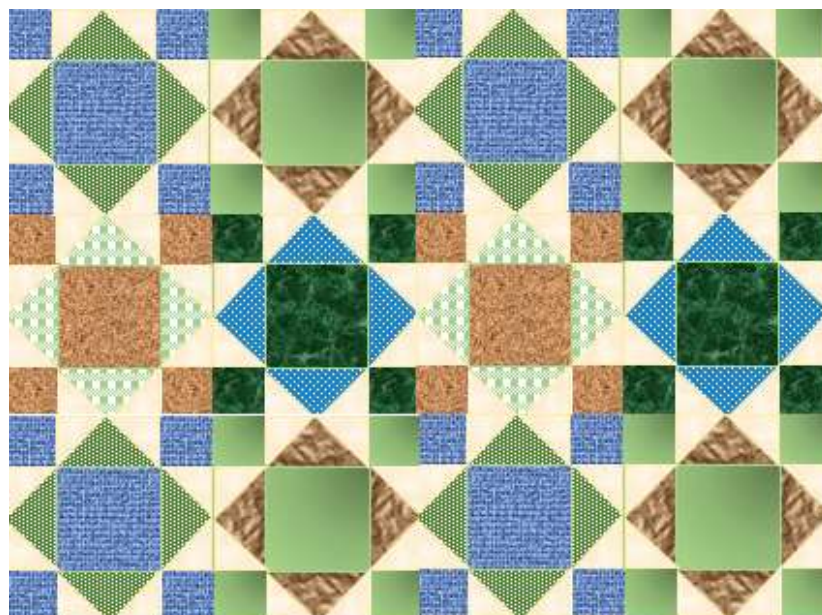
Sew the patches together as shown. The points of the flying geese need to point away from the center square in order to form the diamond. The completed block should be 12.5" square.

Step 7

1 completed block:



When the blocks are sewn together, an alternating dark/light diamond pattern forms with a 4-patch in the middle of the light diamonds. Here's a mockup to give you an idea of how it comes together.



Thank you for helping! These blocks will be used to make bed (60" x 80") or lap (40" x 48") quilts for CAL Vets.