

Out of Formation Pattern, Sara Flynn

This block was designed after admiring the Fish in The Sea quilt posted, May 2018 on the MQG site. The blocks in that quilt finish at 16" and for our PMQG block of the month challenge we need them to finish at 12" so I adjusted the size of the geese and the layout too. There are so many different ways to make flying geese — if there is another method that you're comfortable with, stick with what works for you! These flying geese blocks will measure 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" unfinished (2" x 4" in the finished quilt block).

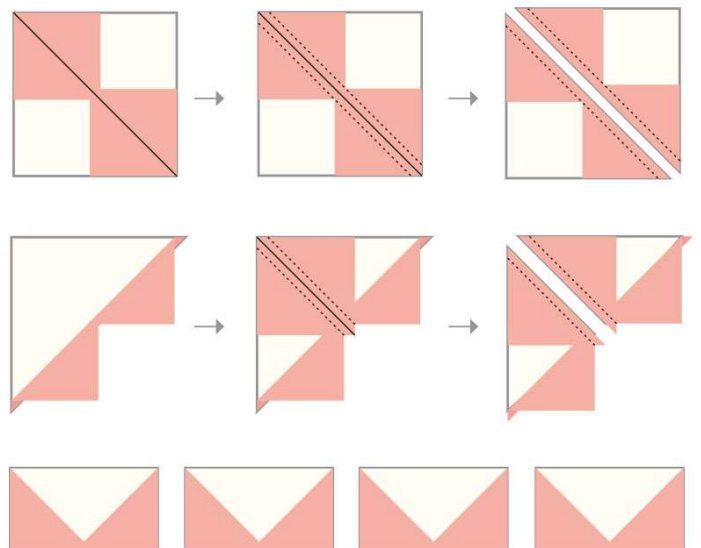
The 12.5 x 12.5 (unfinished size) block is created with three strips that are 4.5" wide and 12.5" long. There are 6 geese used in this block, and inserted in an improv manner where you would like to see one.

I have included a few extra flying geese templates at the end you can play around with.

What Are Flying Geese? Flying Geese are rectangular patchwork quilting components that are twice as long as they are tall, each with a peaked triangle at its center. Small triangles flank opposite ends of the peak.

A Few Things to Remember About Flying Geese

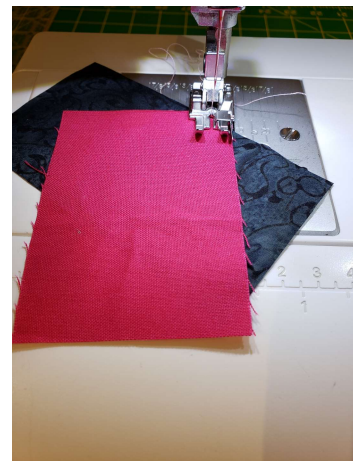
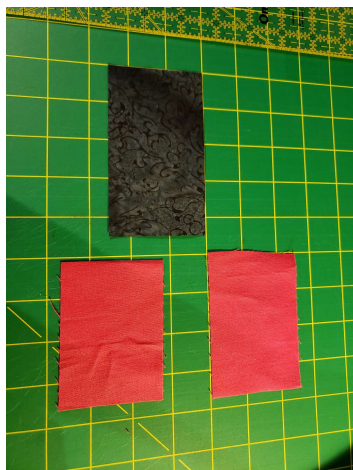
- Flying Geese are twice as wide as they are tall.
- A lot of quilters prefer to make flying geese using what is called the no waste method, which produces 4 geese at a time, see chart. >>>>>
- To make wonky geese don't do the quick no waste way, instead try the improv way of making them.

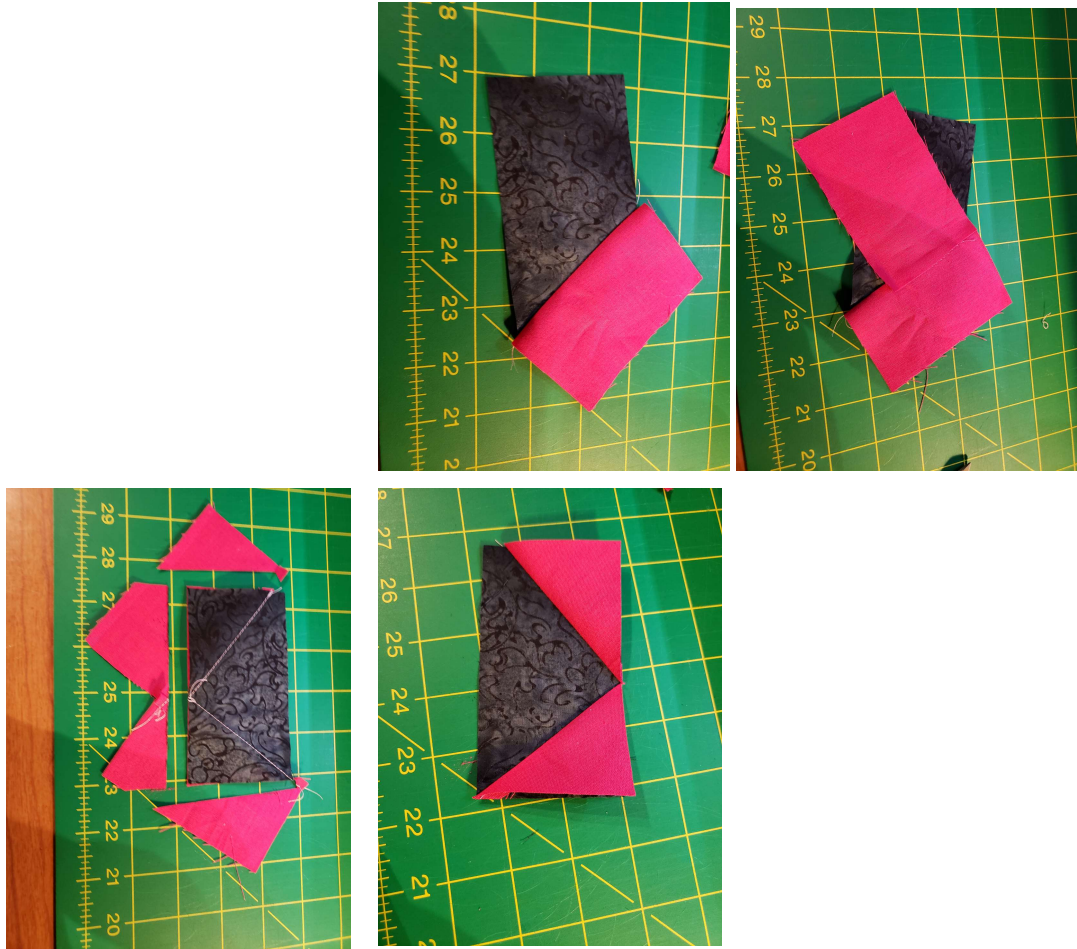




Making modern flying geese, can give them some texture and turn that is interesting and some people love, some don't, but I do. Here is an example picture. There are many tutorials, youtube videos and patterns on flying geese, find one you like and go with it.

The technique I used to make the wonky geese in the PMQG block of the month quilt was this; I started with a 2.5" x 4.5" piece of fabric in the color of the goose, then I sewed two background pieces over the top, ironed it or finger pressed, squared it up to cut off the extra bits and viola! A wonky goose! Here are pictures of the process.

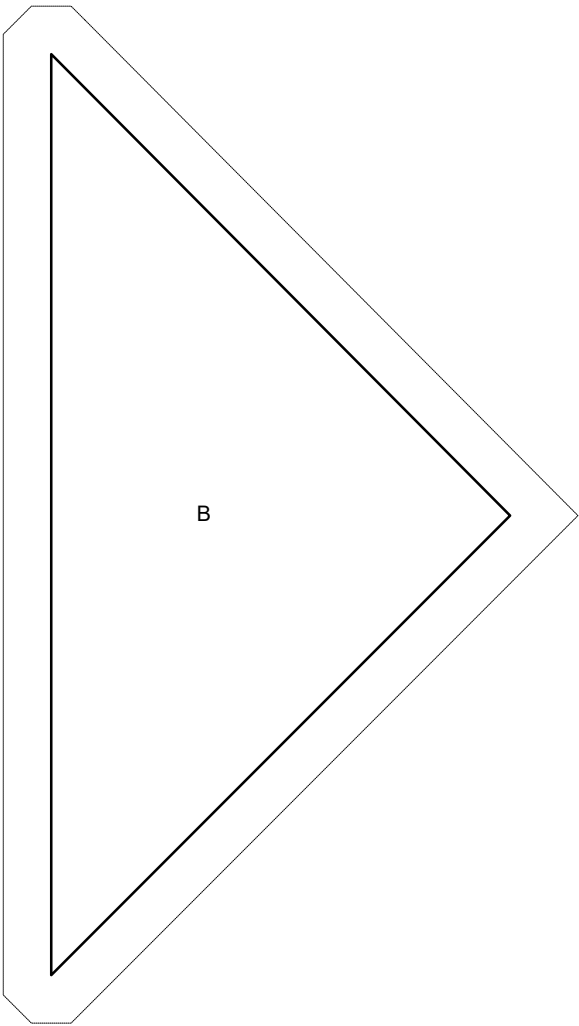
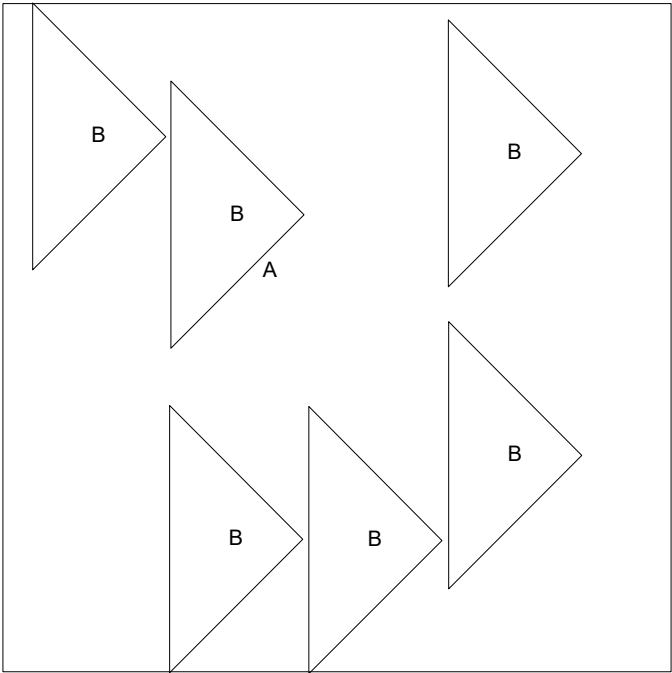




That's it, get as off center as you feel comfortable with and make some wonky geese. I hope you have fun!

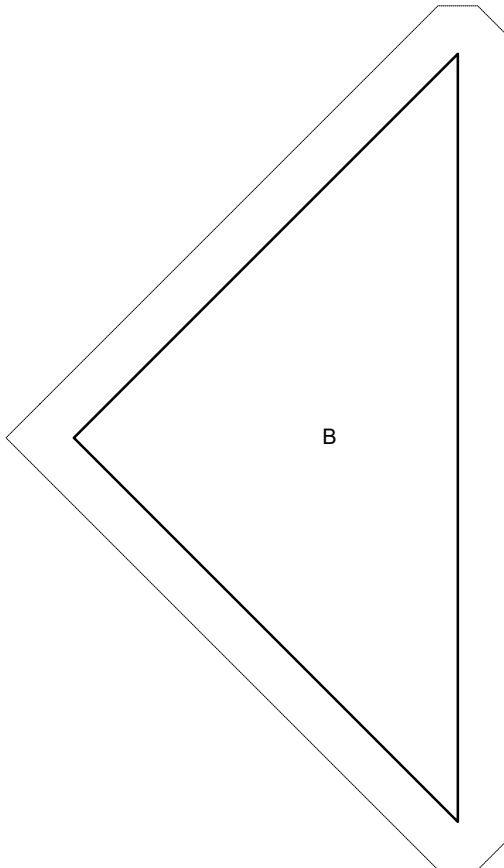
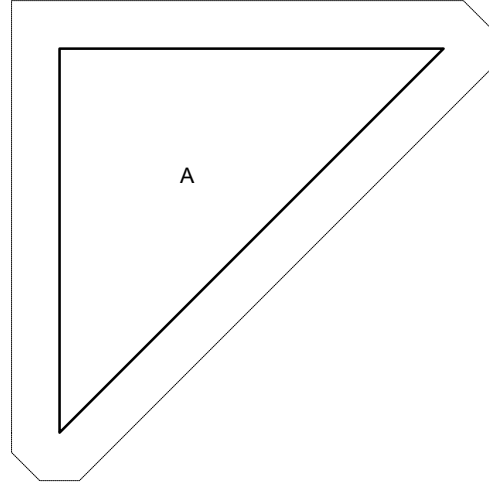
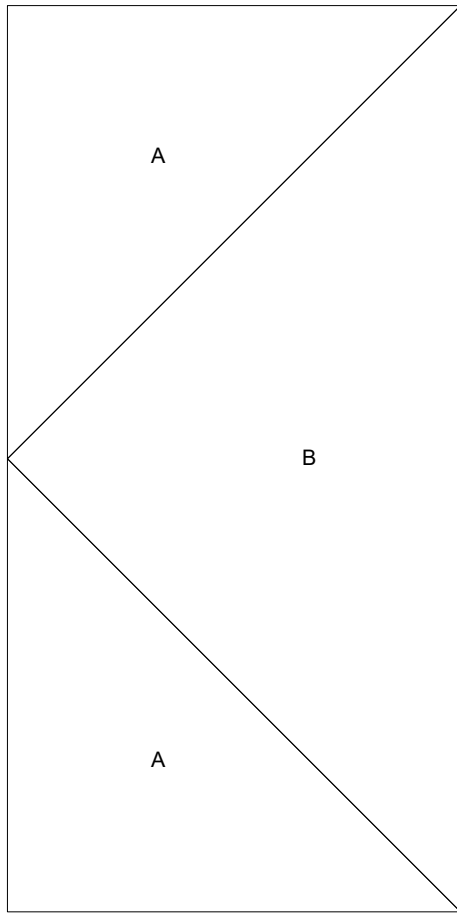
Out of formation 12 inch

Key Block (29/100 actual size)



One geese

Key Block (1 and 9/50 times actual size)



More geese to play

Key Block (29/100 actual size)

