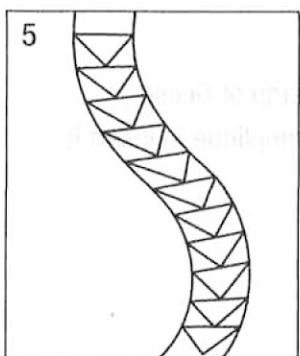
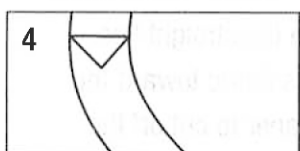
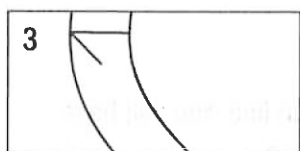
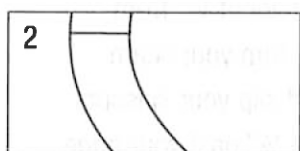
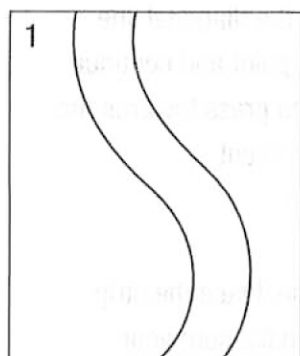
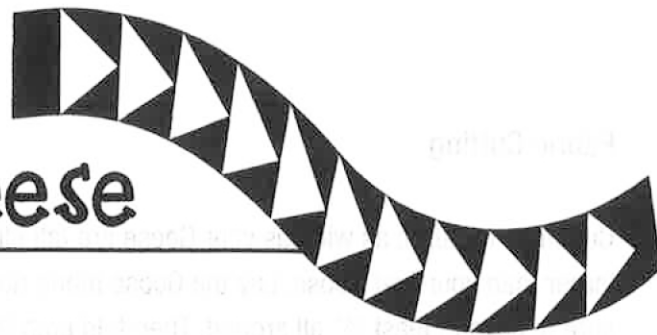


Curved Flying Geese

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Preparing Your Paper

1. Using paper suitable for paper piecing, draw out your first curved line. Draw your second line to make a "path" for your Geese to flying on.
2. Start your Geese with a straight line across the "path" angled in the direction that your Geese are flying.
3. Next, draw the first side of the Goose from the one end of the straight line diagonally to the approximate center.
4. Connect the other end of the straight line to the end of the diagonal line forming your first completed "goose".
5. Continue making the Geese in this manner. Remember to angle your straight line in the direction of the path. Try to keep the height of your Geese the same but don't worry if some "Geese" are different sizes or not perfect triangles.

Sewing your Geese

Depending on your design, you may have to tape together several pieces of paper to get the length you need. I prefer to cut my finished drawing a half inch from each side of the Geese before beginning to sew. This gives you a more manageable piece to work on.

It's important to remember when sewing your background fabric on either side of your Geese to leave at least a $\frac{1}{4}$ " for your seam allowance. I like to leave more and then trim the entire piece.

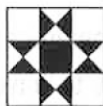
Fabric Cutting

Cut strips of fabric as wide as your Geese are tall plus $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut a piece off the "Geese" strip that is at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " larger than your first Goose. Lay the Goose fabric down and lay the paper (referred to as unit) on top making sure to have at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " all around. Then fold both the paper and fabric back along one of the diagonal lines. Place the unit on a strip of background fabric so you have $\frac{1}{4}$ " past the fold line. The part of the paper you have folded back is the part that will need to be covered by your background fabric. It is easy to see if you have placed your fabric correctly. Fold the paper and fabric back into place and sew on the diagonal line using a tight stitch (1.5). Make sure when you sew you start about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the starting point and continue a $\frac{1}{4}$ " past the end of the line. Turn the unit right side up; trim your seam if necessary and press towards the background. Turn the unit so the paper is on top and slip your scissors under the paper to cut off the excess background fabric making sure you've left at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " past your edge line.

For the second side, fold back the paper and Goose fabric along the second diagonal line. Place the strip of background under the unit extending it past the folded edge by $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Again check to make sure your background fabric is placed correctly to cover all edges after sewn. When you sew start about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the starting point and continue a $\frac{1}{4}$ " past the end of the line. Turn the unit right side up; trim your seam if necessary and press towards the background. Turn the unit so the paper is on top and slip your scissors under the paper to cut off the excess background fabric making sure you've left at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " past your edge line. You've made your first "Goose"!

To make the following Geese, start by folding along the bottom edge of the next Goose in line. You will have to break the paper away from the over lapping stitching to get to the fold line. Lay your "Goose" fabric under the unit extending it past the folded line $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Fold the paper back into place and sew on the straight line, remembering to start and stop a $\frac{1}{4}$ " before and after the line. Trim your seam and press fabric toward the Goose just sewn. Turn the unit so the paper is on top and slip your scissors under the paper to cut off the excess "Goose" fabric leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " past the next straight line.

Once the Geese are all sewn and before you pull off all the paper, trim the sides of the strip of Geese to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". You can either machine stitch your strip into you quilt top or you can do reverse appliqué to insert it.



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