

Bloggers' Block-a-palooza-Block 10::Turned Geese

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I think I hear some of you grumbling, "so many geese!" "so many pieces!" Don't worry, I'm going to break it down to very manageable steps.

Cutting Instructions:

Orangesicle Discs Print 5445-13 - referenced as white

Limeade Floral 5444-11 - referenced as green

Orangesicle Solid 5448-13 - referenced as orange

From the white fabric cut:

1 - 5 1/4" square

8 - 2 7/8" squares

1 - 4 1/2" squares

From the green fabric cut:

2 - 5 1/4" squares

8 - 2 7/8" squares

From the orange fabric cut:

1 - 5 1/4" square



Piecing Instructions: on the wrong side of the 2 7/8" squares mark a diagonal. Then check the accuracy of your 1/4" seam as that will be important as we sew.

I know that there are a few different ways to make flying geese, this option appealed to me as the bias is not exposed as much, and there is less waste than some versions. I hope you will try it! The pictures make more sense if you are working through the steps with your fabric too.



Now to assemble the flying geese! Match the 5 1/4" squares to the 2 7/8" squares, the large white and orange squares are matched with small green squares. And the large green squares are matched with small white squares. Match the corners, with the diagonal lines as shown, I like to add a couple pins to ensure they don't move as I move to the machine and sew. Sew on both sides, 1/4" away from the marked diagonal. Now cut, on the same diagonal, and press your seams. I like to press open, to reduce bulk with these.



Add one more 2 7/8" square to each of your "hearts", it needs to match the previous squares for the pattern to be worked out. Sew on both sides of the diagonal line again with a 1/4" seam.

Cut on the diagonal. And press your seams open. Once pressed you will have 16 flying geese units. Not too painful either! Next we make 8 units to complete the block.

You need 4 of each unit. Sew together with 1/4" seam and carefully press your seams.



With your 4 1/2" white square cut earlier, layout your block as shown, pin and sew the rows together. Then admire your finished block!

I hope you enjoy making this block – please let me know if you have any questions. After making this block if found a new appreciation for flying geese, and like to incorporate them into other projects. As you can see, there are plenty of ways to take a traditional method and make it modern.