

Cups and Saucers

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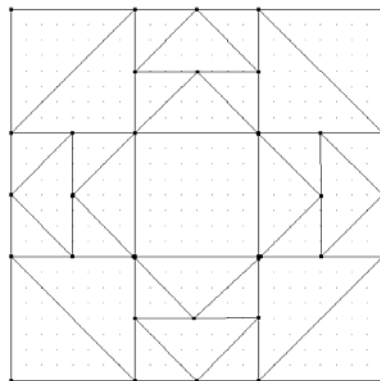


Tea for four anyone!

Again, this one is pretty simple, just four half square triangles, and eight flying geese.

This won't look as good with loose geese, so we'll just use connectors or triangle pieces. If you feel really adventurous, you could try the four at a time method. I think you would need a $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch square for the geese, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares for the sky - but you'll have to

figure out which sky colour goes where.

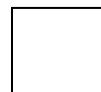


Background:



- 2 - $4\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares for corners
(or 4 triangles cut from $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip with Half Square or Easy Angle Triangle Ruler)
- 8 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangles for the flying geese.
(or 8 triangles cut from $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip with the Quarter Square or Companion Angle Ruler)

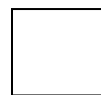
Your fabrics:



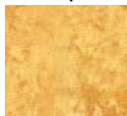
Centre:



- 1 - $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch square



One pair of cups and saucers



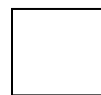
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- 8 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares for the flying geese
(or 8 triangles cut from $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip with the half square or Easy Angle Ruler)



The second pair of cups and saucers



- 1 - $4\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares for corners
(or 4 triangles cut from $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip with Half Square or Easy Angle Ruler)
- 8 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares for the flying geese
(or 8 triangles cut with the half square or Easy Angle Ruler)



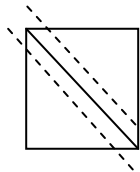
Make your half square triangles for the corners - they must measure $4 \frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Make the flying geese, in pairs. Watch where those connector corners go!



Now, just place your pieces as shown in the diagram at the top of the first page, and sew them together.

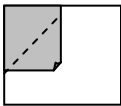
Half Square Triangles:



Use two different fabrics to make two $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles.

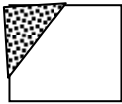
On the back of the lighter of your two fabrics, draw a line kitty corner. Layer your two squares right sides together and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on either side of the line. Cut along the line, press the seam towards the dark side. If you aren't using the half squares to make quarter square blocks, square to the correct size

Connector Corners:



Draw a line kitty corner across the back of your small connector square. Place this on the appropriate corner of your larger piece, right sides together. Make sure that the line that you drew is in the correct position.

Now, sew along that line.



Press the connector into the corner so that the right side of the connector is in the correct position on the base piece, then trim away the centre layer $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the seam. Square up your piece.

Flying Geese:

Note: flying geese are always twice as wide as they are tall (1 by 2, 2 by 4, 3 by 6 finished)

There are several ways of making flying geese - here are just a few

- If you have triangle rulers, the goose is a quarter square triangle, and the background are half square triangles cut from strips the height of your finished geese plus $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.
- Cut a rectangle the length and height of your finished goose plus $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Sew connector corners the height of your goose (plus $\frac{1}{2}$ inch) on each end.
- For a three dimensional loose goose, cut your rectangle and fold it in half **WRONG** sides together. Sandwich it inside your two background pieces so that the fold is at the top and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch down from the top edges of your sky sandwich. Now sew down the right side of the squares - press open the seam, and your loose goose will be made!
- To make 4 flying geese at a time with no waste, cut one square for the geese $1 \frac{1}{4}$ inches larger than the finished width of the goose unit (the long measurement), and four small squares $\frac{7}{8}$ inches larger than the finished height of your unit for the sky. Mark the diagonal on all sky squares. Place two of the sky squares on two opposite corners of the goose square and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on either side of the diagonal lines. Cut along this line. Press the seam towards the sky squares. Place the last sky squares on the remaining corners of the goose block (now cut in two triangles), and sew on either side of the diagonal line. Cut along those lines and you now have four flying geese blocks

