

Loose Goose

10 inches by 12 inches finished
10 1/2 inches by 12 1/2 inches edge to edge

This is a really fun border, and using the Loose Goose method, it's so quick and easy. Note that if you plan to have the top quilted by a long-arm quilt machine, check with your quilter. You may need to use regular flying geese or sew down the flaps on the loose goose as the needle will catch in the loose area.



Focus Fabric:

Cut one 8 1/2 by 10 1/2 inch rectangle

Cut the following pieces for the border

Dark Blue:

Sky Pieces

- 2 - 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches squares
- 4 - 2 by 2 1/2 inches rectangles
- 2 - 2 1/4 by 2 1/2 inch rectangles
- 2 - 1 3/4 by 2 1/2 inch rectangles
- 4 - 1 1/2 by 2 1/2 inch rectangles

Different colours

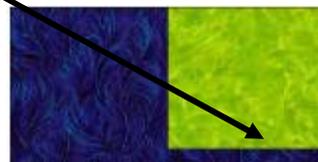
Goose Pieces

- 1 - 2 1/2 by 4 1/2 inch rectangle
- 2 - 2 by 3 1/2 inch rectangles
- 1 - 2 1/4 by 4 inch rectangle
- 1 - 1 3/4 by 3 inch rectangle
- 2 - 1 1/2 by 2 1/2 inch rectangles

Now for the varying geese.

Fold the goose fabric wrong sides together so that the short ends meet.

Fold



Carefully place this on a matching sky rectangle so that the folded edge is a quarter inch up from the bottom of the sky, and the top is even with the top of the rectangle. Place the right sides together

.Now put the other sky piece on top of your folded goose right side down, effectively sandwiching the goose between the sky rectangles.



Now sew along the edge enclosing the goose....

Press the seam open, and spread out the goose!

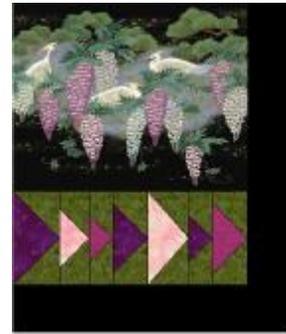
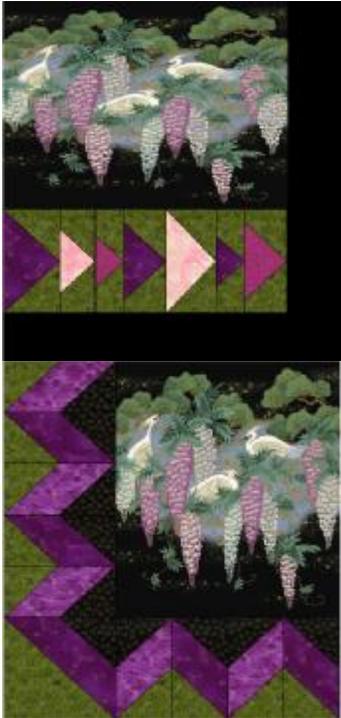


Once you have all your geese made, lay them out in a pleasing strip, and sew them together - flying east as shown in the picture!

Trim your focus fabric, and sew your loose goose strip along the bottom.

If you are making the BOM quilt – add a 2 ½ inch strip of your sashing to the bottom, then another 2 ½ inch strip to the right side of your finished block.

This one goes above last month's block:



If you are planning to do the quilting in sections, this is a good place to stop, sandwich and quilt!

You can now quilt both sections – don't worry that they don't fit together, that will come later!



If you are planning to complete the top, then quilt – just set these two sections aside until June!

Note: To make sewn in Flying Geese, put your sky rectangle at 90 degrees to the goose, and sew across the diagonal. Trim the triangles. Do this on each side, watching the diagonals!

