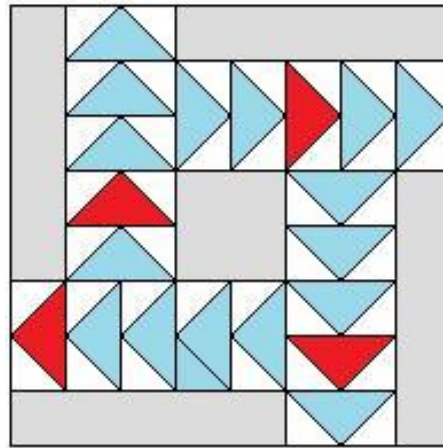


# Aurifil 2014

## Block of the Month December

### Not Afraid of Flying

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12" x 12" finished size  
(Or at least it should be...)



### Cutting Instructions:

**Note:** If you have a preferred method for making flying geese, go for it! The geese finish at 1 1/2" x 3" and you'll need 20 of them. How you make them is entirely up to you. ☺

Flying Geese – Aqua fabrics - use two different prints:  
Cut a total of 4 squares – 4 1/4" x 4 1/4".

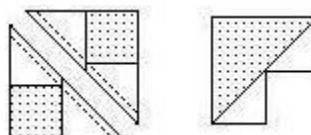
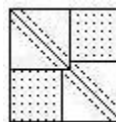
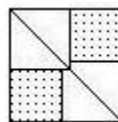
Flying Geese – Red fabric:  
Cut 1 square – 4 1/4" x 4 1/4".

Flying Geese Background – Solid Cream fabric:  
Cut 20 squares – 2 3/8" x 2 3/8".

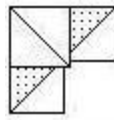
Center Square & Side Strips - Red & Cream Text Print:  
Cut 1 square – 3 1/2" x 3 1/2".  
Cut 4 strips – 2" x 8".

### Making the Block:

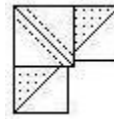
1. On the wrong side of all 20 of the 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" background squares, draw a line from one corner to the opposing corner as shown.
2. With right sides together, align the edges of two 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" squares in opposing corners of each 4 1/4" x 4 1/4" flying geese square as shown.
3. Using a scant 1/4" seam allowance, stitch on both sides of the drawn line as shown.
4. Cut the squares apart as shown. Press the seams toward the Background triangle.



5. With right sides together, align the edges of the remaining 10 squares –  $2 \frac{3}{8}$ " x  $2 \frac{3}{8}$ " – in the corners of the flying geese pieces as shown.

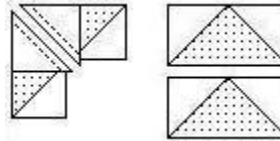


6. Using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, stitch on both sides of the drawn line as shown.



7. Cut the triangles apart as shown. Press the seams toward the Background triangle.

The flying geese should now measure  $2$ " x  $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " – and there should be 20 of them. ☺

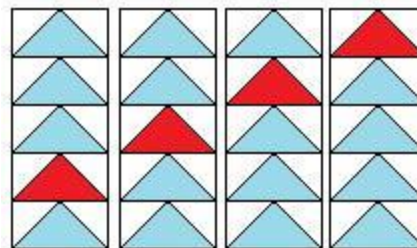


8. Sort the flying geese into 4 groups of 5 geese – each group will have 4 aqua geese and 1 red goose.

9. Using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, join each group of 5 geese as shown.

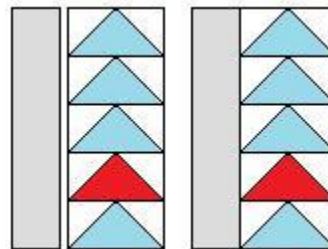
Press the seams in one direction – or press them open.

The geese strip will measure  $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8$ ".



10. Using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, join a  $2$ " x  $8$ " print strip to the side of each geese strip as shown.

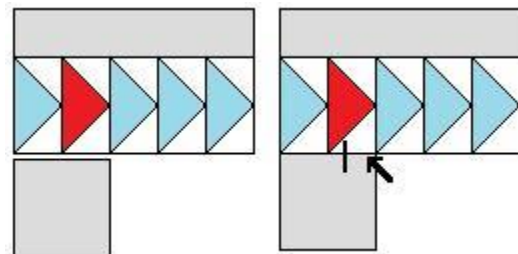
Press the seam toward the plain strip – away from the geese strip.



11. Using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, join the first geese strip to the center square –  $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " – as shown. But... don't stitch the entire seam!

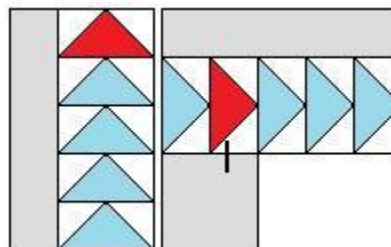
Start on the left – at the bottom of the geese strip – and sew about half-way – to the line. The remainder of the seam should be loose – the portion indicated by the arrow.

Press the stitched part of the seam to the center square – or press it open.



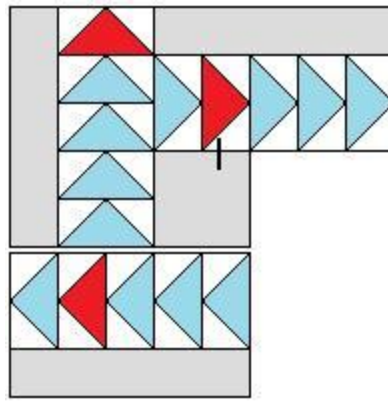
12. Using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, join the second geese strip as shown. This seam goes the full length of the geese strip.

Press the seam in one direction – or press it open.



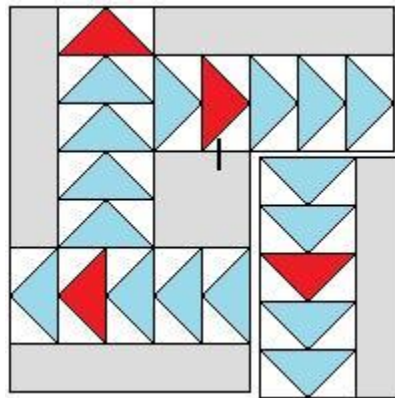
13. Using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, join the third geese strip as shown.

Press the seam in one direction – or press it open.



14. Using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, join the fourth – and last – geese strip as shown.

Press the seam in one direction – or press it open.



15. And finally, using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, finish the partial seam stitched in Step No. 12.

As before, press the seam in one direction – or press it open.

That's it. It's finished. It should measure  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " – to finish at 12" x 12". ☺