FLYING IN SQUARES





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Materials Needed:

Layer Cake / 10" Stacker or (42) 10" squares
3/4 Yards of Background Fabric
2/3 Yard of Binding Fabric
5 Yards of Backing Fabric

Dividing the Print Fabrics

1. Divide the Print 10" squares into the following 2 groups:

Flying Geese - (21) 10" squares

Square Patchwork - (21) 10" squares

Cutting - Print Fabrics

- From each of the (21) squares in the Flying Geese Group cut (1) 9 1/4" x 9 1/4" square. (21 total)
- 2. From each of the (21) squares in the Square Patchwork Group cut (4) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares. (84 total)

Cutting – Background Fabric

- 1. From the Background Fabric Yardage cut the following:
 - (84) 4 7/8" x 4 7/8" squares
 - (10) 4 1/2" x 24 1/2" rectangles
 - (9) 2 1/2" x 40" strips
 - (2) 2 1/2" x 24 1/2" rectangles
 - (10) 2 1/2" x 20 1/2" rectangles
 - (10) 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangles
 - (18) 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" rectangles
 - (8) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles

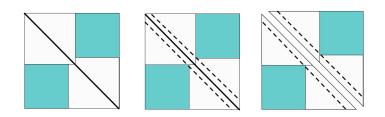
Cutting – Binding Fabric

1. From the Binding Fabric Yardage cut the following:

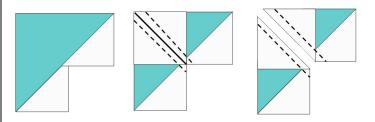
(9) 2 1/2" x 40" strips

Sewing Units - Flying Geese

- Place 2 Background 4 7/8" x 4 7/8" squares onto a Print 9 1/4" x 9 1/4" square with right sides together, aligning the raw edges as shown below.
- 2. Draw a line diagonally from the top left corner to the bottom right corner.
- 3. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on either side of the drawn line.
- 4. Cut along the drawn line separating the 2 sewn pieces. Press the seams towards the Background triangles.



- 5. Place a Background 4 7/8" x 4 7/8" square onto each of the 2 pieced units with right sides together, aligning raw edges as shown below.
- 6. Draw a line diagonally from the top left corner to the bottom right corner.
- Stitch a ¼" seam on either side of the drawn line on each of the 2 pieced units.
- 8. Cut along the drawn line on each of the 2 pieced units to create 4 units. Press the seams towards the Background triangles.



9. Trim the tails from the sides and top of each of the 4 units.



10. Repeat to make a total of 84 Flying Geese Units from 21 sets.

Note - You will have 10 extra Flying Geese Units that can be used in an orphan block or a label for the quilt.

Sewing the Blocks – Square Block

- Layout 2 Flying Geese Units, 2 Background 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" rectangles, and 2 Background 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangles as shown.
 - a. Sew the pieces in the center row together. Press the seams outwards.
 - b. Sew the three rows together. Press the seams outwards.



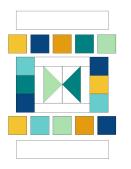




- 2. Repeat to make a total of 5 Square Block Center Units.
- Layout 1 Square Block Center Unit and 6 Print 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares as shown.
 - a. Sew the Print squares in the two columns together. Press the seams outwards.
 - b. Sew the three columns together. Press the seams open.



- 4. Repeat to make a total of 5 Sashed Square Block Centers.
- Layout 1 Sashed Square Block Center, 10 Print 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares, and 2 Background 2 1/2" x 20 1/2"rectangles as shown.
 - a. Sew the Print squares in the two rows together. Press the seams inwards.
 - b. Sew the five rows together. Press the seams open.



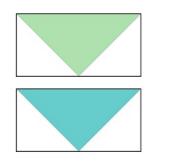


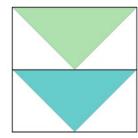


6. Repeat to make a total of 5 Square Blocks.

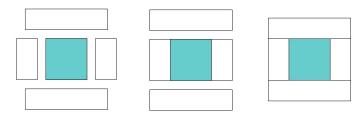
Sewing the Blocks - Flying Block

- 1. Layout 2 Flying Geese Units as shown.
 - a. Sew the units together. Press the seam open.





- 2. Repeat to make a total of 32 Double Geese Units.
- Layout 1 Print 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" square, 2 Background 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles, and 2 Background 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" rectangles as shown.
 - a. Sew the pieces in the center row together. Press the seams outwards.
 - b. Sew the three rows together. Press the seams outwards.



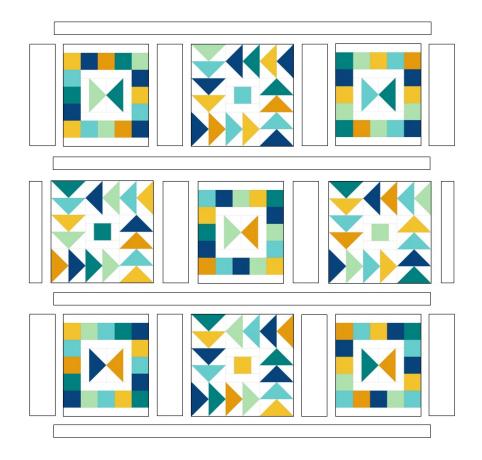
- 4. Repeat to make a total of 4 Flying Block Centers.
- 5. Layout 1 Flying Block Center and 8 Double Geese Units as shown.
 - a. Sew the units together into three rows. Press the seams open.
 - b. Sew the three rows together. Press the seams open.



6. Repeat to make a total of 4 Flying Blocks.

Sewing the Quilt Top

- 1. Layout the 5 Square Blocks and the 4 Flying Blocks as shown.
- 2. Layout the 10 Background 4 1/2" x 24 1/2" rectangles and 2 Background 2 1/2" x 24 1/2" rectangles out to the sides of the blocks.
- 3. Sew the Blocks and Background rectangles together into 3 rows. Press the seams towards the Background rectangles.
- 4. Sew the 9 Background 2 1/2" x 40" strips together end to end. Press the seams to one side. From the strip cut 4 Background 2 1/2" x 80 1/2" Sashing Rows.
- 5. Layout the 4 Sashing Rows between the Block Rows as shown.
- 6. Sew the Sashing Rows and the Block Rows together into the quilt top. Press the seams towards the Sashing Rows.



Finishing

- 1. Create the quilt backing.
 - Cut backing into 2 pieces, 90" x WOF. Remove the selvages and sew 2 pieces together to make 83" x 90" backing. Note – the 83" is a little tight but better than adding a third WOF strip. I like to put the 83" as my width.
- 2. Layer the backing, batting, and the quilt top. Baste.
- 3. Quilt as desired. Trim the excess batting and backing.
- 4. Piece the 9 Binding strips together.
- 5. Bind the quilt.