

**Seymour Quilters Guild  
Grow-a-Quilt 2021  
Step 3 – Flying Geese**

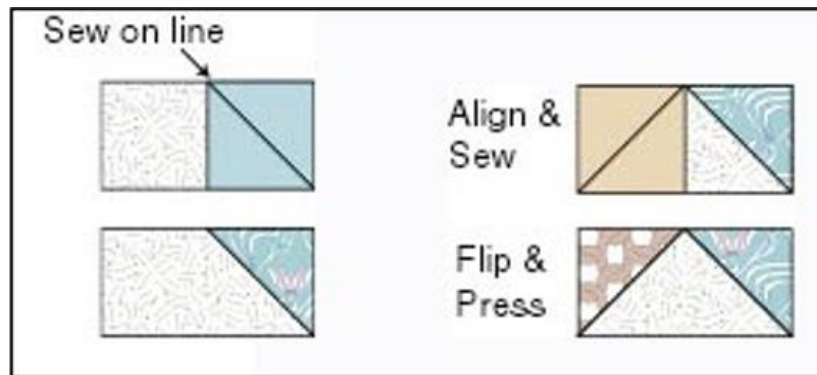
Flying geese are our first block for May. They are fun to make in a traditional or in an improv manner.

### Decisions

- Decide if you are going to put a spacer between the Rail Fence and the Geese.
- When deciding on the size of the geese, consider how many and the finished size that you want.

### Making Single Geese

- For 2 1/2" x 5" finished geese, you need one 3" x 5 1/2" rectangle and two 3" squares.
- For 2 3/4" x 5 1/2" finished geese, you need one 3 1/4" x 6" rectangle and two 3 1/4" squares.



### Hints or Things to Try

- Sew on the side of the line towards the corner.
- If you sew a second line 1/2" over towards the corner you will gain a HST (Half Square Triangle) to use later.
- Use rectangles and randomly sew pieces to it to make improv geese.

### Making Four Geese with the No Waste Method

- This is a fun method of making geese. There are links below for this method, but I agree with [Niki at Vancouver Modern Quilt Guild](#) that making four Flying Geese by the No-Waste Method works more easily if one increases the size of the smaller squares by a scant 1/8".
- For 2 1/2" x 5" finished geese, cut one 6 1/4" square (the geese) and four 3 3/8" squares (the background).
- For 2 3/4" x 5 1/2" finished geese, cut one 6 3/4" square and four 3 5/8" squares.

- These are the sizes of small squares given in various directions online. Try them out to see what works for you.



### Helpful Resources

- Canadian Quilters' Association (CQA) Blog – [“Stitch & Flip” Method for making 1.5” x 3” single geese](#). A particularly useful method for a scrappy look. Keep in mind that the large rectangle is the goose.
- Spruce Crafts – [Directions for the No Waste Method](#).
- Spruce Crafts – [Cutting Chart for the No Waste Method](#).
- Seymour Quilters Guild Blog Post – [Block of the Month November 2017](#). Shows step-by-step pictures for No Waste Method.
- Suzy Quilts – [Flying Geese Tutorial](#). A bit of history surrounding Flying Geese and directions for single and multiple Flying Geese.