

October Block of the Month #1: Wild Goose Chase

Materials:

choose 4 fabrics, geese;

from **each fabric** cut: 3 - 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles

from background fabric cut: 24 - 2 7/8" x 2 7/8" squares

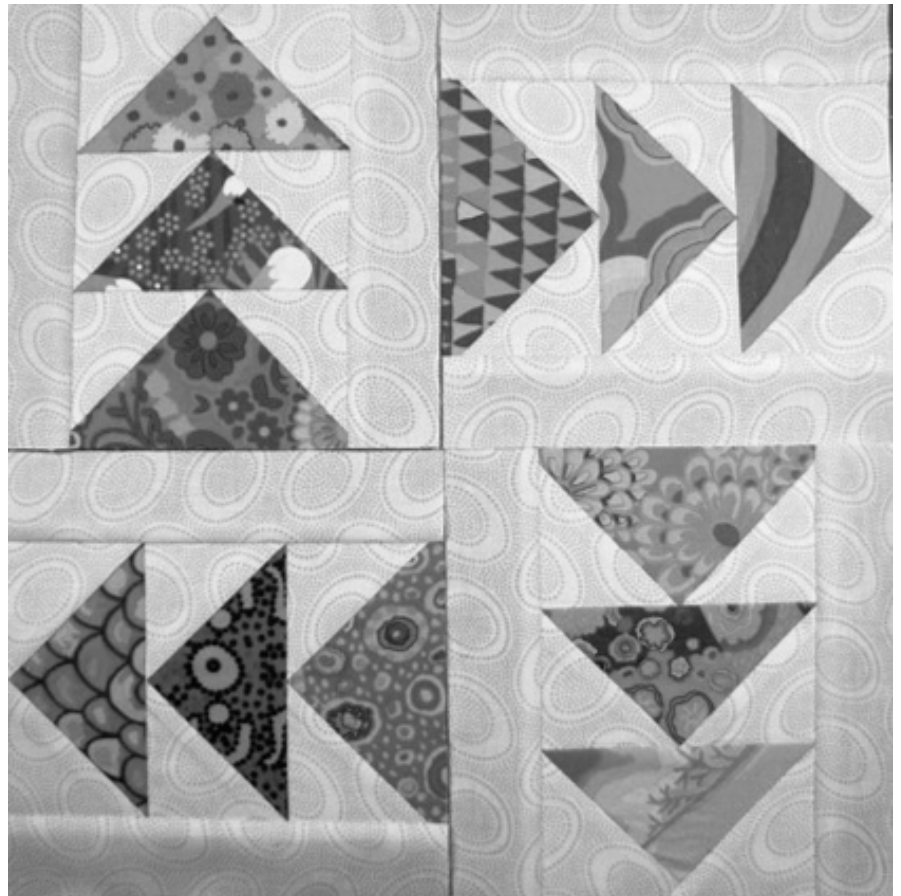
from third fabric cut: 8 - 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles

Construction:

Draw a diagonal line on the back of each square. Find the center of a long side of a goose rectangle and mark. Pair a background square with this

rectangle, aligning the diagonal line from mark for center and a bottom corner of the rectangle. Sew just off the line on the outside edge. Press triangles smooth.

It is optional to trim off excess fabric from the square and rectangle, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat with opposite corner, mirroring the process along long side. Press and measure. Each rectangle should measure 2 1/2" x 4 1/2". Trim if necessary.



Repeat with the rest of the geese rectangles. Compare with sample picture.

Make 4 columns of 3 geese. Sew a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to each side of the columns. Press and measure the four blocks. They should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Assemble the four blocks in a 2 x 2 grid, rotating blocks so the bottom of one touches the side of another. Press and measure. The finished block should be $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Remember your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

You can choose to make a complete quilt top by repeating these instructions or you can set this block aside and make a sampler quilt. We look forward to seeing everyone's blocks.