



QUILT ALONG 2020

Star Cluster

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Quilt Along Overview

Welcome to the first National Quilt Museum Quilt Along! We're so excited to share this quilt, Star Cluster, with each of you. Designed by our Education Director Becky Glasby, the finished top measures approximately 45" x 45" and is a fresh take on a medallion style quilt.

Instructions will be exclusively available in the Block of the Month Club Facebook group. Starting on July 6 at Noon CST, instructions will be released every two weeks for each successive border. There will be two giveaways as part of the Quilt Along for those keeping up with the timeline and winners will be randomly selected. After the Quilt Along is complete, the full instructions will be added to our website for future reference.

Quilt Along Timeline:

July 6: Center Block

July 20: Border 1

August 3: Border 2

August 17: Border 3

August 31: Border 4 & Giveaway

September 14: Border 5

September 28: Border 6

October 12: Final Round-up & Giveaway



When sharing your progress on social media be sure to use the tag: [#NQMquiltalong](#).

Let's get started!



Star Cluster: Border 4

We'll be making multi-sized, variegated flying geese inspired triangles for this border using a flip-n-sew method. There's some flexibility and planned improvisation in the creation of this 6" wide border, so read all the instructions carefully!

The sample includes 27 geese in total with a variety of fabrics. They are placed on a scrappy low volume background. Choose a background color(s) and fabric(s) for the triangles.

If using one background fabric, you'll need roughly a minimum of 3/4 of a yard. This amount will vary depending on how many geese are made, and how they are spaced on each side.

Photo 1

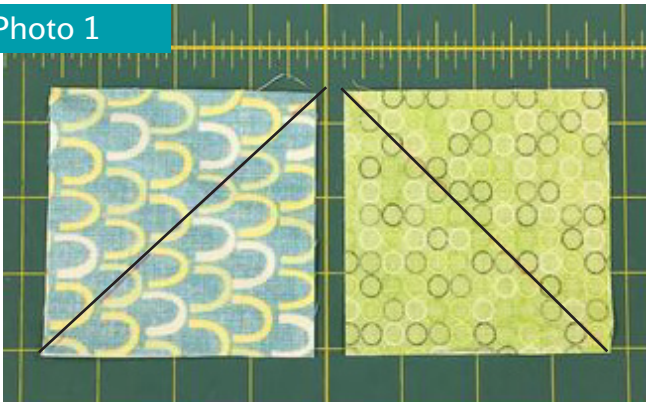


Photo 2



Flip-n-Sew Geese

To create movement in this 6" wide border, there are three sizes of geese that can be made, and these can be aligned Left, Right, or Center (the sample includes a mix of all options). You can create as many or as few geese as you like, but try to include a variety of each size and alignment for your quilt.

Size: 3 ½" **Alignment:** Center

Cut: 2 - 3 ½" x 3 ½" squares for the geese
2 - 3 ½" x 3 ½" squares in background fabric

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the squares for the triangles.
2. Place these squares Right Sides Together (RST) with a background square (photo 1).
3. Stitch on the drawn line (photo 2).



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Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



4. Trim a $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the stitched line for seam allowance (photo 3).
5. Press the finished squares (photo 4).
6. Sew the two squares together along the short side with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam to create a large triangle as shown (photo 5).
7. Press and set aside.

All $3\frac{1}{2}$ " sized geese (photo 6).



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Photo 7

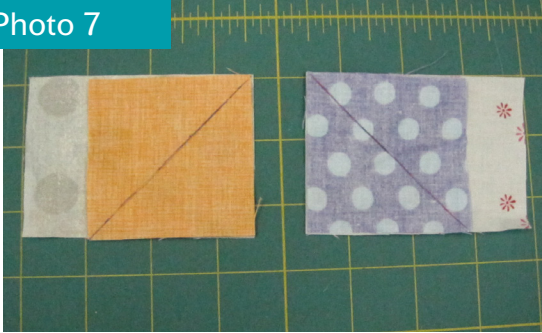


Photo 8

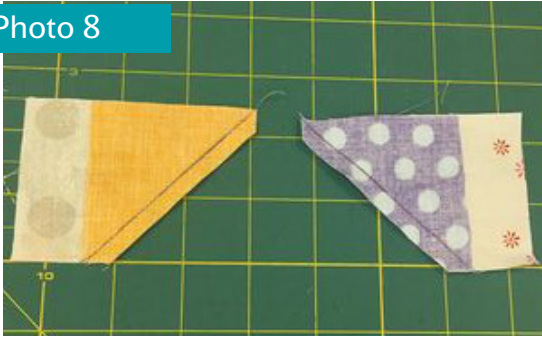


Photo 9



Size: 2 ½" **Alignment:** Center

Cut: 2 - 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares for the geese
2 - 2 ½" x 3 ½" rectangles in background fabric

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the squares for the triangles.
2. Place a square RST on the end of each background piece, with the diagonal lines forming a triangle as shown (photo 7).
3. Stitch on the lines.
4. Trim a ¼" away from the stitched line for seam allowance (photo 8).
5. Press.
6. Sew the two squares together along the short side with a ¼" seam to create a large triangle as shown (photo 9).
7. Press and set aside.



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Photo 10

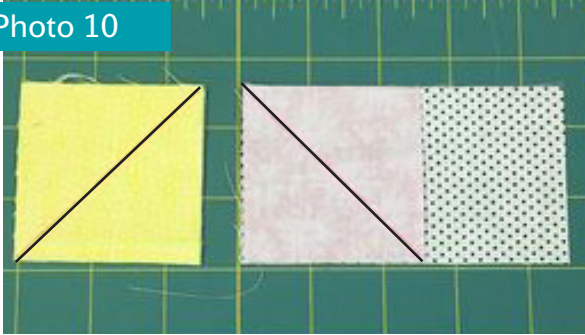


Photo 11



Size: 2 ½" **Alignment:** Left

Cut: 2 - 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares for the geese

1 - 2 ½" x 2 ½" from background

1 - 2 ½" x 4 ½" from background

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the squares for the triangles.
2. Place squares RST with the background pieces, with the diagonal lines forming a triangle as shown. This will keep the alignment to the Left (photo 10).
3. Stitch on the lines.
4. Trim a ¼" away from the stitched line for seam allowance.
5. Press.
6. Sew the two pieces together along the short side with a ¼" seam to create a large triangle as shown (photo 11).
7. Press and set aside.



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Photo 12

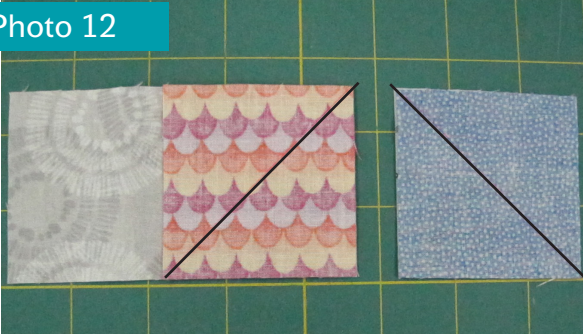


Photo 13



Photo 14



Size: 2 ½" **Alignment:** Right

Cut: 2 - 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares for the geese

1 - 2 ½" x 2 ½" from background

1 - 2 ½" x 4 ½" from background

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the squares for the triangles.
2. Place squares RST with the background pieces, with the diagonal lines forming a triangle as shown. This will keep the alignment to the right (photo 12).
3. Stitch on the lines.
4. Trim a ¼" away from the stitched line for seam allowance.
5. Press.
6. Sew the two pieces together along the short side with a ¼" seam to create a large triangle as shown (photo 13).
7. Press and set aside.

All 2 ½" sized geese (photo 14).



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Photo 15



Photo 16



Size: 1 ½" **Alignment:** Center

Cut: 2 - 1 ½" x 1 ½" squares for the geese
2 - 1 ½" x 3 ½" rectangles in background fabric

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the squares for the triangles.
2. Place a square RST on the end of each background piece, with the diagonal lines forming a triangle as shown (photo 15).
3. Stitch on the lines.
4. Trim a ¼" away from the stitched line for seam allowance.
5. Press.
6. Sew the two squares together along the short side with a ¼" seam to create a large triangle as shown (photo 16).
7. Press and set aside.



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Photo 17



Photo 18



Size: 1 ½" **Alignment:** Left

Cut: 2 - 1 ½" x 1 ½" squares for the geese

1 - 1 ½" x 2 ½" from background

1 - 1 ½" x 4 ½" from background

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the squares for the triangles.
2. Place squares RST with the background pieces, with the diagonal lines forming a triangle as shown. This will keep the alignment to the Left (photo 17).
3. Stitch on the lines.
4. Trim a ¼" away from the stitched line for seam allowance.
5. Press.
6. Sew the two pieces together along the short side with a ¼" seam to create a large triangle as shown (photo 18).
7. Press and set aside.



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Photo 19



Photo 20



Photo 21



Size: 1 ½" **Alignment:** Right

Cut: 2 - 1 ½" x 1 ½" squares for the geese

1 - 1 ½" x 2 ½" from background

1 - 1 ½" x 4 ½" from background

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the squares for the triangles.
2. Place squares RST with the background pieces, with the diagonal lines forming a triangle as shown. This will keep the alignment to the Right (photo 19).
3. Stitch on the lines.
4. Trim a ¼" away from the stitched line for seam allowance.
5. Press.
6. Sew the two pieces together along the short side with a ¼" seam to create a large triangle as shown (photo 20).
7. Press and set aside.

All 1 ½" size geese (photo 21).



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Photo 22



Photo 23

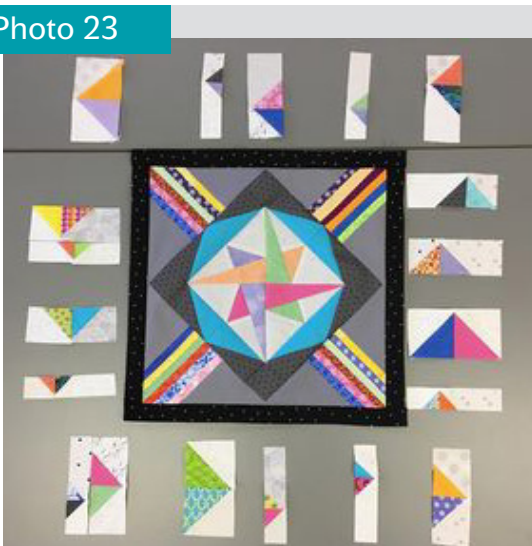


Photo 24



Assembly

Finished geese in all sizes and alignments (photo 22). If you'd like a visual look at the assembly process, follow this link to our companion video:

https://youtu.be/SA-gma_A6yA

1. Once the geese units are completed, lay them out around your quilt center as desired (photo 23). There may be empty spaces between them at this point, which will be filled with background fabric(s) in the following steps.
2. To add filler strips, measure the space between two geese units, and add a $\frac{1}{2}$ " for seam allowance to this size (photo 24).



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Photo 25



Photo 26



3. Cut a piece of background fabric to this size x 6 ½". Set in place in the layout (photo 25).

Tip: If you're going for a scrappy background, sew together two pieces to match the size of a single filler piece.

4. Repeat Steps 2 & 3 for the entire Left side border.
5. Once all the empty spaces are filled to your liking, use a ¼" seam to sew together all of the pieces for this side of the border (photo 26).
6. Measure the Left side of your quilt center to the nearest quarter inch. It should be approximately 19.5" x 19.5". If it isn't, no problem. Write your measurement here and use that number for the length of this border piece.

My Measurement: _____

7. Measure the length of your sewn together geese border from Step 5. Trim or add filler strips until it matches the measurement from Step 6.



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Photo 27



Tip: Place filler pieces on the outer ends of the strip so they can be trimmed without losing geese.

8. Fold the border, and quilt center in half and mark the center with a pin or crease.
9. With RST, match the centers, and pin in place (photo 27).
10. Stitch together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and press (photo 28).
11. Repeat Steps 2 - 10 for the Right side border of geese (photo 29).

Photo 28



Photo 29





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Photo 30



12. Measure the top of your quilt center to the nearest quarter inch. It should be approximately 31.5" x 31.5". If it isn't, no problem. Write your measurement here and use that number for the length of this border piece.

My Measurement: _____

13. Repeat Steps 2 - 10 for the Top side border of geese.
14. For the final, Bottom border, repeat Steps 2 -10 again (photo 30).

Once your Border 4 is complete, you can enter the Giveaway here:

<https://QuiltMuseum.org/blockofthemoth/>