

What size do I need to cut Flying Geese?

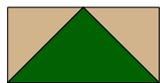
There is a 'formula' for virtually every shape we need to cut for patchwork. Hopefully the following will help you to work out how to rotary cut your squares, rectangles and triangles (various) for Flying Geese units.

Finished size – this is the size of the unit/piece once it is stitched into the block/quilt.

Rounding up to the nearest $\frac{1}{8}$ inch. If you have had to use a calculator then you need decimals not fractions.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \frac{1}{8} = 0.125 & \frac{1}{4} = 0.25 & \frac{3}{8} = 0.375 & \frac{1}{2} = 0.5 \\ \frac{5}{8} = 0.625 & \frac{3}{4} = 0.75 & \frac{7}{8} = 0.875 & \end{array}$$

Flying Geese



For making Flying Geese using two squares and a rectangle – cut the rectangles $\frac{1}{2}$ inch larger all round than the finished size of the unit and cut the corner squares $\frac{1}{2}$ inch larger as well.

Finished size of Flying Geese unit (inches)	Size of rectangle to cut (inches)	Size of squares to cut (inches)
1 x 2	1½ x 2½	1½
1½ x 2½	2 x 3	2
2 x 4	2½ x 4½	2½
2½ x 4½	3 x 5	3
3 x 6	3½ x 6½	3½
3½ x 6½	4 x 7	4
4 x 8	4½ x 8½	4½



Folded Flying Geese

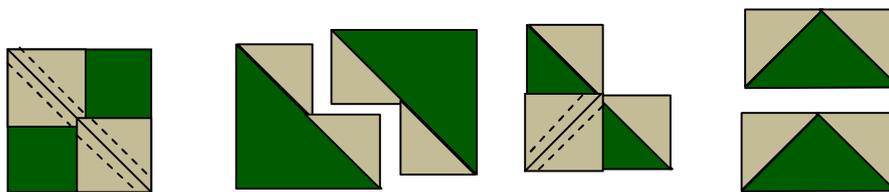
For folded Flying Geese you start with two squares for the 'sky' and a rectangle for the 'geese' with measurements exactly as above.

Fold the rectangle in half wrong sides together and sandwich it between the two squares (right sides together. Make sure the raw edges line up at the bottom so the fold is about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch below the top of the squares. Stitch the squares together and open out.

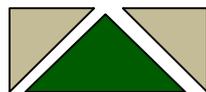


To make **Flying Geese four at a time** using squares cut the 'Geese' $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches larger than width of the finished unit and the 'Sky' $\frac{7}{8}$ inch larger than the height of the finished unit. Cut one square of Geese and four of Sky for each set of four units.

Finished size of Flying Geese unit (inches)	Size of Goose square to cut (inches)	Size of Sky squares to cut (inches)
1 x 2	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$1\frac{7}{8}$
$1\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{8}$
2 x 4	$5\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{7}{8}$
$2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{3}{8}$
3 x 6	$7\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{7}{8}$
$3\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{3}{8}$
4 x 8	$9\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{7}{8}$



Use the same measurements to cut triangles to make Flying Geese one at a time. Cut the Geese square into 4 diagonally and the Sky squares into half diagonally.



You can download free step-by-step photo tutorials for making Flying Geese from the Meadowsides Designs website -

<https://meadowsidedesign.wordpress.com/tutorials/>