

## Block 5 – Flying Geese/Wild Goose Chase



This block is also sometimes called Dutchman's Puzzle. You will need a background fabric and two other fabrics (the geese) which will show up on the background fabric.

### Construction

Cut a  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inch square from each of the two geese fabrics. Draw 2 lines, one from each corner diagonally on the right side of the fabric.

Cut eight  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inch squares from the background fabric. You can do this by cutting a strip  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inch wide and cutting off  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inch lengths. Draw one diagonal line on the wrong side of each of these.

With right sides together, pin two of the smaller squares on to one of the larger squares, lining up the drawn diagonal lines. Place a pin each side of the drawn line. See photo for example.



Stitch a seam on either side of the drawn diagonal lines a scant quarter of an inch. Once sewn, cut along the drawn diagonal line between the two stitched lines. Take one section and finger press the small triangular pieces away from the main triangle. With right sides together, pin a small square on to the main triangle, matching a seam on either side of the diagonal line on the small square. Sew scant  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (see photo below) and then cut along the drawn line between the two stitched lines.



Press each piece from the front, with the seams lying towards the smaller triangles. You will now have your flying geese. Arrange the eight flying geese in the design shown at the top of the page. Sew the flying geese in pairs, to form quarter of the block. Then join one quarter to another. Finally join one half to the other half, making sure your points meet in the middle.

The block is now complete and should measure  $12 \frac{1}{2}$  inches.