

## October 2024 Block of the Month – Dutchman's Puzzle

My flying geese turn out the best when I use the four at a time method, making them slightly oversized & trimming them down. Those are the instructions that I am including. Please use the method that works best for you!

### Cutting Instructions

For 12" Block

**A** One 7 ¼" square, Goose

**B** One 7 ¼" square, Goose

**C** Four 4" squares, Sky

For 6" Block

**A** One 4 ¼" square, Goose

**B** One 4 ¼" square, Goose

**C** Four 2 ½" squares, Sky



1. Make the flying geese blocks. Draw a diagonal line, from corner to corner, on the back **C**. With right sides together, place two **C** on top of each **A**, in opposite corners, lining up the diagonal line. The **C** squares will overlap corners in the middle. Pin.
2. Sew a scant ¼" seam on both sides of the drawn diagonal line.
3. Cut this unit in half right on the drawn diagonal line. Press the seam allowance toward the smaller triangles.
4. Place another **C** square in the corner of each unit, so that the diagonal line is perpendicular to the other **C** units you just cut. Pin.
5. Sew a scant ¼" seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut on the line and press seams toward the smaller triangles.
6. You will now have four Flying Geese units. These are sewn and cut on diagonal/bias edges, they can be a little wonky. You will need to square up your blocks. Trim to 3.5" x 6.5" for the 12" finished block. Trim to 2" x 3.5" for the 6" finished block.
7. Sew your flying geese into pairs, paying attention to the orientation. Sew the pairs into a four patch, again watching your layout.

This month I'm including two links with more detailed instructions for this block. Their sizes maybe different than the blocks you are making, but the instructions & pictures are still helpful.

<https://scissortailquilting.com/quilt-block-library/dutchmans-puzzle-quilt-block/>

<https://www.diaryofaquilter.com/dutchman-puzzle-table-runner-tutorial/>