Flying Geese Challenge

or

How to Design Your Own Table Topper with Graph Paper

BOM for March: 4-Patch Diamond

- Simple, fun block
- Uses 4-at-a-time flying geese
- Linda and Melissa set up a live tutorial last month
- Directions can also be found in the March Newsletter

Now That You Know How...

- CHALLENGE!
- Create your own table topper/runner*
- Any size, any colors
- Any pattern
- Must use a good amount of flying geese
- Due at the May “drive-by” meeting
- Prizes!

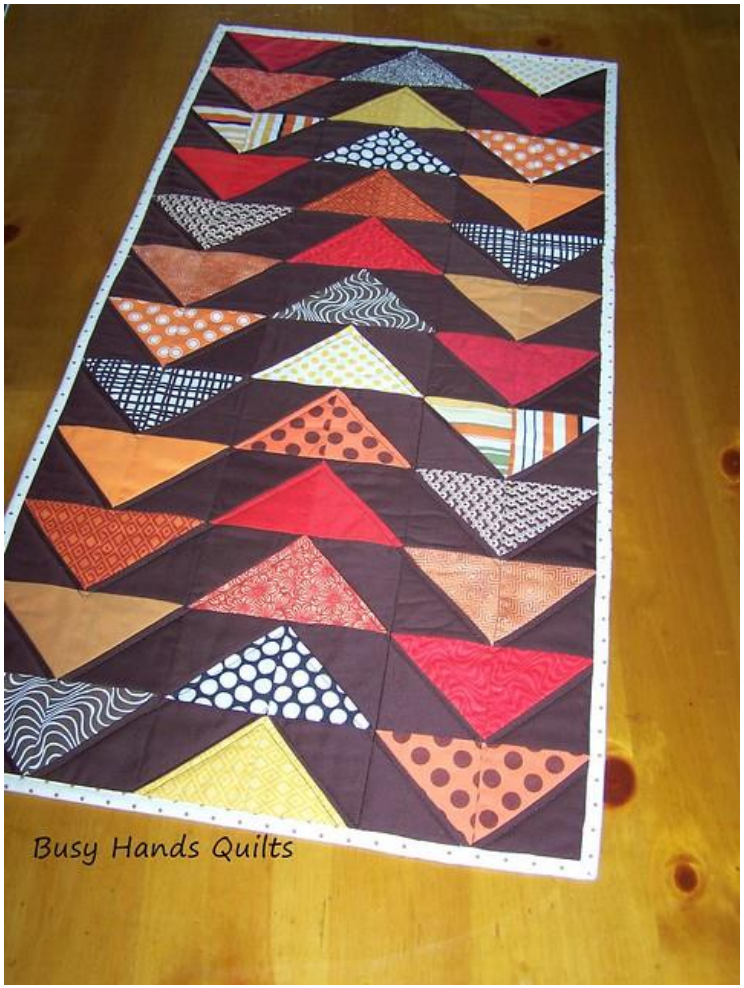
**(P.S. You may also create placemats, shawls, or wheelchair quilts for happy donations!)*

Let's Get Some Ideas

Look at these examples from the Internet.

There are lots to see…

Vintageblessings


Busy Hands Quilts

Oopsie…How did they get in here?

Well, they ARE flying!

Let's Design First

- Sketch something you like on white paper
  (Note: curves are not easy for those of us who are beginners, so forget curves for now.)

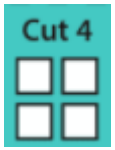
- Sew your geese, press, and measure them
  (Write it down.)

- Now let's transfer to graph paper *(Got a sheet?)*

By the Way...

There are many books, articles, or internet finds that give you tables on how to make different sized flying geese; here's one example…

'4 at a time' Flying Geese Size Chart



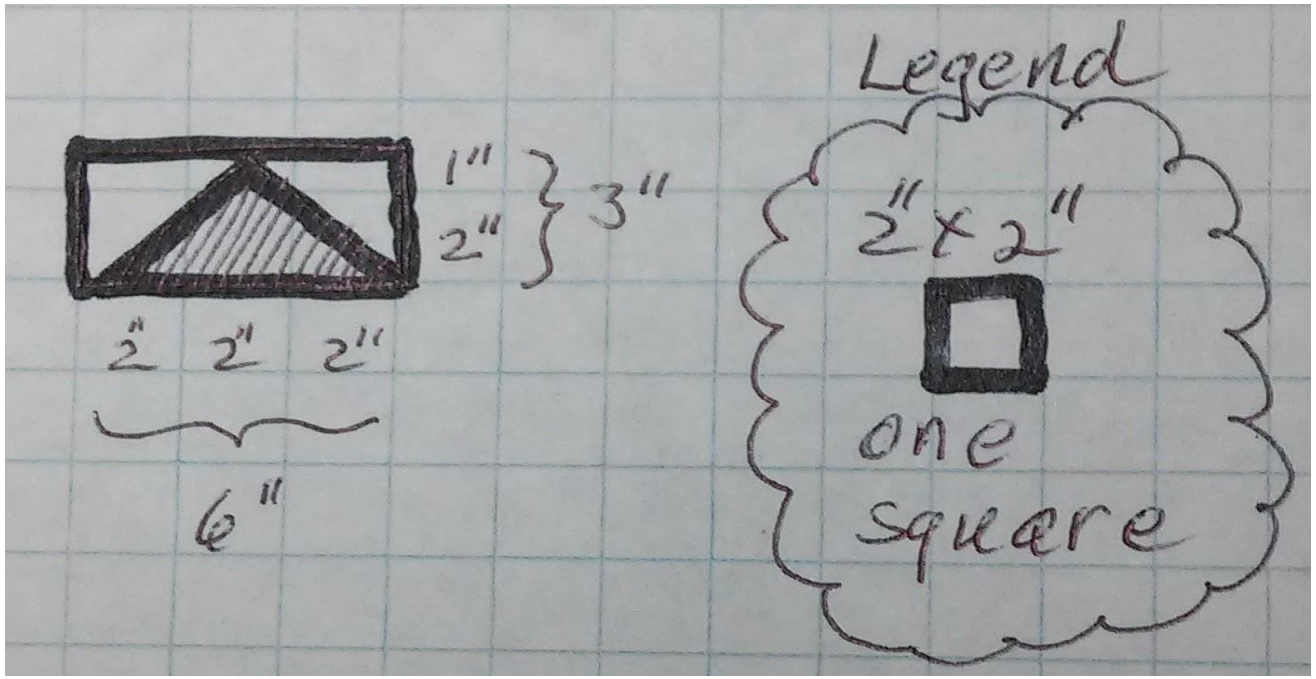
	Finished Size	Cut 1	Cut 4	Trim To
A	½" x 1"	2 ¾"	1 ¾"	1" x 1 ½"
B	1" x 2"	3 ¾"	2 ¼"	1 ½" x 2 ½"
C	1 ½" x 3"	4 ¾"	2 ¾"	2" x 3 ½"
D	2" x 4"	5 ¾"	3 ¼"	2 ½" x 4 ½"
E	2 ½" x 5"	6 ¾"	3 ¾"	3" x 5 ½"
F	3" x 6"	7 ¾"	4 ¼"	3 ½" x 6 ½"
G	3 ½" x 7"	8 ¾"	4 ¾"	4" x 7 ½"
H	4" x 8"	9 ¾"	5 ¼"	4 ½" x 8 ½"

Next, Graph Paper Work

- Let's call each square on the graph paper 2 inches

- Draw one geese (goose?) on the graph paper
  (Our BOM tutorial from last month made a 3.5" x 6.5" raw/unfinished goose, which meant that it would become 3" x 6" when finished, i.e., sewn into the BOM. You will use the finished sizes on your graph paper. So, draw a rectangle 1 ½ squares high and 3 squares wide; make it look like a goose.)

Here's what my first goose looks like on graph paper.



Now continue graphing your own design.
Count every 2 inch square as you go along.
Erasers are good tools (tee hee).

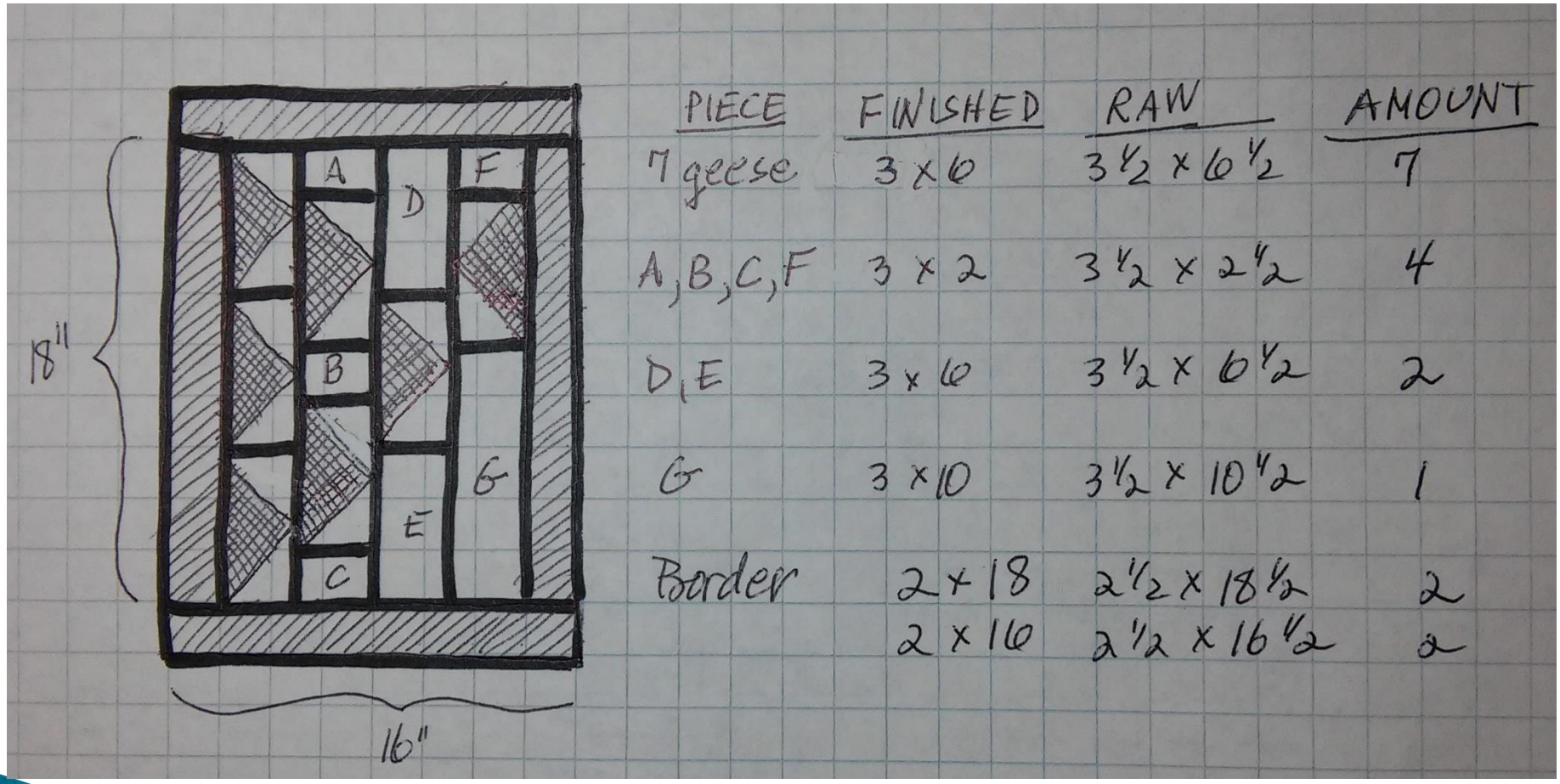
Voila! Now to Calculate Fabric

- Every piece or block on your graph paper will need a ¼ inch seam allowance on the right and the left plus another ¼ inch seam allowance on the top and the bottom

- Therefore, add ½ inch to every piece's width and height, and make a list

(Feel free to color/shade your design to audition your fabric choices.)

Here's my completed design, very easy, simple, with cutting chart. Notice that each piece has extra ½ inch.



Need help? Call/email Gabrielle.

Please Join in the Fun!

- Have your wall hanging ready to show next month (watch Newsletter for any changes)
- Please attach 2 safety pins to the top so we can pin it to a hanging sheet
- Also, pin a small square of paper to the center top so we can number it as you bring it in (voting purposes)

Good luck!