

PVQA Block of the Month—May 2025: Dutchman’s Puzzle



This block is comprised of 8 flying geese segments, arranged to form a pinwheel. To make it easy, you’ll use a technique to make 4 flying geese at a time. Your kit contains everything you need: two colored fabrics and white for the background. You’ll make 4 flying geese with each of the two colored fabrics for the “goose” and white for the “sky.”. Blocks will measure 10½" unfinished. All seam allowances are ¼".

Cut

- **Color 1 (print)** One 6¼" square
- **Color 2 (print)** One 6¼" square
- **Background (white)** Eight pieces 3½" square

Instructions

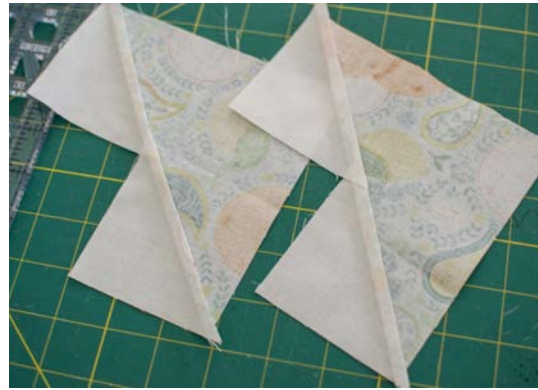
Step One: Make Flying Geese Units

1. Draw a line diagonally from corner to corner on the back of all of the background squares.
2. Place two small squares on top of one large square, right sides together as pictured. The smaller squares will overlap in the middle and make a continuous diagonal line.



3. Sew ¼" on both sides of the line.

- Cut along the drawn line, in-between the sewn seams. Press the seams to the print side.



- Now place two more small squares on the remaining corners. Stitch on both sides of the line.



- Cut along the drawn line, in-between the sewn seams. Press the seams to the print side.



- Trim your flying geese units so they measure 3" by 5½". Be careful to leave ¼" above the point of the "goose" so the point won't be cut off when it is sewn to another unit.
- Repeat steps 1–7 for the other print.

Step Two: Assemble Block

1. Arrange your flying geese units in pairs. Make sure each pair has the same color on top. Sew the pairs together to create square units.



2. Arrange the square units as shown. Sew two together to create the top row, two together to create the bottom row, and then sew the top row and bottom row together. You're done!

Tutorial courtesy of Caroline Fairbanks, <https://sewcanshe.com/2014-5-2-classic-blocks-fresh-fabrics-for-may-the-dutchmans-puzzle/>