



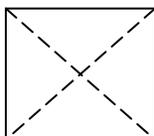
Rocket Quilters Mystery Quilt 2013 CLUE #3

CHOOSE A METHOD TO MAKE YOUR FLYING GEESE--THEN CUT ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTIONS FOR THAT METHOD. TRY EACH METHOD WITH SCRAP FABRIC TO FIND WHICH IS MOST ACCURATE.

You'll be making 68 flying gees that should measure $2\frac{1}{4} \times 4$ " when sewn.

METHOD 1: Here's the method used by the pattern makers. I suggest that you try ONE doing it this way with SCRAP fabric. Measure the result to make sure it's the right size.

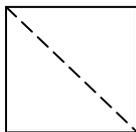
Light:



From the 19 inch wide piece, cut 3 strips that are $4\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide by 55 inches.

- Sub cut 17 squares $4\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{3}{4}$.
- Cut the squares TWICE diagonally to make 68 quarter square triangles.

Dark:



Cut 5 strips $2\frac{5}{8}$ wide

- Sub cut a total of 68 squares $2\frac{5}{8} \times 2\frac{5}{8}$
- Sub cut each square once diagonally to make 136 half square triangles.

Sew 2 dark triangles to the light triangle to make a flying geese unit.

METHOD 2 Stitch and Flip:

Light:

From the remaining 19 inch wide fabric, cut 9 strips $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide.

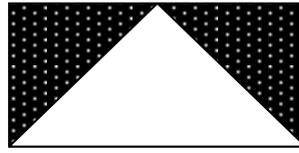
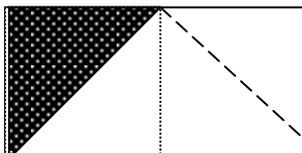
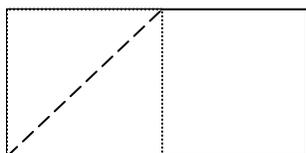
- Sub cut 68 pieces $2\frac{1}{4} \times 4$ "

Dark:

Cut 8 strips $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide.

- Sub cut 136 squares.

Sew using the sew and flip method.



METHOD 3 ELEANOR BURNS FLYING GEESE:

As with the other methods, try this one first before cutting.
You're making 68 flying geese. Each set of squares makes 4.
You'll need 17 squares of each, dark and light.

Cutting:

From the remaining light fabric that is 19 inches wide, cut 2 strips at 7 inches.

- Sub cut into 7 inch squares

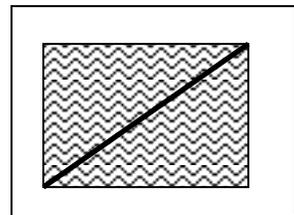
For the remaining squares (you need 17) cut 7 inches by WOF

- Sub cut into 7 inch squares

You'll also need 17 dark squares that are $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Cut 3 strips at $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches of the dark fabric.

- Sub cut into $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares



DIRECTIONS:

Center smaller square on larger square, right sides together.

Draw a line from corner to corner, diagonally. Sew on both sides of the line a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Cut apart on the line and press toward the dark. Take these two pieces and place right sides together, with the dark on the light - seams will NOT match.

Draw a line from corner to corner. Sew a seam $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the line, making sure that the pressed seams stay in the direction they were pressed. Cut apart on the line. Snip seam in the middle so you can press the seams to the dark. Each piece makes 2 flying geese. Using the Eleanor Burns ruler, line up and trim to 4 inches by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

*There's a video online that explains her technique and ruler.