

Whirling Geese – 6 ½" x 6 ½" unfinished



1. Cut fabric as directed.

Background: 4 – 3" x 3" squares – **A**

Contrast: 1 – 5 ½" x 5 ½" square – **B** (Geese)

Center: 1 – 2 ½" x 2 ½" square – **C** (can be any fabric)

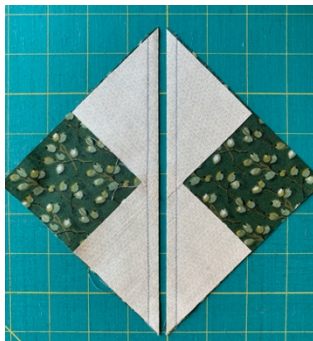
2. Flying Geese Units. Gather the four **A** squares and mark a line ¼" away from both sides of one diagonal. Take two of the marked A squares and place in opposite corners of **B**, nudging in just a little from the corners. Stitch on or inside the marked lines.

Mark and Stitch



3. Cut between the diagonals. Press to the small triangles. They look like little hearts! 😊

Cut



Press



4. Place a remaining marked A in the corner of each “heart”, nudging in a little as before. Stitch on or just inside the marked lines. Start at the corner each time. (see arrows)



5. Cut between diagonals. Press to background.

Cut

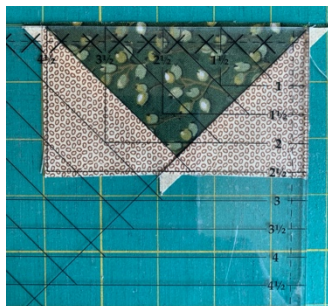


Press

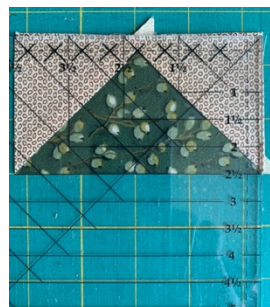


6. Trim the four Flying Geese units to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". I used my Wing Clipper, which makes these units a breeze to get the perfect size, but you can use the tool of your choice. Just make sure that there is $\frac{1}{4}$ " between the point and the outside edge at the top.

First Trim



Second Trim



7. Assembly.....now this is where it gets just a little tricky. We will be using a partial seam when sewing the first FG unit to the center square. All the rest of the seams will be regular seams until the very end, then that first partial seam will be finished. It is so much easier and more accurate than doing a set-in seam, I promise!!! So gather one FG unit and the center square **C**. Stitch about half way down **C** and stop. Press the top only to the FG unit.

Stitch a partial seam



Stop here

Press to FG unit



8. Add the next FG unit to the long top edge with a full seam. Press to the FG unit.

Stitch to long edge



Press



9. Add the third FG unit along the long edge using a full seam. Press toward FG unit.

Stitch



Press



10. Add the last FG unit to the long edge using a full seam. Be sure to keep the edge of the first FG unit folded back away from your stitching. Press toward FG unit.

Stitch



Press



11. Now it is time to finish the first seam. I always pin here to make sure there are no tucks where the stitching starts. Start just a few stitches on top of the first stitching line to lock in the seam. Press to the FG unit. You are ready for the setting block! ☺

Stitch



Start stitching
here

Press

