

Mountain Cabin Quilters

Monthly Skill Builder Challenge

8 monthly skills – in 12 ½ inch blocks

Month 3: More than One Way to Fly – Flying Geese

Flying Geese blocks are a staple design element used in so many block and quilt designs. How many ways have you tried to make them? Do you have a favourite? Geese Blocks surround a square to make a star, float in a chain across a sky or incorporate into a complex block. Versatile.

For this month you are challenged to make a 12 ½ inch unfinished block incorporating flying geese. The size and technique is up to you – perhaps try more than one for your block. The block will measure 12 ½ inch square, and when sewn into a quilt will measure 12 inches. Magic.

The resources available for this technique are endless. From rulers and templates, paper piece patterns, die cut machines to “sew and flip” – there will be a technique that works for you. As a bonus some of the techniques can yield spin off half square triangles – scrap quilter candy. There are also no-waste techniques, economical on fabric but perhaps a bit fussier and may involve cutting bias pieces.

Quiltville.com: an excellent tutorial. From the main page select Tips & Techniques, then scroll down the list to Flying Geese.

Pinterest: If you search on [Flying Geese Tutorial](#) you will find some diagrams and charts for sizing of units

Generations-quilt-patterns.com : From the main page search for “beginner blocks”. Then scroll down the page and you will find flying geese – with six(!) methods listed. (this web page has a lot of ads)

Fabric.com : A Nice tutorial which includes a no-waste rotary cutting instructions. Amazon company so links to tools and fabric included... www.fabric.com/blog/sewing-101-flying-geese-3-ways

