

2023 Ben Franklin Saturday Sampler

Traverse Tutorial February



(yes it's a little wavy but that's just how its hanging on my wall. It really is straight 😊)

Yay flying geese! We are making two rows of flying geese. Your geese will be in 4 different color ways, 2 are pictured in this row. I found that I had plenty of square up space with the cutting dimensions in the pattern. I wouldn't change anything there.

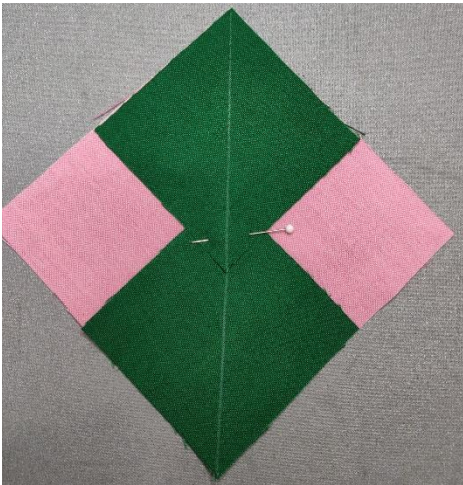
Step 1

Your rows will be made up from the following combinations

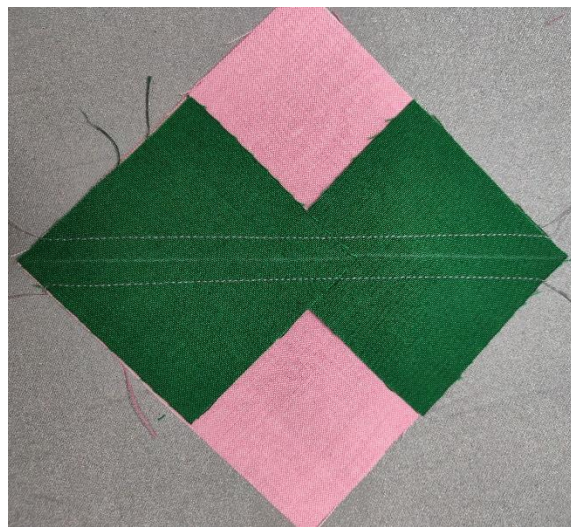
Row 1- fabrics K, X, and Y

Row 2- fabrics B, T and BB.

Draw a diagonal line on the backs of each small square. Place the small squares on opposite sides of the large square. The diagonal lines should line up. I pin in the center. If you want to pin at each corner also that is great.

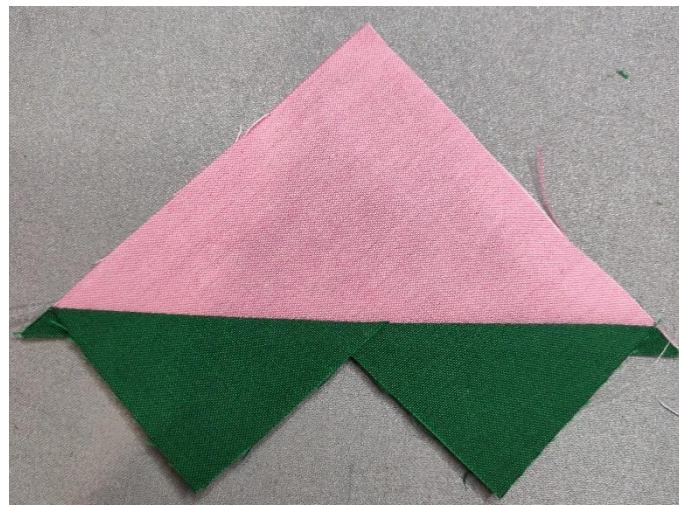
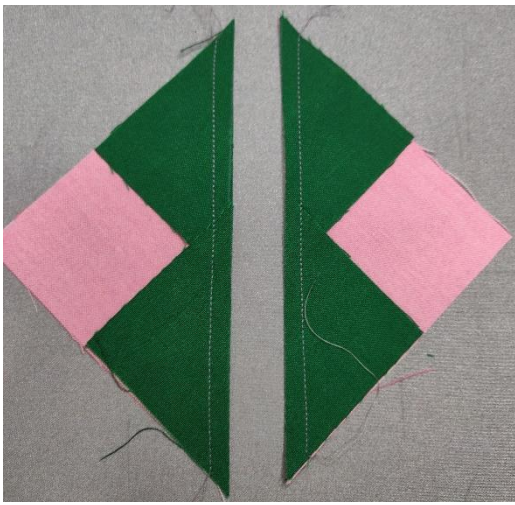


Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the drawn line. I use a stiletto or the tip of my seam ripper to hold down the center points as they are going through the machine (just the sides don't run over your stiletto 😊).



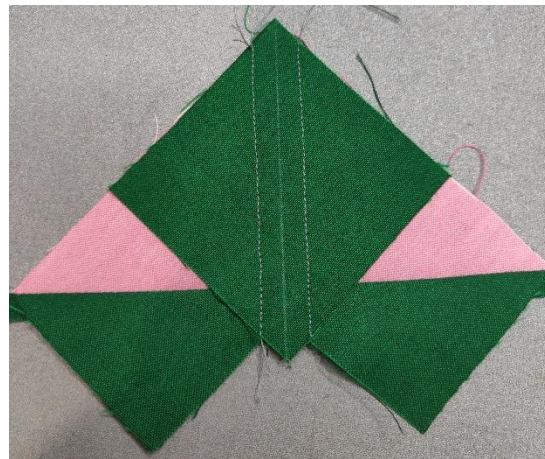
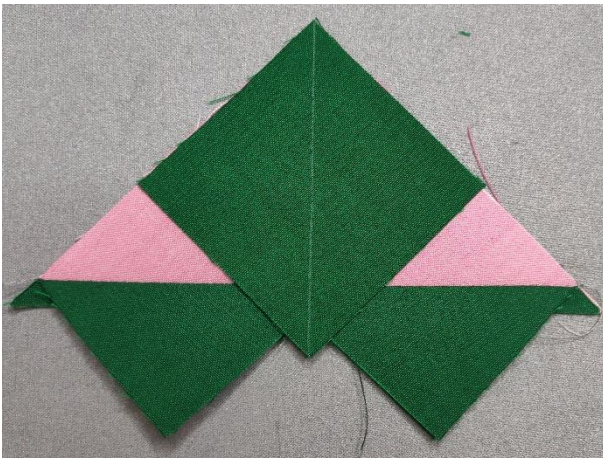
Step 2

Cut on the drawn line and press out .



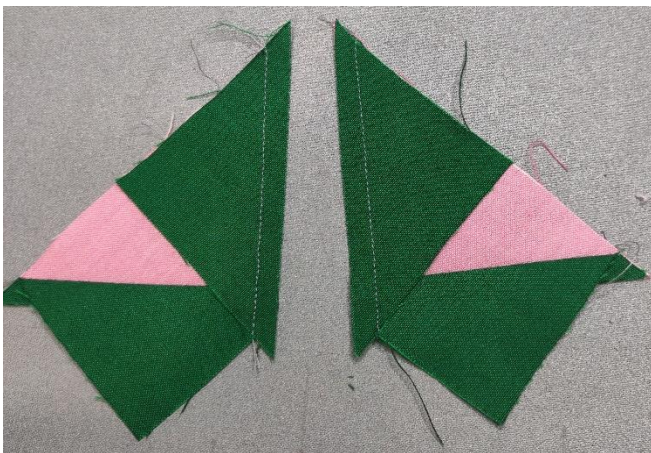
Step 3

Place another square on the "naked" corner and sew on each side of that line.



Step 4

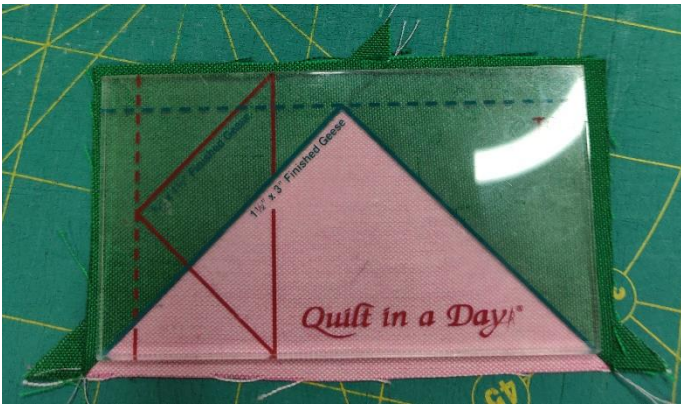
Cut on the line and press out. You have a flying geese block now!



Step 5

Square up your flying geese. In the book there is a great way to square your flying geese up with your regular ruler. It is the first time I have used that method and it was easy and worked great. You have to pay attention to the measurements on your ruler. I suggest finding the $1\frac{3}{4}$ " line that she used and putting a piece of glow tape or washi tape on it to make it a bit easier.

You can also use a flying geese ruler. The Quilt in a Day ruler is sized correctly for this block, there is a creative grids multi size ruler, we also have a few bloc loc rulers in the correct size. Each of these makes it fast and easy to square up. I will show a picture of my quilt in a day ruler that I used.



Step 6

Now that your geese are trimmed you sew them together. I sewed them in sets of 2 and then those sets of 2 into sets of 6. Once you get 6 together make sure they measure to the size in the book. If they are too small, by just a little bit you might be able to stretch that out, if not, pick apart and make a smaller seam. If they are too big, you can keep them together and increase a couple of seams to get the size correct.



See where these seams join? When you are sewing your geese together, make sure you are not clipping the points of your goose. Stitch from the point side of the geese and just towards raw edge of your point. When you fold it open your goose will be pointy.

Sew your chunks of 6 together like the orientation in the book. The points of the center geese should be touching. Pay attention to the color placement of your geese also. Repeat for the other color way.

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