

Fraser Valley Quilters' Guild – Block of the Month – December 2024

Stacked Flying Geese – 12” finished (12 ½” with seams / unfinished)

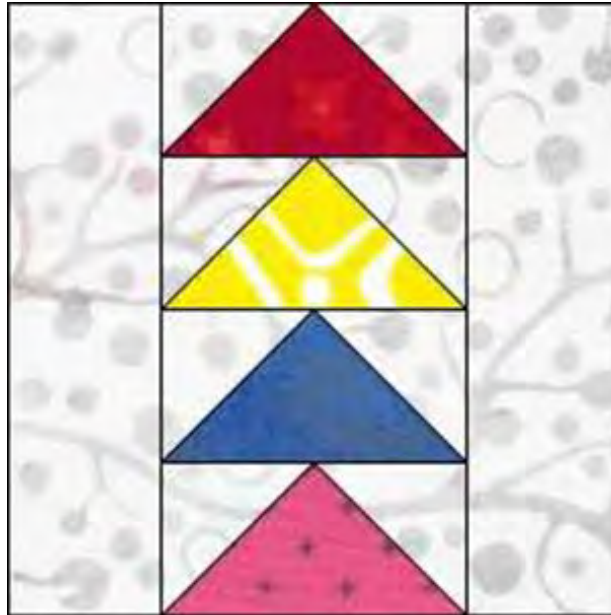
**Cut:**

**Light background**

8 squares - 3 ½” x 3 ½”  
2 rectangles - 3 ½” x 12 ½”

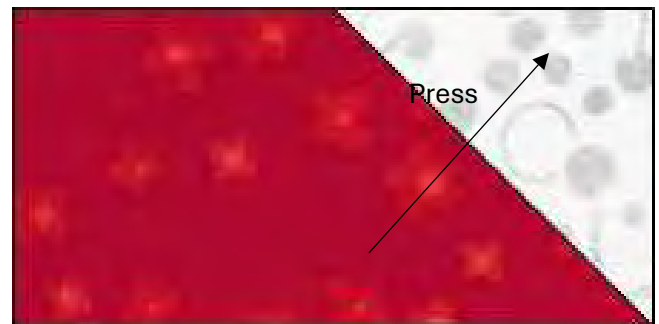
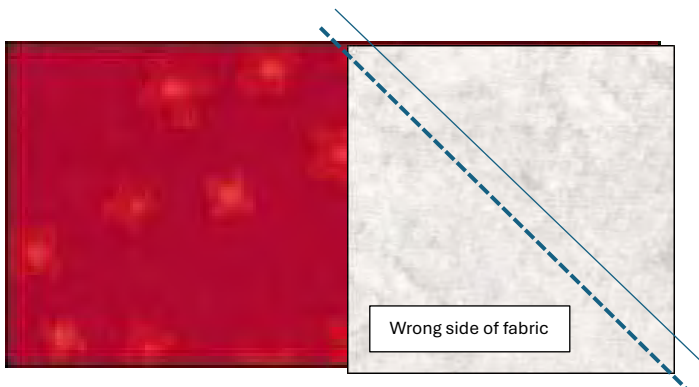
**Dark Triangles**

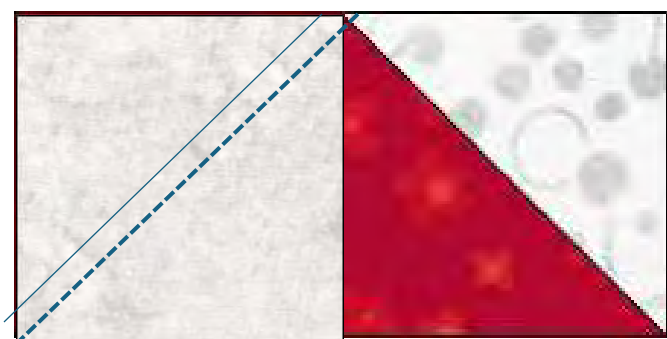
4 rectangles for centre - 6 ½” x 3 ½”



Start by making the 4 flying geese units.

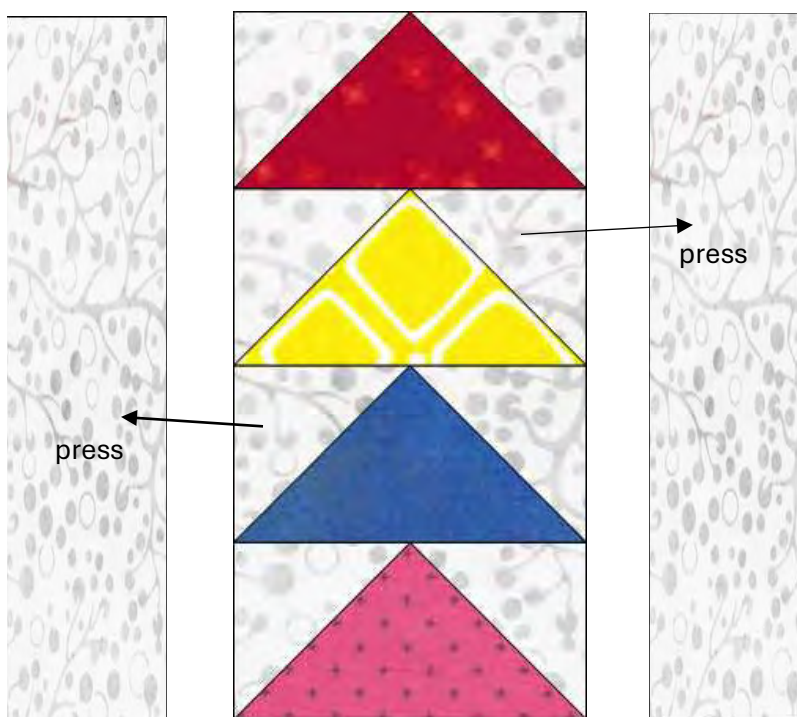
Place one 3 ½” background square on top of one 3 ½” x 6 ½” rectangle (align the top and right-side edges), good side of fabric facing in towards each other. Draw a line from top left corner to bottom right corner of the background square. Stitch just a hair to the right of this line. Press the triangle that you have created up and towards the upper right corner. Once pressed, move the background square out of the way a little and cut off the excess triangles ¼” away from the stitching line.





Repeat this for the left side of the flying geese unit. Draw the line from the top right corner to the bottom left corner. When stitching this left side, stitch just a hair to the left of the stitching line. Press the triangle that you have created up and towards the upper left corner. Once pressed, move the background square out of the way a little and cut off the excess triangles  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the stitching line.

Create 3 more of these flying geese units for a total of 4. Stack these 4 units, one on top of the other. When stitching these units on top of each other, take care to stitch slowly when approaching the triangle point so that you don't end up cutting off the tip of the triangle. Stitch the long background rectangles to the left and to the right of the stacked flying geese unit. Again, stitch carefully so that you don't cut off the tips of the triangles on the left and right sides. Press towards the left and right rectangles.



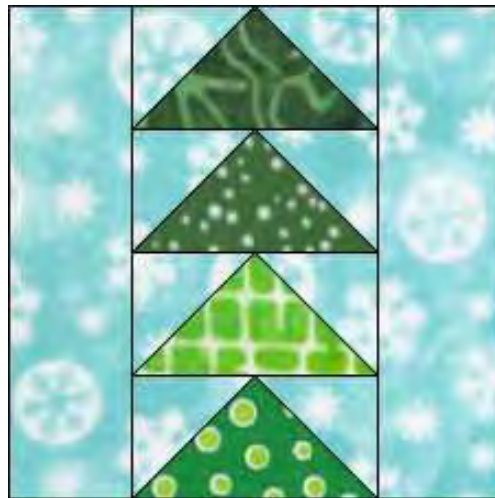
You may be thinking, 'what does this block have to do with Christmas or even winter?' It's supposed to be a block for December!

Well, if you use fabric that hints of snow for the background and various shades of green for the triangles....

Imagine that these are Christmas trees! You could embellish with beads or sequins or buttons. Embroider or applique a star or angel on top. Stitch or couch some ribbon lines cascading across the trees from limb to limb.



If not a Christmas tree, how about a majestic evergreen tree?



Your imagination is limitless! I'd love to see what all of you may come up with!!!

