

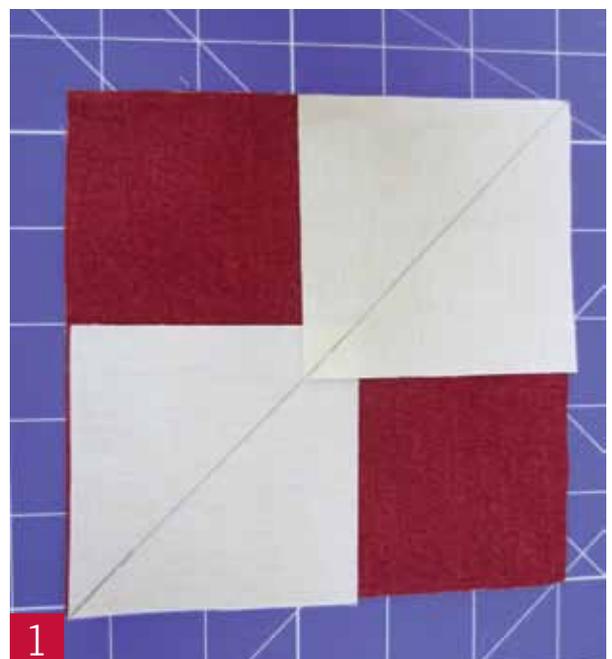


Four Quick Geese

The finished Flying Geese unit measures 2" x 4".

Make a gaggle of Flying Geese in no time with this quick technique. To make 4 Flying Geese at one time—enough for 1 River Trees pattern block in the December 2013 TQL—you will need 1 dark 5½" x 5½" square and 4 light 3" x 3" squares.

Right sides together, place 2 light squares on opposite corners of the dark square. The light squares will overlap. Mark a line diagonally from light corner to light corner (Fig. 1).

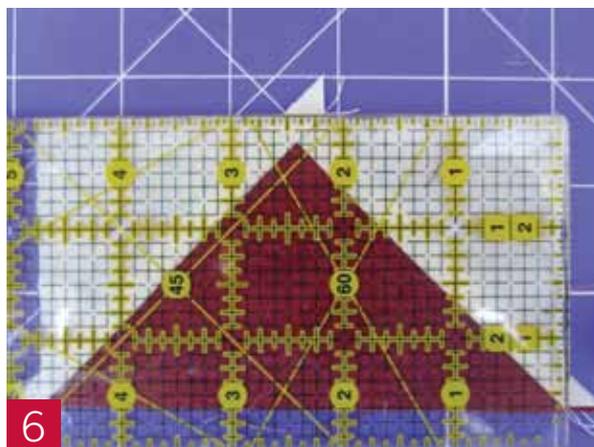
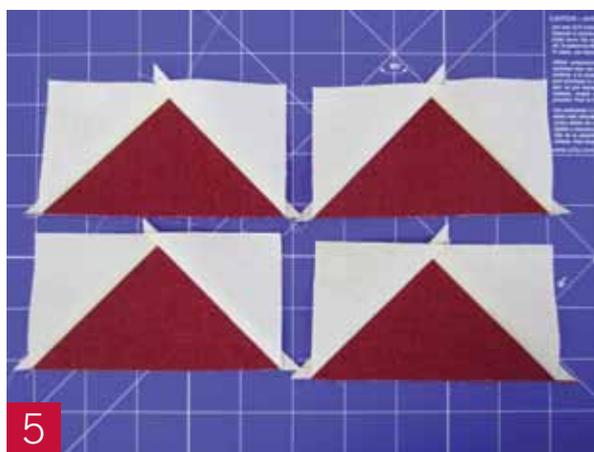
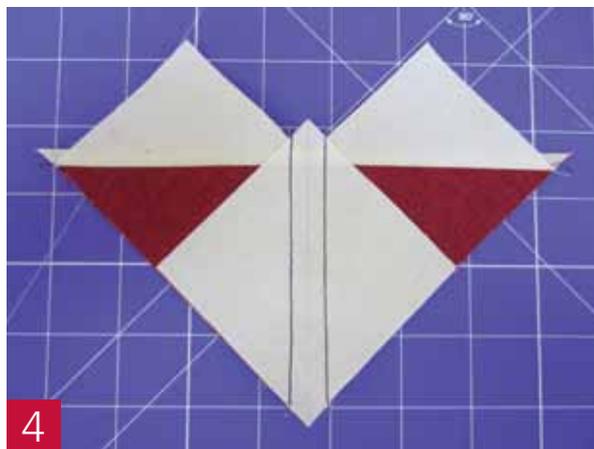
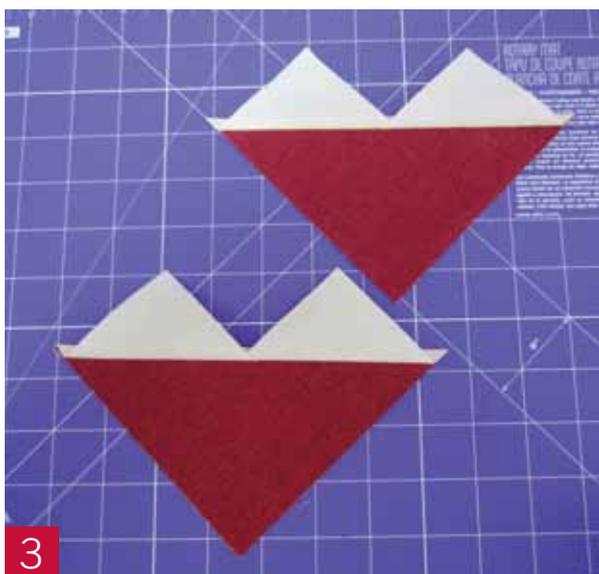
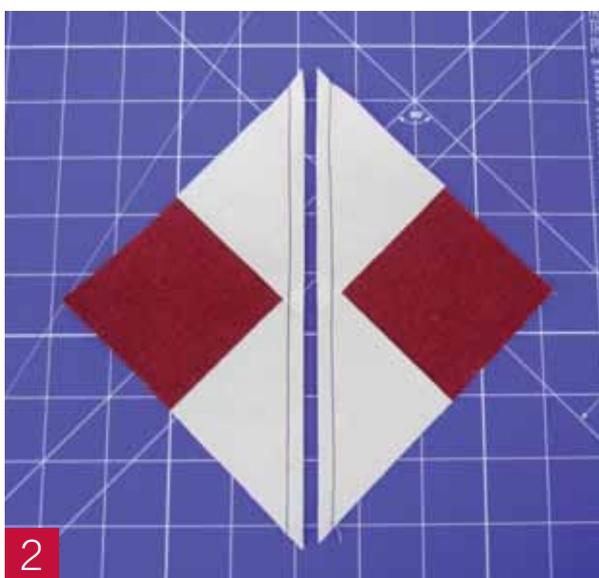


With matching thread, stitch with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of the marked line. (For clarity, we used contrasting thread to sew the samples in these photos.) Cut on the marked line (Fig. 2). Press the light triangles open (Fig. 3).

Right sides together, place a light square on the remaining dark corner of one unit. Mark a diagonal line from corner to corner on the light square. Sew with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of the marked line (Fig. 4). Cut on the marked line and press the light triangles open. Two geese! Repeat with the remaining unit and square. Two more geese (Fig. 5)!

Trim each unit to exactly $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ", being sure to leave a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance at the top point of the "goose" (Fig. 6).

Of course, there is also the old reliable paper-piecing method of making 4 quick geese too. A foundation pattern is on the next page.



River Trees
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