

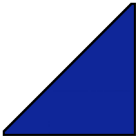


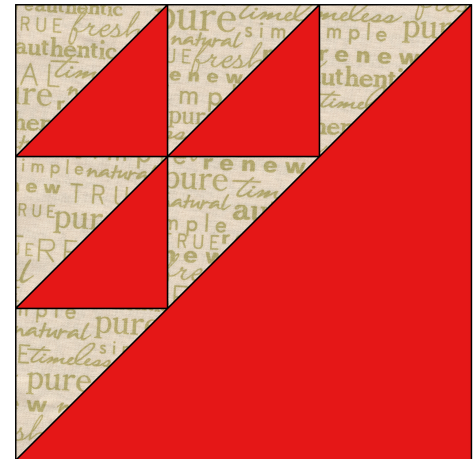
Birds in the Air

This block should measure $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches unfinished, or 9 x 9 inches when sewn into a top.

Cutting

You will need to cut the following pieces to make this block:

Quantity	Symbol	Shape	Fabric
6		$3\frac{1}{2}$ " HST	Focus fabric (cream)
3		$3\frac{1}{2}$ " HST	Dark, any color
1		$9\frac{1}{2}$ " HST	Dark, any color

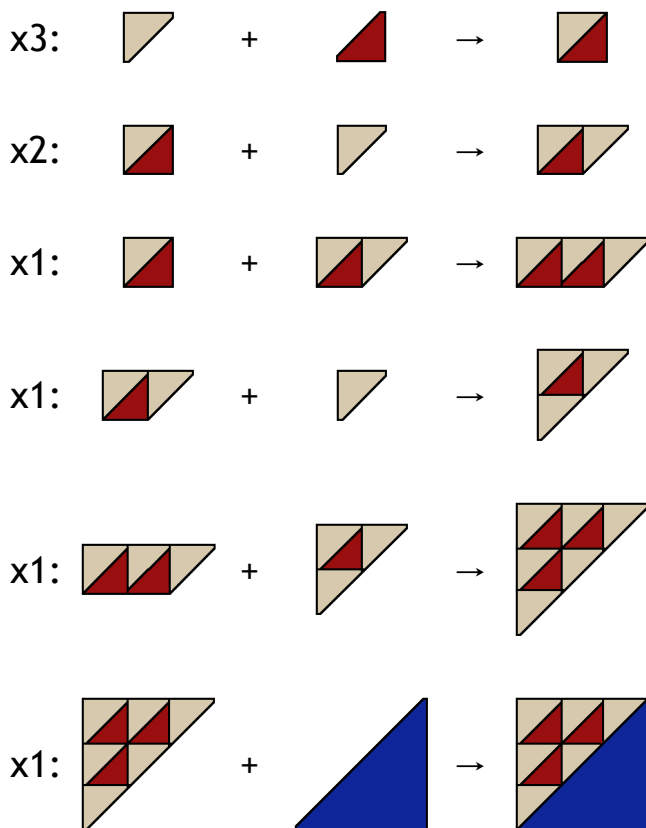


9½" unfinished (9" finished)

HST – Half-square triangle. You can cut two $3\frac{1}{2}$ " HSTs from a $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ " square of fabric by slicing it diagonally from point to opposite point.

Piecing

Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew your pieces right sides together in the order listed below. The number at the start of each step refers to the number of times you need to do that step.



Comments & Suggestions

- The grain of the fabric should run the same way once the block is completed.
- For accuracy and a sharper look, press your seams with a hot iron as you go.
- To avoid “ghost lines” from appearing through your block, press seam allowance away from the lighter colored fabric.
- If you are worried about cutting the large triangle accurately, you can cut it a little large and then trim down to size with the aid of a large acrylic ruler when you're done.
- This block also goes by the names Birds of the Air, Flock of Geese, Flying Birds, and Flying Geese.

About Block Exchange

Any member of the Omaha Quilters' Guild is free to participate in Block Exchange, either for the whole year or on a block by block basis. Patterns are available on our web page and are passed out at the general guild meetings with a piece of focus fabric. You must turn in a completed block in order to enter the drawing for a set of blocks that will be awarded during the meeting, but you don't have to enter the drawing if you don't want to. This year's Block Exchange committee consists of Andy Laugel, Jeanette Podwinski, and Mary Schnitker. Feel free to talk to us if you have any questions.