

BMQG Block of the Month April 2025

Using No Waste Flying Geese for Dutchman's Puzzle

This block will build on the demonstration that we saw during the January meeting by Diane Williams. Individual geese measure $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ unfinished. This will use the "4 at a time no waste Flying Geese" method. **The whole block measures unfinished $8\frac{1}{2}''$ square.**



Instructions:

Black solid fabric

- Cut 8 black 3" squares (you will trim slightly during block construction)

Bright coloured low volume or small print fabric that will give high contrast to the black

- Cut 2 **bright** $5\frac{1}{2}''$ squares (small prints preferred)

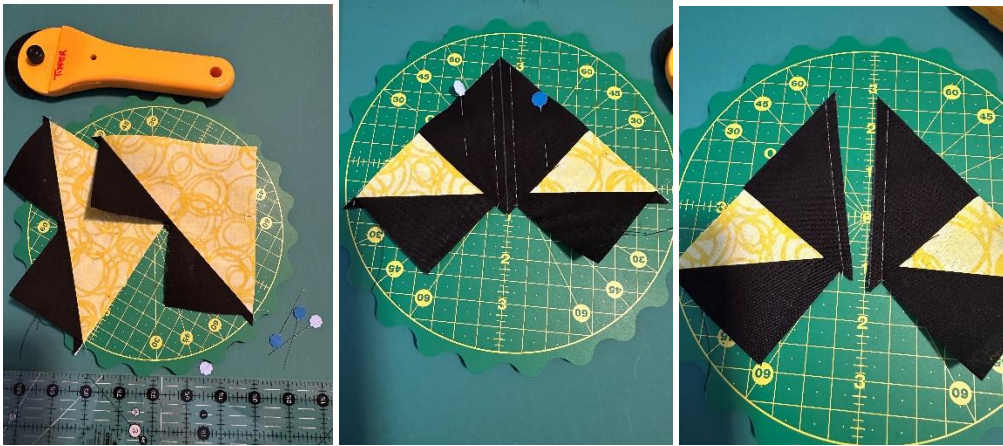
Sewing Instructions:

1. On the wrong side of your 3" squares, mark a diagonal line (white/light chalk, pen or iron a crease). Once they're marked, pin two 3" squares on opposite corners of your $5\frac{1}{2}''$ square, right sides together (RST).

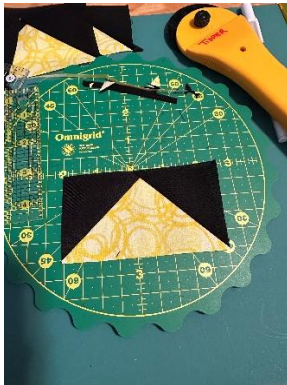


2. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam on each side of your marked line. If your seams tend to be more than $\frac{1}{4}''$ you may prefer to use a scant $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam allowance for better accuracy.

3. Next, cut the square apart down your marked line, so that you end up with two pieces.



4. Press your seams out towards the small triangles. This will help your Flying Geese to lay flat.
5. Now, place another 3" square in the corner of each unit RST. Pin in place and again sew a ¼" seam down both sides of your marked line.
6. Cut apart on your marked line.
7. Repeat
8. You will now have 2 sets of 4 matching Flying Geese blocks. Square up all blocks to 2 ½" x 4 ½".



****** Something important to remember BEFORE you trim! You will need to allow for a ¼" seam allowance past the tip of your triangle. You will lose the point of your triangle when you sew it together if you don't do this!**

Also, always remember when trimming to take equal amounts off all sides of your block (each goose) to keep the triangle centred.

9. Sew two Flying Geese units together to create 4 identical 4 ½" x 4 ½" blocks. **Rotate the direction of the double Flying Geese blocks to create a pinwheel effect counter clockwise.**
10. Sew blocks together into 2 rows of 2 blocks. For an unfinished 8 ½" x 8 ½" Dutchman Puzzle Block.