

BLOCK OF THE MONTH, JUNE 2022

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This block is called Dutchman's Puzzle, but is also known as Wild Goose Chase. I have chosen to make it in shades of turquoise blue, but feel free to make it in a colour that would blend well with this in the final quilt, e.g. green, purple, yellow. It is simple to make and the technique is similar to the method for half square triangles.



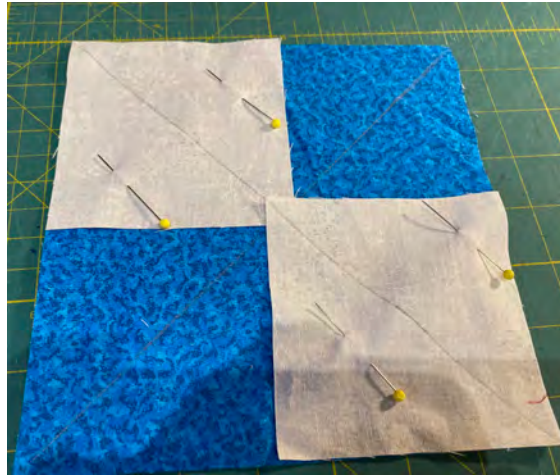
Cutting:

Light background fabric: Eight 3 7/8" squares
Dark blue: One 7 1/4" square
Light blue: One 7 1/4" square

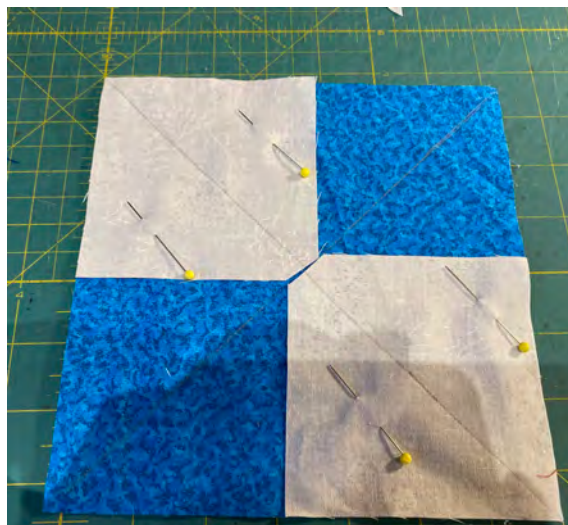
Assembly:

Draw **both** diagonals across the **right** side of each of the two large squares.
Draw **one** diagonal line on the **wrong** side of each of the eight smaller background squares.

With right sides together pin two of the smaller squares on to one of the larger squares, lining up the diagonal lines.



The two corners of the background squares overlap in the centre. Trim these off as shown.



Repeat with the other large square and two background squares.

Stitch a 1/4" seam on each side of the diagonals on the smaller squares, then cut along the diagonal. Press open.



With right sides together pin a small square on each of the large triangles, matching the diagonals. Sew a seam 1/4" from each side of the diagonal line, then cut along the diagonal line.



Press open. You now have eight flying geese units.

Sew each light flying geese unit to a dark unit along the long sides to form four squares, and then assemble these into the final block as shown.



You will have a 12 1/2" square.