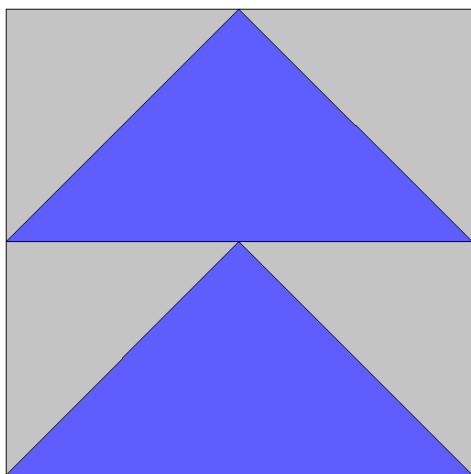


Loose Goose

8 inches finished ($8\frac{1}{2}$ end to end)



There are many ways of sewing flying geese blocks. The simplest of these is the Loose Goose, or 3D goose.

I like to use this method when I am doing flying geese blocks because the geese sit on the sky. With other methods the sky sits on top of the geese (triangle or connector corner method), or the two fabrics are the same (four at once method).

This is also by far the easiest method as there is only one seam per goose.

Cutting:

Light grey solid

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

Primary Plain (choose bright, intense red, yellow or green primary colours)

2 - $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch by $8\frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangles.

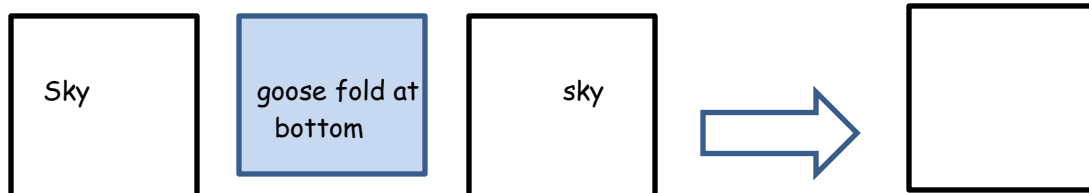
The grey is the sky, with the bright geese flying over it!

This is much harder to explain than to sew:

Fold the rectangles in half - **WRONG** sides together!

Now sandwich one between two of the plain grey squares. Usually right sides would face the goose, but plain colours don't have a right side!!

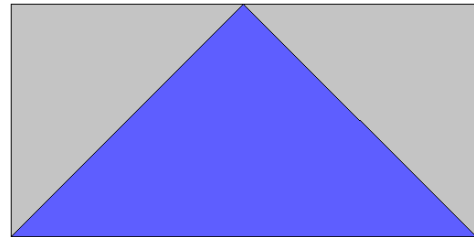
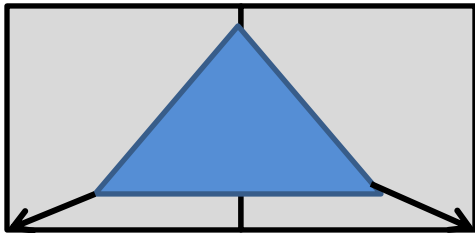
When you place the goose between the two sky squares, make sure that all the cut sides are even. This will leave the fold $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in from one side - make this the bottom of the sandwich.



Now, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on the right side of your sandwich - through all layers. Have the fold at the bottom means you don't have a hump to jump as you sew.

Flip the sandwich so that the fold is now at the top.

Open your sandwich, laying it flat on the ironing board. The goose is now flapping free on the sky! Pull the free corners of the goose rectangle so that they line up with the lower sky corners - watch the rectangle take on the triangle shape.



Press lightly on this side, then flip over and press the seam open. It will form a small triangle shape at the top, and the goose will sit very nicely.

Make two geese and sew one on top of the other. To keep the second goose sitting well, sew a basting stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ inch from the bottom of the block.

For the BOM quilt, make four blocks - either all the same coloured geese, or vary the geese! Sew these together, and sew a $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip on the left of the unit to match the colour you used in the attic window block (September). Then sew the attic window block to the top of the strip.

Some ideas for quilts using the 3D Flying Geese:

