

## Requirements

Approximate finished size: 72" x 84" (183cm x 214cm)

- 26 x fat quarters or 26 x 9" fabric strips
- Binding Fabric: 20" (51cm)
- Backing Fabric: 5 1/2 Yards (5m)
- Batting: 92" x 104" or 2.5m x 2.5m

*Please read all directions before you begin.  
There are many different ways of cutting and piecing  
this quilt and you may choose any method you prefer,  
particularly for the Flying Geese.  
There will be enough fabric for many  
different methods.*



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Leanne was inspired to create this quilt from memories based in her Nana's beautiful garden and the Geese she so loved. She recalls that the gaggle of Geese was allowed around the perimeters of the garden but never in the garden!

## Cutting Out:

### Quilt Centre:

- From each of your 26 fabrics cut 12 x 4 ½" squares. This will give you 312 squares in total - you will need 304

### Flying Geese Border:

- Cut 148 – 4 ½" x 2 ½" dark fabric rectangles and
- Cut 296 – 2 ½" x 2 ½" light fabric squares

## Piecing The Quilt Centre:

- The quilt centre is made up of 19 rows with 16 squares in each row. You may follow the photo or arrange the squares as desired. Pin and stitch your rows together. Press each row as you go, ensuring that you alternate the direction of pressing with each row; press row one to the left then row two to the right then row three left and so on. This will ensure that your seams sit nice and flat in the next step.
- When you have your entire rows complete pin and stitch the rows together. Press. The centre of your quilt is complete.

## Piecing the Border:

- The Flying Geese are pieced using the 'Half Square' method.
- To make each Flying Goose place a light fabric square over the left end of a dark fabric rectangle, right sides together.
- Using a 2B or fabric pencil, draw a diagonal line from the bottom left corner to the top right corner of the light fabric square. Pin and stitch on the line. Trim excess to ¼" and press.
- Repeat for the other side of the Flying Goose, drawing your stitching line from the top left to the bottom right. Trim and press.
- Continue until you have 148 Flying Geese! Each Goose on its own should now measure 4 ½" x 2 ½" when stitched and pressed.

## Adding the Border:

- Layout the border around the quilt centre, being aware of the clockwise direction of the Flying Geese.
- Pin and stitch, the two side borders into lengths first, followed by the top and bottom borders. Press.
- Pin and stitch the side borders onto the centre of the quilt. Press. Repeat for the top and bottom borders. Your quilt top is complete.

## Completing Your Quilt:

- To make the quilt back; cut your quilt back fabric in half, giving you 2 – 2 ¾ yard pieces (2 – 2.5m pieces). Trim off the selvedge and pin and stitch together. Press. Alternatively you may like to make up a pieced back of scraps totaling 92" x 104" (2.34m x 2.64m). This measurement allows 10" (25cm) around the border of the quilt for your machine quilter if required.
- Quilt your quilt as desired.
- Trim all excess backing fabric and batting from your quilt.
- Time to bind! To make binding, cut 8 x 2 ½" strips from the binding fabric. Trim, pin and stitch your binding strips together. Bind using your favourite method.