

## Month 2- March Blocks:

It's March! Can you believe it? Obviously, I wasn't ready for March since I'm a day late posting this month's blocks... This month we are making Flying Geese Blocks!



We're going to make the blocks or part of the blocks shown above. You will need your background fabric and colors 1, 2, 3 and 4.

### Cutting:

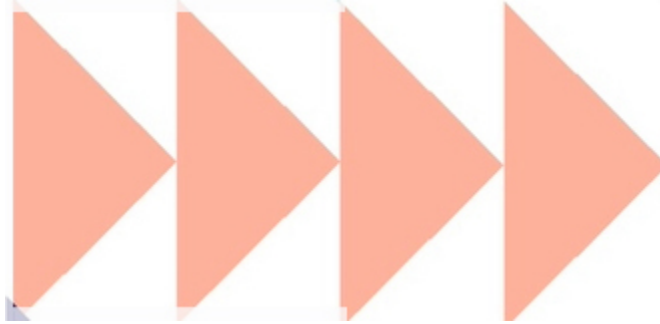
For the (2) four at a time flying geese cut:

- (2) 9 1/2" squares out of the Color 1 fabric. This will be the 'triangle fabric'
- (8) 5 1/2" Squares of the background fabric

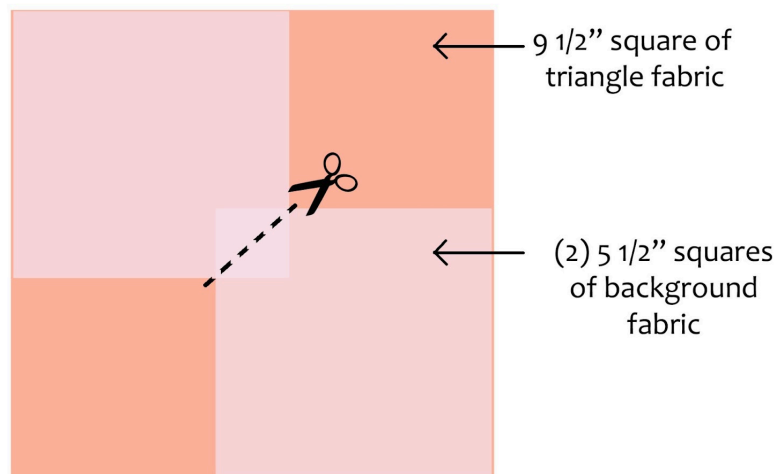
For the (5) one at a time flying geese cut:

- (1) 5" x 9" rectangle of Color 1. This will be the 'triangle fabric'
- (1) 5" x 9" rectangle of Color 2. This will be the 'triangle fabric'
- (1) 5" x 9" rectangle of Color 3. This will be the 'triangle fabric'
- (2) 5" x 9" rectangle of Color 4. This will be the 'triangle fabric'
- (8) 5" Squares of the background fabric

The first block we are going to make is the double flying geese block. It looks like a quadruple flying geese block, but we're going to split it into (2) double flying geese. These are going to be made using the background fabric and Color 1 fabric using the 4 blocks a time technique..

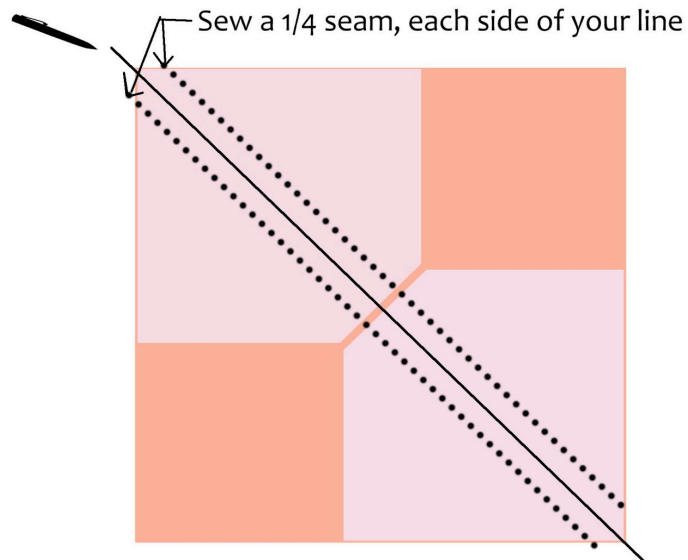


Step 1- Layout your large squares with 2 of the smaller squares situated on top as shown below. You will want to clip the overlap between of the smaller squares. You can clip these with scissors or lay it out on your cutting mat and cut there.

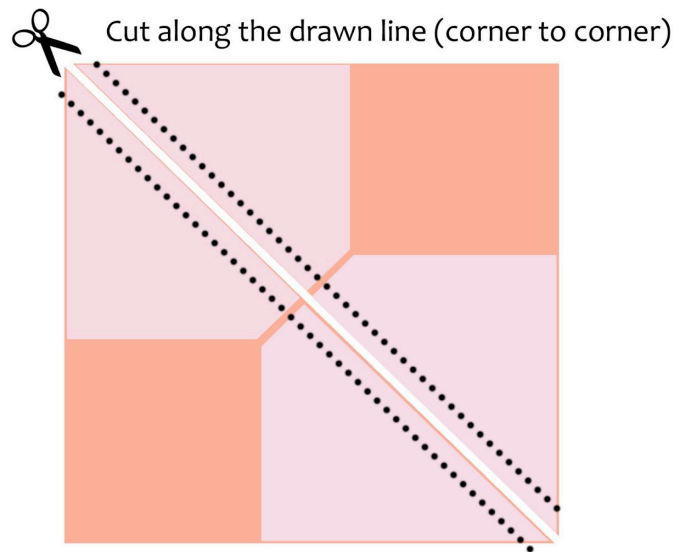


Trim the two small squares where they overlap.

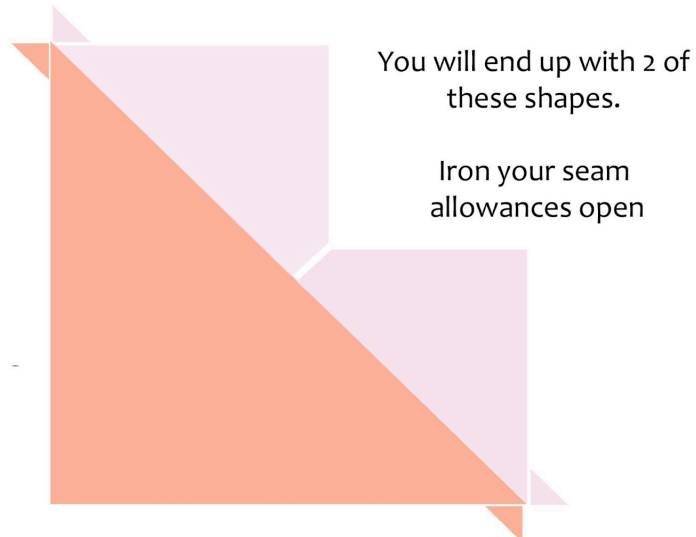
Step 2: Use a pen or chalk pencil to draw a line from corner to corner as a guide for your stitching. Then sew a 1/4" seam on each side of your line. (This is a good spot to chain stitch again with the two squares)



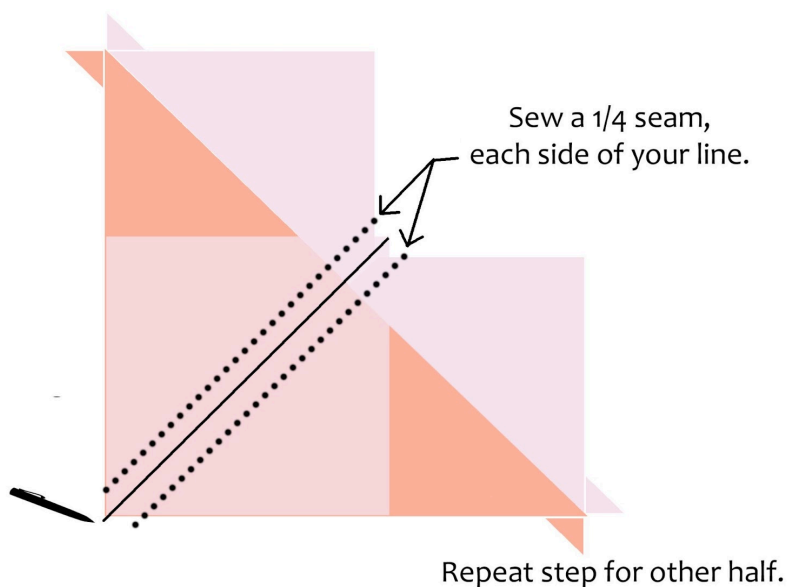
Step 3: Cut along the line you drew in the previous step.



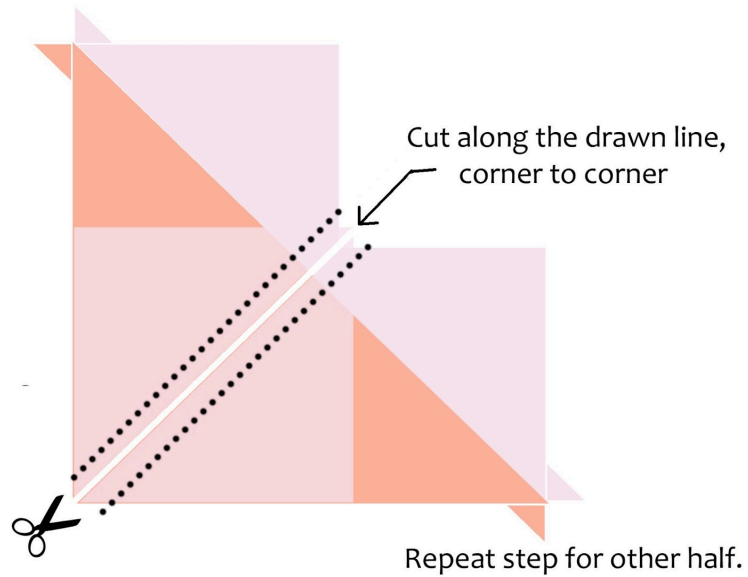
Step 4: Open the triangles and iron with seam allowances open. Do this for both halves.



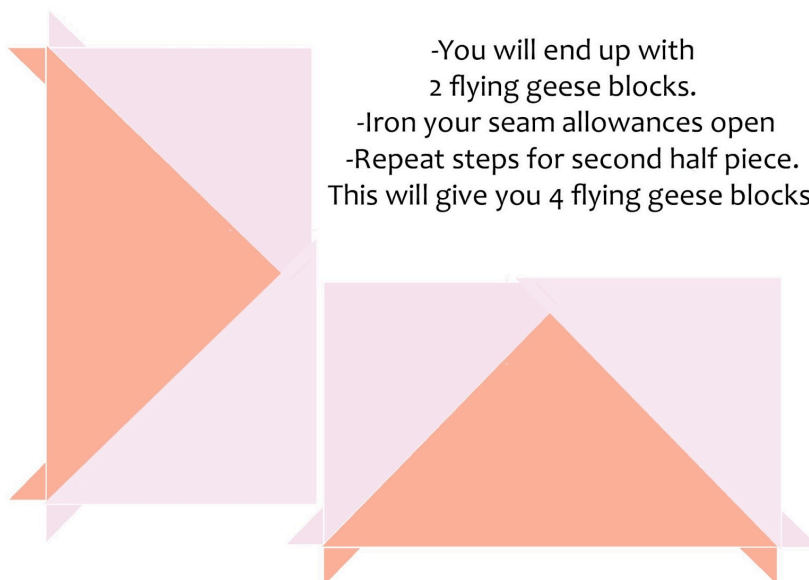
Step 5: Add another 5 1/2" block in the corner, draw your guide line from corner to corner. Then sew a 1/4" seam allowance on each side of the line. (Another opportunity to chain stitch with the other half of you finished in Step 3.)



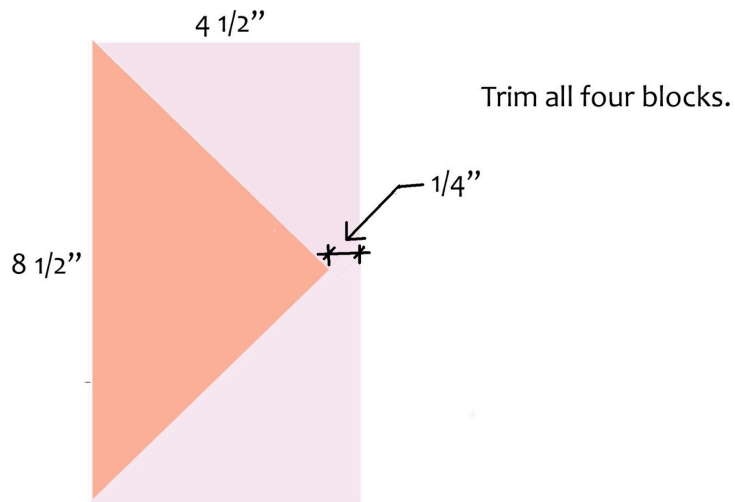
Step 6: Cut along the drawn line.



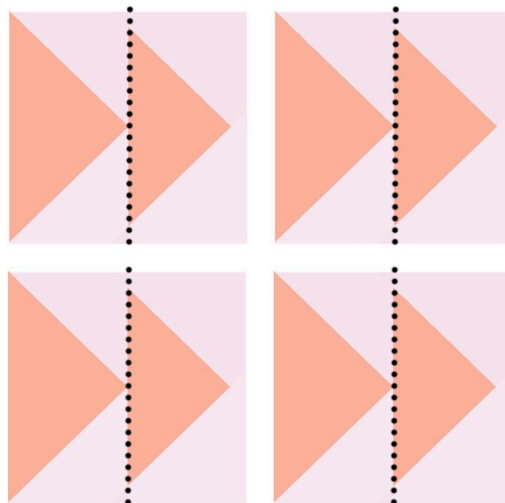
Step 7: You now have (2) flying geese blocks, (4) with the other half. Iron you seam allowances open.



Step 8: Trim all the blocks to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " at the point of the triangle.



Step 9: Redo all the steps for the other half if you haven't already done it. Now you have 8 flying geese blocks. Sew them into pairs. You'll end up with (4)  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks. You are done with these for now. We'll sew them together later in the year.



Repeat steps  
1 through 7.

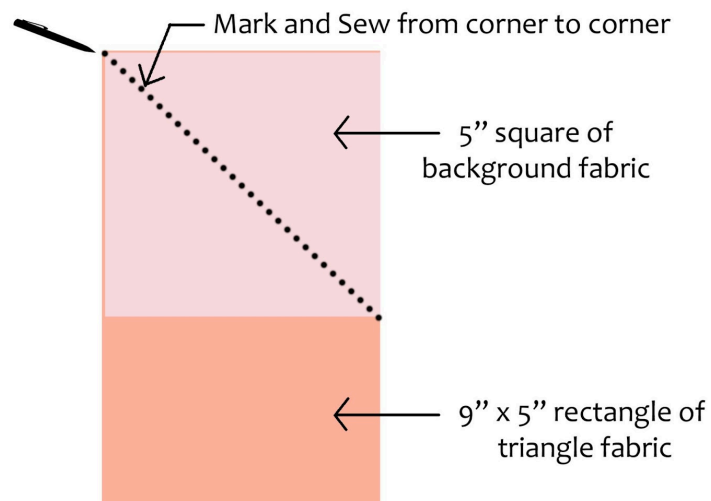
Sew together the  
flying geese blocks  
in pairs of two.

Next up is the 1 at a time flying geese blocks. We are going to do this process 5 times, or get yourself set up do it with chain stitching since you already cut everything (my preference).

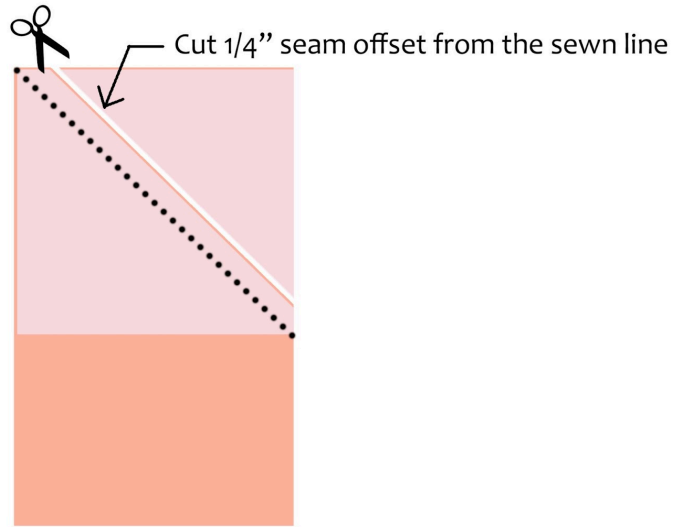


We're going to make the block on the right and the flying geese blocks for the blocks on the right.

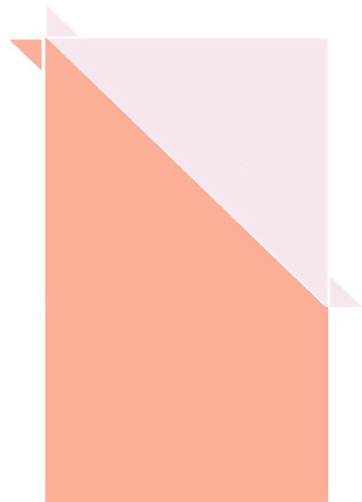
Step 1: Layout your large rectangle with 1 of the smaller squares situated on top as shown below. You are going to mark the diagonal line from corner to corner to help you stay straight. Then sew right over that line. (insert chain stitching recommendation here!)



Step 2: Cut the corners off, 1/4" off of the sewn line. Save those corners!



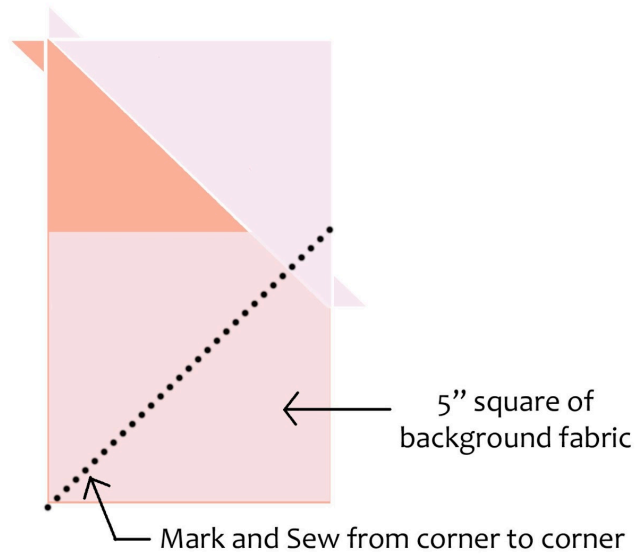
Step 3: Iron with seam allowances open.



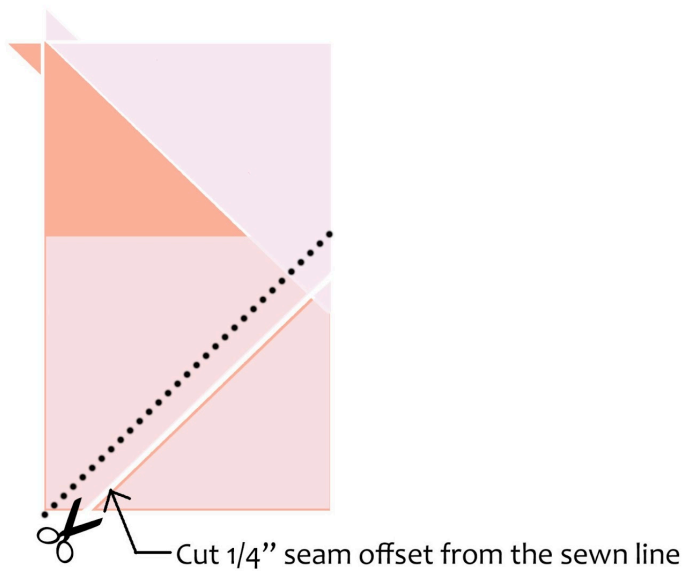
Iron your seam allowances open



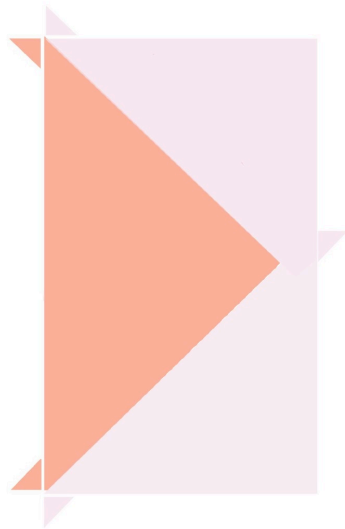
Step 4: Basically, you are going to repeat steps 1-3 on the other corner with another 5" square of the background fabric. You are going to mark the diagonal line from corner to corner to help you stay straight. Then sew right over that line.



Step 5: Cut the corners off,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " off of the sewn line. Save those corners!

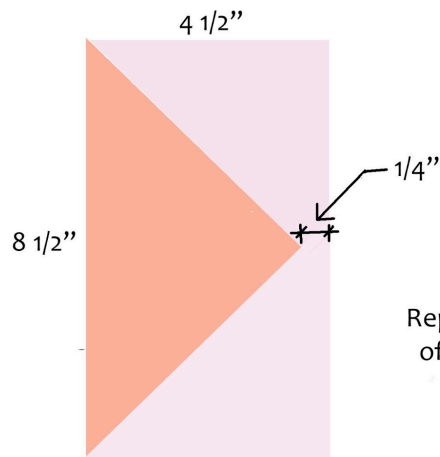


Step 6: Iron with seam allowances open.



Iron your seam allowances open

Step 7: Trim all the blocks to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " at the point of the triangle.

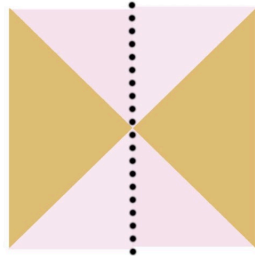


Trim your block.

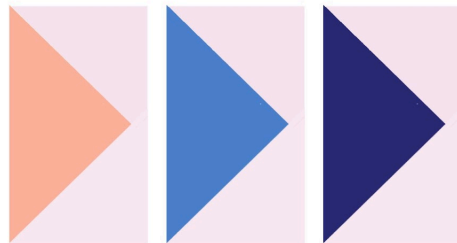
Repeat 4 times for a total of 5 flying geese blocks

- (1) Color 1
- (1) Color 2
- (1) Color 3
- (2) Color 4

Step 8: You are done with the blocks in Colors 1, 2, and 3. Sew your (2) Color 4 blocks together, point to point.



Sew together the (2) Color 4 flying geese blocks point to point.



Set aside 3 of your blocks for next month.  
(1) Color 1  
(1) Color 2  
(1) Color 3

That's it for this month! Yay!

