

Flying Geese in the Wildflowers - Pattern Created by Leah Day

Masako Wakayama created a beautiful wildflower quilt panel. Let's transform this panel into a quilt with a pieced flying geese border.

Finished size: 32 x 42 inches

Materials

[One Wildflower printed fabric panel by Masako Wakayama](#)

3/4 yard Fabric A - Blue print fabric

3/4 yard Fabric B - White solid fabric

White thread for piecing

Fabric Preparation and Quilt Piecing Tips

For best results, prewash, starch, and press all fabrics before cutting. For ease of piecing, starch and press the printed fabric panel TWICE so it's very stiff and stable.

Remember to lower your stitch length to 1.5 mm to create a tight stitch. Unless otherwise noted, press all seam allowances OPEN to reduce bulk and make quilting easier.

Cutting Chart

Printed Fabric Panel	Cut the fabric panel to measure exactly 24 1/2 x 34 1/2 inches
Fabric A	Cut 132 - 2 1/2-inch squares
Fabric B	Cut 66 - 2 1/2 x 4 1/2-inch rectangles

Piecing the Flying Geese

Mark a diagonal line from corner to corner on all Fabric A squares. Place one marked Fabric A square over a Fabric B rectangle, aligning the left side and the marked line as shown in Fig. 1. Stitch along the marked diagonal line.

Fold over the Fabric A square along the stitching line and press as shown in Fig. 2. Trim extra Fabric A triangle behind the top piece. Do not trim the Fabric B background rectangle as this will allow you to piece the Flying Geese unit more accurately.

Place a second Fabric A square along the right side of this unit, aligning the marked line as shown in Fig. 3.

Again, stitch along the marked diagonal line. Press the upper edge of the square down and trim the lower layer of fabric 1/4-inch from the line of stitching. Do not trim the Fabric B rectangle. Double check your flying geese unit looks like the image in Fig. 4 and measures exactly 2 1/2 x 4 1/2-inches. Create a total of 66 flying geese units.

Piecing the Borders

Piece the flying geese together in the following sets:

- ◇ **Side Borders** - 2 sets of 17 flying geese pointing in one direction. Finished units should measure 4 1/2 x 34 1/2 inches.
- ◇ **Top and Bottom Borders** - 2 sets of 12 flying geese pointing in one direction. Finished units should measure 4 1/2 x 24 1/2 inches.
- ◇ **Corners** - 4 sets of 2 flying geese with white triangles to the inside. Finished size: 4 1/2 inches square.

Piece the side borders to both sides of the fabric panel. Pin the midpoint and stitch from the center to ensure the pieced border fits the quilt top smoothly.

Piece two corner units on either side of the top and bottom borders. These units should now measure 4 1/2 x 32 1/2 inches. Pin the midpoint and border seam and stitch from the middle. Press all seams open and your Geese in the Wildflowers quilt is ready for quilting.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

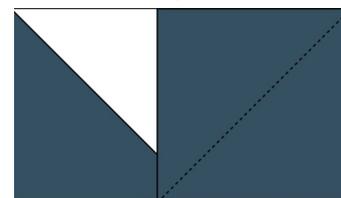


Fig. 3

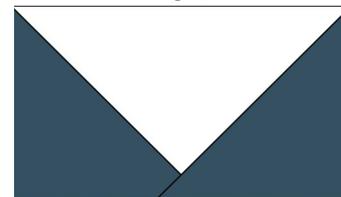


Fig. 4