

Brandon Quilters  
School House - Flying Geese  
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Table 1: Pam Avara – Bonnie Hunter’s [Essential Triangle Tool](#). Available from her website and other retailers. 15% off with the promo code “NOTIONS”. Not sure when it expires. Rulers won’t ship until after 6/21/24 when she returns from Ireland and Scotland.

Table 2: Debbie Wilson – No-waste Flying Geese or 4 at a Time. Information on the next page.

Table 3: Ruby Lowe - Creative Grids Ultimate Flying Geese Tool. The tool and instructions are available on the Creative Grids website [HERE](#).

Table 4: Beth Sonnier - Quilt in a Day Flying Geese Rulers Here’s a video link to Eleanor Burns demonstrating how to make the geese using her [Jumbo Geese Ruler](#).

Table 5: Jonce’ Smith – Wing Clipper Tool – Studio 180 has a video of how to use the tool on their [site](#). Jonce’ also has these tools for sale.

Table 6: Paulette Walley – Accuquilt Flying Geese Die – See more about the dies on the Accuquilt [website](#) or talk with Paulette at Twin Oak Crafts.

Tips, Tricks & Tools – Amy Schwam – Bloc-Loc Flying Geese Rulers – the indentations lock on the seam allowances to make trimming a breeze. More information can be found at the [Bloc-Loc website](#).

Bonus Geese: Polly Duggan - One Seam Flying Geese. Stitch the geese down or let them fly – just be sure to tell your long-armor about them. Instructions are attached.

## No Waste Flying Geese or 4 at a Time Method

There is certainly more than 1 method to sewing flying geese, the following website has a video tutorial and a nice chart that gives you different sizes to make flying geese.

<https://melaniekham.com/no-waste-flying-geese/>

Her method will make 4 flying geese at a time.

Example – will be 3 x 6 finished and 3 ½ x 6 ½ unfinished

1. Cut background square 7 ½ inches.
2. Cut 4 - 4 inch squares of colored fabrics.
3. Draw a line down the middle of colored squares. A ¼ inch seam will be sewn on both sides of the drawn line.
4. With right sides together, arrange 2 of the 4 inch squares on top left and bottom right of 7 ½ background square. NOTE: they will overlap slightly in the middle. Check to be sure colored-square does not go over the edge of the background fabric.
5. Sew on both sides of the line.
6. Cut apart between sewn lines on line drawn.
7. Press each piece towards the colored fabric.
8. Place the remaining 2 – 4 inch squares on remaining background fabric.
9. Sew both sides of line.
10. Cut apart and press toward colored-square.
11. Line up ruler using the 45 degree diagonal line on the ruler and the 3 ¼ measuring line on the ruler.
12. Trim on right side and top of piece.
13. Flip and measure 3 ½ x 6 ½ then trim right side and top.
14. Repeat for other pieces.

## ONE SEAM FLYING GEESE QUILT BLOCK

1. Use two contrasting fabrics – one for the sky and one for the goose.
2. For each Flying Geese Unit:
  - Determine the height you want your unfinished block to be.
  - Cut 2 square pieces of sky fabric, using your determined block height as the outside measurement of your squares.
  - Cut 1 rectangle of the goose fabric the same width as the squares, and with the length being double the size of the square, *minus 1/2 inch*.



**Example #1** – If using 10-inch layer cake squares: Cut the background (sky) into four 5-inch squares. Cut the goose (contrasting fabric) into two rectangles which are each 5 inches X 9-1/2 inches (2 times the size of the square, *minus 1/2 inch*). *Note: This will make 2 flying geese units.*

**Example #2** – If using yardage: Cut the background (sky) into two 3-inch squares. Cut the goose (contrasting fabric) into a rectangle which measures 3 inches X 5-1/2 inches (2 times the size of the square, *minus 1/2 inch*).

3. Fold the goose fabric in half lengthwise, with wrong sides together.



4. Make a sandwich by placing the flying geese unit inside two of the sky (background) pieces. The wrong side of each sky square should face the outside of the sandwich and having right sides together toward the inside of the sandwich.

Be sure to align the right, bottom, and left raw edges of all 3 fabric pieces, with the fold of the goose unit being slightly below the inside top of the sandwich.

5. Sew a 1/4-inch seam down the right side of the sandwich.



6. Open up the sandwich as you would open a book. Press the seam to one side.
7. Unfold the center goose fabric to create a large triangle, flatten, and press.
8. Trim as necessary to square up your rectangular flying geese block.

**NOTE:** For visual instructions, google "One Seam Flying Geese Block". You will find tutorials by Ricky Tims, Jenny Doan, Suzanne McNeill (10 minute blocks), Connecting Threads, etc.