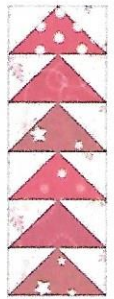




Pattern of the Month - August 2017 "Fly Anywhere, Little Geese"

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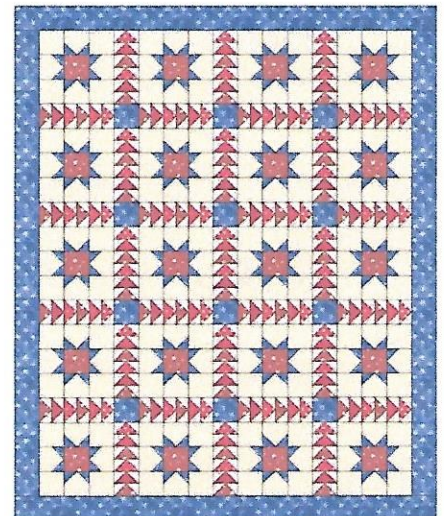
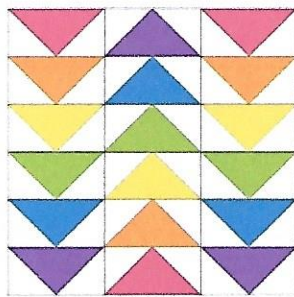
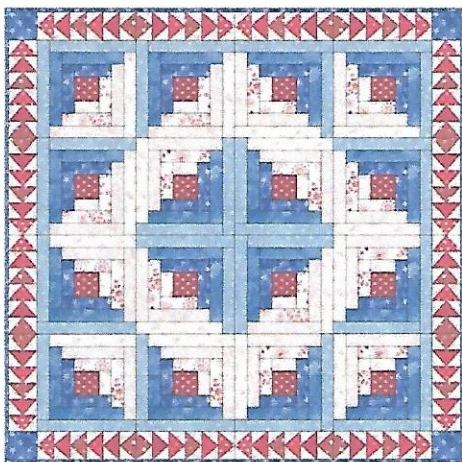
The accompanying paper-piecing foundation sheet is intended for your creative use, to make as many little flying geese units as you wish to incorporate into your quilts. Print as many copies as you need (and a few extra) and color the geese to coordinate with your other blocks, or make them totally scrappy if you wish. They make terrific borders or sashing strips, and there are many block possibilities, too.

Precut geese and background fabrics into $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and cut in half diagonally to make triangles. This size is ample for paper piecing either size triangle on the paper pattern. Use your favorite method of paper piecing. (See the November 2016 Pattern of the Month, page 2, for some tips.)

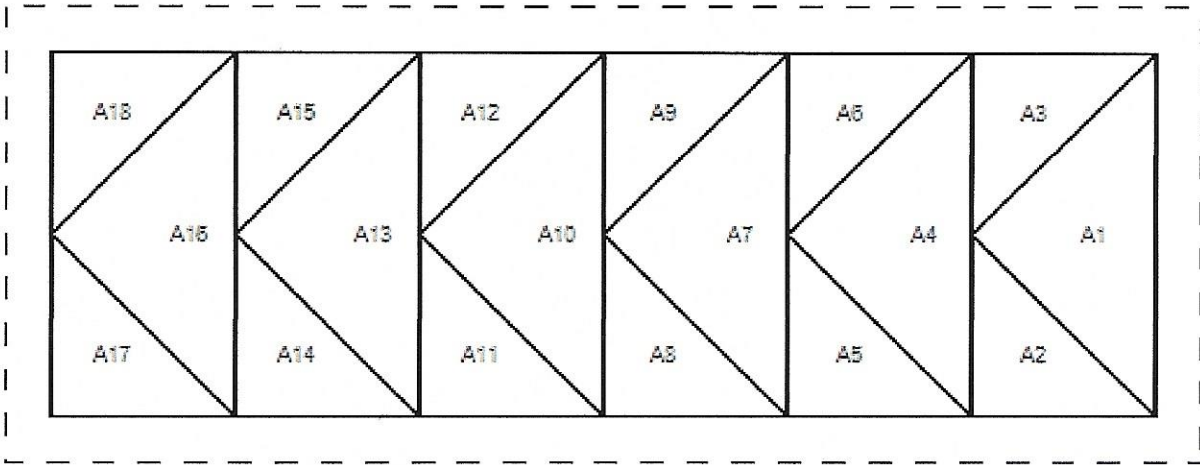
The Little Geese foundation sheet has 3 strips with 6 geese in each. Seam allowances are included around the outside of the strip. An individual "goose" measures 1"x2" and the whole strip measures 6" long by 2" wide (finished size). You can paper-piece several strips and join them together to make long strips, or you can cut off part of a paper strip to make just as many extra geese as you need. For example if you need 9" of flying geese, use one whole strip plus 3 "geese" from another strip. When cutting off part of a paper foundation strip, just remember to ADD $\frac{1}{4}$ " SEAM ALLOWANCE AT THE CUT OFF END. This will enable you to sew the shorter strip to another strip, or sew it into a block, without cutting off any points.

COPYING TIP: Use a red pen to write "master copy" on your original foundation sheet. Then make a black and white photocopy of it and hold them up to the light together to check that they are the same size. When you're sure they are, then make as many black and white copies as you need, and preserve the master copy in case you need more later!

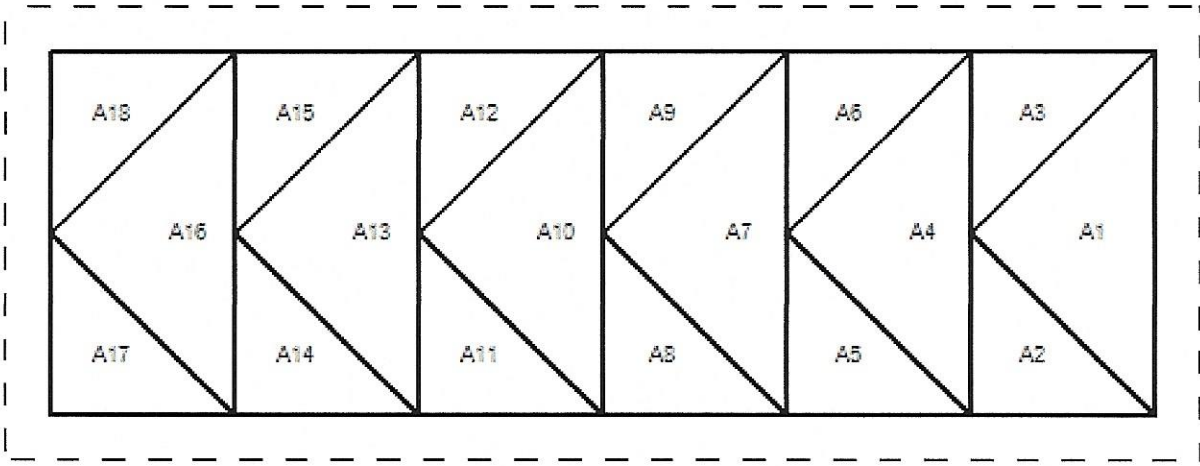
Here are a few ideas for using your little geese:



Little Geese paper-piecing foundations (for 2" x 6" finished size flying geese units) - print full size, no scaling.
 (Use your favorite paper-piecing method)



Precut $2\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric squares for geese (A1) and background (A2, A3); cut all squares in half diagonally to make triangles. (They will be a little oversized.) (Need 3 squares for "geese" and 6 squares for background, for each paper strip of 6 geese.)



Solid lines are stitching lines; dotted lines are seam allowance. When cutting out the paper strips, leave a little extra paper outside the dotted lines; as you sew, make sure fabric covers seam allowances; trim completed unit on dotted lines.

