

Block of the Month: October 2016

Row of Geese



I love efficiency and not wasting fabric whenever possible. Here is something for your quilter's tool box: The **"no-waste flying geese 4-at-a-time method"**. Try it and make a block or two **in fall colors**.

FABRICS NEEDED:

Each block should be made from the same color family. Please use one of these autumn colors for each block: Orange; Yellow; Purple; Green or Brown.

Geese: One 5 1/4" square in a dark value of one of the 4 color families.

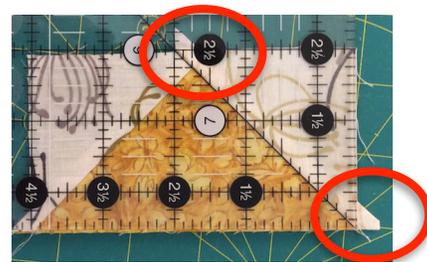
"Sky" (Geese background): Four 2 7/8" x 2 7/8" squares in a light value of same color family or cream.

Side strips: Two 8 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangle in a dark or medium value of the same color family in a stripe or other directional pattern for a strong border.

TIP: You can see fabric values by using the black-and-white function on your camera.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Draw one diagonal line on the wrong side of all four "sky" squares. With right sides together, place two 'sky' squares in opposite corners of the large 5 1/4" square. Note, the small squares will overlap slightly in the middle.
2. Stitch a 1/4" on both sides from the marked line through all layers. Cut on diagonal line to get two units. Press seams to small triangles.
3. With right sides together, place another small square in the corner of one of the new units. Sew 1/4" seam on each side of the drawn line.
4. Open the triangle and press. Repeat with the other unit and the fourth small square.
5. If needed, trim flying geese to 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" size by lining up your ruler as shown in the picture - line up 45 degree line on seam and keep 1/4" at top.



Sew the four geese units together as shown. Press seams to top. Sew a side strip to each side. Press to strip.

The block will measure 8.5" x 8.5".

There are many tutorials and charts on the web for this method. I googled "no waste flying geese" and used a variety of sites to write these instructions. [Here](#) is a great video tutorial.

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Remember, we appreciate DIFFERENT blocks. So if you make multiple blocks, please use different fabrics. This BOM is due at the guild meeting on October 3, 2016. More info on the BOM on our [web site](http://www.mpgg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/) at www.mpgg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/