

Release the Geese!

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I have always loved flying geese. I love the old quilts with the long rows of geese and the new quilts with an improvisational twist. This class will explore some playful turns on flying geese. This class is not a *"make this quilt"* class, although it is perfectly reasonable to make one of the samples and I will give you directions to make them as displayed. This class is really designed to provide you with patterns and techniques that you can use to design your own quilt.



We will do *circular flying geese* using a basic paper piecing method. I will provide you with patterns for various types of circular flying geese with clockwise and counterclockwise orientations. We will also do *straight geese* with a quick piecing, no-waste technique that you can use in various ways. Then we will look at ways to *combine your straight flying geese with your circular flying geese* to achieve any number of possible variations.

Skill Level. This class is suitable for confident quilters from advanced beginner to experienced. Some experience with paper piecing will be helpful, but is not essential. All the techniques used will be reviewed and one-on-one assistance will be available.

What to Bring. Because this is a workshop/design class, I can't tell you exactly how much yardage you will need. But if you are going for a scrappy look, fat quarters are great. If you have a particular line of fabrics you want to use, bring them all along and make your choices as you design. Be sure to bring one or more fabrics to serve as the background for your geese. Some people use one fabric for the goose backgrounds like the circle above. Others use different backgrounds for different geese like the rectangular quilt above.



You will also need a sewing machine in good working order, basic sewing supplies, rotary cutter, ruler and cutting mat. I will provide you with patterns to take home as well as all the patterns you will need for use in class