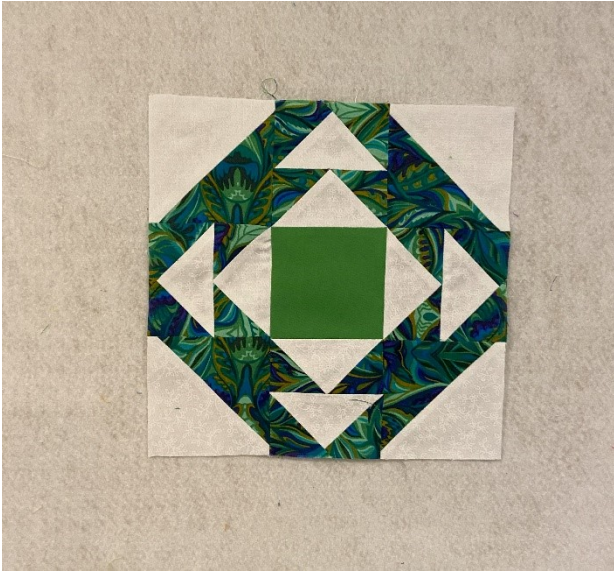


LLQG_MARCH_2024_BOM-CUPS & SAUCERS 9.5" unfinished



From colored Fabric:

Cut 1 – 3 ½" square.

Cut 2 – 3 7/8" squares, subcut diagonally once.

Cut 8 – 2 3/8" squares, subcut diagonally once.

From Background Fabric:

Cut 2 – 4 ¼" square, subcut diagonally twice

Cut 2 – 3 7/8" squares, subcut diagonally once.

The original block I based this on, had all colored blocks out of the same fabric.

I decided to make my center a complimentary color to the color of the cups and saucers, seeing it as a table cloth, based on the name of the block. Make your block in your own style.

- 1) Based on the Center unpieced Block which was cut at **3 ½"s**, all finished sub blocks will finish at **3 ½"s**, so that when sewn together you will have a **9 ½" unfinished block**. Set your Center Block aside for now.
- 2) Get your **four large colored** and **background triangles** made from the subcut **3 7/8" squares**, and match **one colored triangle to one background triangle**, right sides together. *Remember to start the alignment from the back 90 degree point*, then match the two points on the long edge. Sew your **¼"** seam on the long edge, repeat for all four half-square triangle squares. Press your seams open, Trim using a **3 ½" or larger square ruler**, placing the **ruler's 45 degree diagonal line** on the seam line, all the rest of the block should be within the **3 ½"** marks on the ruler, except for the dog ears. Trim the dog ears and excess fabric. Note from the picture above, that these will be the four corners of the finished block and all colored fabric 90 degree corners will point to the center block.



Large HST

3) Making the **flying geese block**; Get your **8** smaller **background triangles** made from the two **4 1/4" squares**. **Make sure they are all right side up and place in a stack**, get your smaller **colored triangles** made from the **8 - 2 3/8" colored squares**, and **stack them all right side up**. Place one of the **colored triangles, right side down**, on a **right side up background triangle** as seen in the picture below, align along the **bottom edge of the background triangle**, making the **long edge of the colored triangle** align along the left side of the background triangle. The bottom point should meet at bottom left of the background triangle. The right side of the colored triangle will be **past the center** of the background triangle.



← Bottom edge

Press the triangle up, and press the seam open →



Do the same for the remaining **7 Flying Geese** blocks.

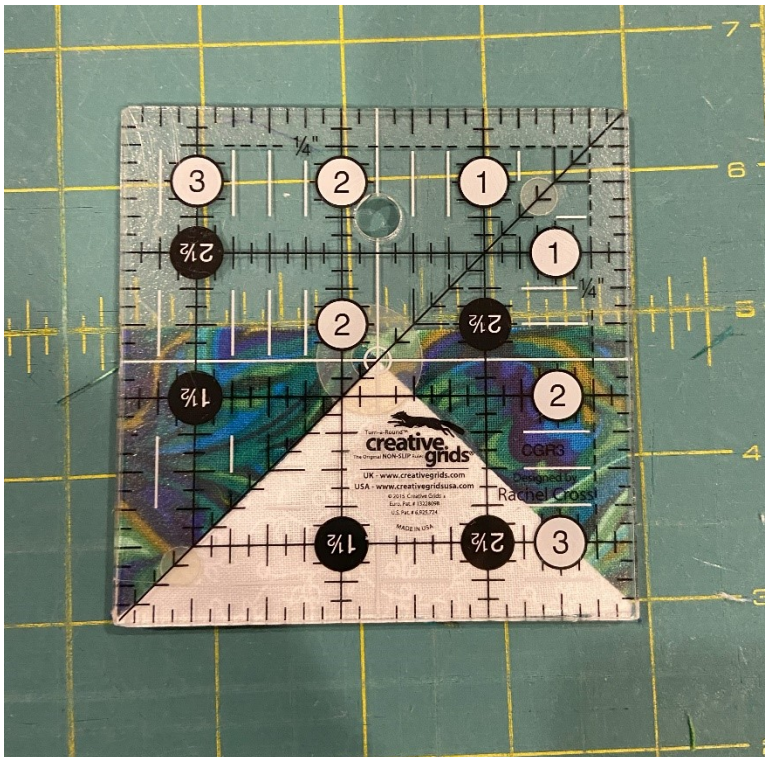
Now we will line up the other side of the block by positioning the **colored block to the right side** of the **background block**, sew your **1/4" seam**, and Press open. See below; Right side positioned, note it is overlapping the left side, creating our **1/4" seam allowance**, and sew your seam. Next trim along the top edge of the **colored** fabric removing top dog ears.



← Trimmed top edge.

Block, and trimming dog ears and excess fabric.

Then press triangle up, and seam open. Now see below for checking and sizing our finished Flying Geese



This is a 3 1/2" Creative Grids Square ruler! Use this size or larger. Note the **45 degree line** on the ruler runs along one side of the block seams and the block corners are all within the ruler size. This block is **2" X 3 1/2"s**.

Also note the **little white circle in the center of the ruler**, this is where the **point of the large white triangle is**, so our block is centered. Next note that the **colored portion on the top** of our block is **1/4" inch above that white colored triangle point** and the **white line going across**, giving us our **1/4" seam allowance** on the top of the block point.

There are many sizes of this ruler available for various sizes of blocks. **I use the 2 1/2 through the 4 1/2 the most**, it just makes sizing blocks so much easier! These are usually less expensive and I snatch them up when I can. Trim blocks as needed. Now make the remaining 7 Flying geese triangles.

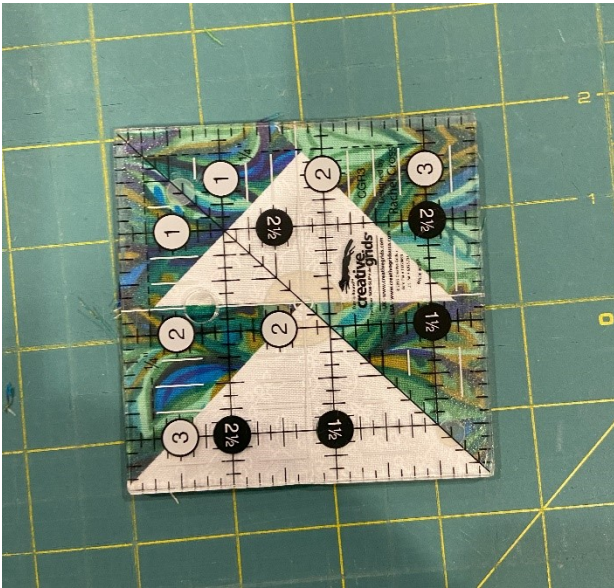
- 4) Your finished **Flying Geese sub-block** requires that we **sew two Flying Geese Blocks together**. Lets get started! Both Flying Geese need to point in the same direction, so place two Flying Geese Blocks, right side up, one above the other as below;



Next flip the top one down right side down onto the bottom unit. Place a pin right through the top point of the white triangle point from the back side, making sure that the two block as aligned at the edges as well. Sew your seam. It should look like below;



Press seams open! Now we need to check it for size and trim if needed, it should be 3 1/2" square! Finish the other three 2-Flying Geese sub-blocks the same way.



Now we need to size and trim our 3 1/2" Double Flying Geese blocks. Using the same 3 1/2" ruler, you can see the 45 degree line goes down one side of one of the background triangle seam lines and the whole block fits within the ruler. Ideally the white line going down center would go through the top point of the top Flying Geese block as well as the bottom center point. I had to take my finger and just pull up and out, on the right side a tad while making sure the bottom right corner was still in the ruler, then all was well. Finish the other three Double Flying Geese blocks the same way!

Now we can put our sub-blocks into columns.

- 5) Lay out your sub blocks. Put your center 3 1/2" square in the center, Leaving 3 1/2" – 4 "s above and on both sides and below. Then take **your 4 – HST blocks** and **place one in each corner** with the 90 degree points of the colored HST triangle block touching the 4 corners of the center block. Lastly take **your 4 double Flying Geese Blocks** with **white triangle points pointing out** from the center block in all four directions, and place them between all four corner blocks.



- 6) Lets sew the Left column together. You have a **HST triangle** block on top, **color point down**, then a **Double Flying Geese Block pointing out to the left**, and lastly another **HST triangle** block on the bottom with the **color point up**. Flip the top **HST triangle** block **down** on top of the **Double Flying Geese** block and line up the top edges, pin through the side of the **open middle seam of the 2 Flying geese blocks that will go under the needle first**. Make sure the two edges meet as well. Sew your **1/4" seam**. Press seam open. Place the resulting block right side up above the remaining block from the left column. Flip that **bottom remaining HST right side down** onto the **double flying geese block** and line up on the **bottom edges**, pin through that **side seam that will go under the needle first**, again make sure the whole bottom edge is good, then sew your **1/4" seam** and press open.

← Left side Column blocks

- 7) Now lets work on the center column. You have a **double Flying Geese** square on top points **up**, the **center colored** square in the middle, and another **Double Flying Geese** square on the bottom that points **down**, all right side up.



Take the top **Flying Geese** square and flip it down on top of the **center colored** square. Line up the top and side edges, place a thin pin in the center at least, then sew your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, across the top. Press seam open. Place back above your remaining Flying Geese block, and flip the bottom Flying Geese block up, so both are right sides together. Again line up the bottom and side edges, pin in the center, and sew **your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam** across the bottom. Press seams open. Check your column on both sides for $3\frac{1}{2}$ "s and trim excess, so that it is now **$3\frac{1}{2}$ " X X $9\frac{1}{2}$ "s**.

← Sewn Center Column

- 8) Next we will sew the **center column** to the **left column**. Place them right side up, **center column on the right**. Flip the **left** column over, **right side down**, onto the **center** column. You will need to pin down the left side of the quilt block sandwich, with ultra thin pins, at the 4 side points of the Flying Geese. I place my pins right through those points and aim for the pin while seaming, adjusting my seam to meet the points. Also pin in the **middle of the center** block and about a $\frac{1}{4}$ " **from either end** of the column. Sew your $\frac{1}{4}$ " **seam** down the **left** side of the quilt block sandwich. Press seam open, see below;



← Left side and center column sewn together.



9) Lastly we need to sew the right side column together and then sew it to the other two columns.

← **Right side column blocks**

Line up your right side column blocks as these, right side up. Flip the top **HST block** right side down on top of the **Double Flying Geese Block**.

Line up these top edges and place a pin at the point of the right side Flying Geese edge, to match that point. Sew your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press open and place the resulting block above the remaining bottom **HST block**.

Again flip the **bottom HST triangle block right side down** on top of the **Double Flying Geese Block**. Line up the bottom edge matching that bottom point of the right side **Flying Geese block** and pin. Sew your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press seam open.

Now attach this **right side column** to the right side of the middle column, as you did the other two columns above in step 8. **Pin, matching points** and the open side of the **seam** that will go under the needle first. Sew your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, press open.



← **Completed Block 9 1/2" unfinished**