

Common Threads Quilt Guild – Mystery Quilt 2015 -- What’s Old is New “Again and Again”

ROUND #3 – FLYING GEESE

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Welcome to Round 3. This week we are going to make Flying Geese, one of the most iconic quilt blocks. Since we are making a whole gaggle of geese, I recommend you use one of the two methods discussed below, both of which avoid the fabric waste that results with the “flip and sew” method.

Fabric Selection:

Geese Fabric: The cutting directions below assume that you have four medium fabrics (Fabric D, E, F and G) and an equal number of geese are made from each fabric. However, feel free to mix it up. If you want to mix in other medium value fabrics, or if you want to use more of one fabric and less of the others; no worries! The layout accommodates fewer or more fabrics. Both methods make four, identical geese at a time.

Sky Fabric: Fabric A is the sky fabric. However, the Fabric A used for the sky does not touch Fabric A used in the previous Rounds. So, if you don’t have enough of your original Fabric A, you can use a different “very light” Fabric A for your geese. The variation would not be noticeable.

Method Selection:

Fons & Porter – Since the “open source” published instructions are more than clear, I am not going to repeat them below. If you choose this method, use the document called *“Round 3 – F&P Flying Geese”*. These are the same instructions we published for the 2014 Block of the Month.

Fons & Porter – “Round 3 – F&P Flying Geese”		
Cut Fabric – Yields 4 geese	Pros	Cons
Goose: 5 ¼” square – one (1) Sky: 2 7/8” square – four (4)	There is NO WASTE Uses smaller pieces	Requires ¼” and 1/8” cutting, which must be accurate.
Piecing & Trimming	No truing up & no special ruler required	Since there is no trimming, your seams must be absolutely accurate.

Quilt In A Day – If you choose this method, use the document called *“Round 3 – QIAD Flying Geese”* or print from their website.

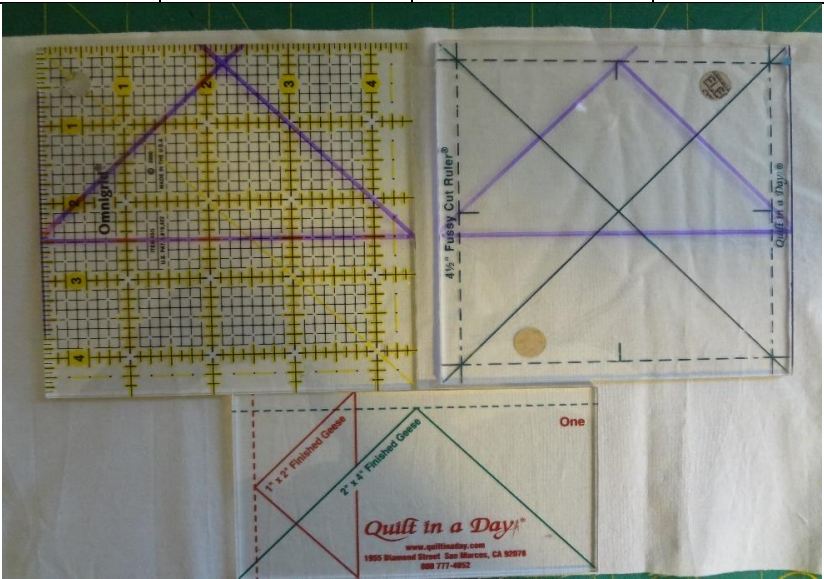

Quilt in a Day – “Round 3 – QIAD Flying Geese”		
Cut Fabric – Yields 4 geese	Pros	Cons
Goose: 5 ½ ” square – one (1) Sky: 7” square – one (1)	Starts with fewer pieces. Minor waste of fabric	Requires larger fabric pieces.
Piecing & Trimming	Geese are sewn slightly over-sized & trimmed, resulting in perfectly sized geese.	Trimming to size requires a special ruler (or modified ruler) and an extra step. See information below regarding ruler.

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Note: the instructions DO NOT reflect this size block (4"x2" finished). Use the dimensions above.

Step #		Wall 54" x 54"	Couch 54" x 74"	Double 84" x 102"	Queen/King 102"x102"
	UNIT H – FLYING GEESE				
F&P	Fons & Porter Method				
H.1	Sky - Fabric A Cut 2 7/8" squares	64 sqs	80 sqs	80 sqs	96 sqs
H.2	Geese – Cut from each Fabric D, E, F &G Cut 5 ¼" squares	4 sqs each Total 16 sqs	5 sqs each Total 20 sqs	5 sqs each Total 20 sqs	6 sqs each Total 24 sqs
H.3	Resulting Flying Geese blocks: 4 ½" x 2 ½" unfinished (4"x2" finished)	64 geese	80 geese	80 geese	96 geese
	OR				
QIAD	Quilt in a Day Method				
H.1	Sky – Fabric A Cut 7" squares	16 sqs	20 sqs	20 sqs	24 sqs
H.2	Geese – Cut from each Fabric D, E, F &G Cut 5 ½" squares	4 sqs each Total 16 sqs	5 sqs each Total 20 sqs	5 sqs each Total 20 sqs	6 sqs each Total 24 sqs
H.3	Resulting Flying Geese blocks: 4 ½" x 2 ½" unfinished (4"x2" finished)	64 geese	80 geese	80 geese	96 geese
	Ruler Modification for QIAD Method				
	The Quilt in a Day Method requires that you trim up your geese block to 4 ½" x 2 ½". QIAD sells flying geese rulers. Or you can draw the goose on any ruler you have with a sharpie pen. The drawn line is removed with alcohol or acetone.				

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H.4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The tip of the goose (the apex of the triangle) is on the ¼" seam line, 2 ¼" from edge (or in the middle of a 4 ½" ruler). 2. Draw a line from the goose tip to the point that is on the left edge of the ruler, 2 ½" from the top edge of the ruler. Repeat for the right side. 3. Draw a line, connecting the ends of each of these lines. This line is at the 2 ½" grid line. 				
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Place the drawn lines over the outline of the goose. Trim around the 3 sides of the ruler. Then trim the base so that the block measures 4 ½" x 2 ½". 				

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