

River Heritage
Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt
Month 3 – *Flock of Geese*

Welcome to the third month in the **River Heritage *Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt!*** A flock of geese is a common sight in our area, especially in the fields adjacent to the river line. Flock of Geese is made with two easy components but, as with Railroad Crossing, it can be used to make a stunning quilt by itself or with a secondary block. As I mentioned in the introduction, I am making my quilt blocks very scrappy, so where it calls for one large dark and one large light square, I use two of each to achieve a scrappy look. I toss my extra squares in my BOM scrap bin to grab for future blocks.

Flock of Geese uses dark and light fabrics. It is an easy block made with two four-patches of half-square triangles (HS) and two large half-square triangles.

Cutting Instructions

From light fabrics:

1 – 7-inch square
4 – 4-inch squares

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RST = right sides together

Draw a diagonal line on the reverse side of the 7-inch and 4-inch light squares. Lay the light squares on the same size dark squares, matching edges, RST. Using a quarter-inch foot, sew ¼ inch on each side from the drawn line. Cut on the line. Press each half square triangle towards the darker fabric. Square/trim each large HS to 6 ½ inches and small HS to 3 ½ inches.

Lay out the pieces according to the block picture. Make four-patches out of the small HS by turning the right-side HS onto the left-side HS, RST. Stitch across the top. Press Row 1 to the right, Row 2 to the left. Flip Row 1 onto Row 2, RST, match seams, and pin. Stitch. Press open. Square/trim to 6 ½ inches.

Flip the top four-patch onto the large HS. Stitch. Press to the HS.

Flip the bottom HS onto the four-patch. Stitch. Press to HS.

Turn the top row down onto the bottom row, RST, match seams, and pin. Stitch across the top. Press four-patches open. Trim the block to 12 1/2 inches.

You have made your Flock of Geese block!

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Month Four will be posted on April 9, 2018 at www.blog.creativebeestudios.com.