



Oxford Quilters' Guild *disPatch*

October/November 2026

President's Message

Hello quilters!

Looking forward to seeing many of you on Thursday! A warm welcome back to those who have renewed your membership! And a special welcome to our new members! Happy to have you on board!

We have a big year planned. Your program committee has worked so hard in lining up guests for the coming year. A big thanks to Gail and her hard working team! Quilt show plans are progressing. Mark your calendars for April 30 and May 1. This is an event that we definitely can't pull off without the help and support of all members. We will be asking for quilts for the show - I would love it if each member could commit to at least one quilt and of course, the more you have the better our show will be. Online registration will begin later in the fall. We're still streamlining this process but fear not, there will be other ways to register your quilts. Stay tuned!

I'm anxious to get back to sewing after a busy summer - first up on my todo list is placemats for the Meals on Wheels programs in Woodstock and Ingersoll. If you have time to whip up one or two before the December meetings it would be much appreciated. Size should be approx 12 x 18". A good way to use up some of those orphan blocks or scraps! Thanks to Gail for leading this charge!

It's a wonderful time of year!

Lesley Michie

Upcoming Meetings

October 1, 2026 2pm In Person: ICAC

Michaelanne Hathaway: [Colour Confidence for Quilters](#)

Struggling to choose fabrics that actually work together? This engaging talk takes the mystery out of colour selection for quilters. Learn a simple, repeatable process for building beautiful fabric pulls using value, contrast, and balance — so your quilts look intentional, cohesive, and confident every time.



November 5, 2026 2pm In Person: ICAC

Louise Hamilton of Purple Rooster Quilting: My Quilting Journey in Full Colour

Louise bought a long arm quilting machine 11 years ago and started her business Purple Rooster Quilting. She enjoys the challenge of getting just the right pantograph to make a quilt sing! Louise loves to see the lightbulb moments in a class when someone really understands a new concept! It shines in their face. That never gets old! She does trunk shows for quilt guilds and quilt groups. It is always a fun experience to tell the story of my quilting journey and answer your questions.

Quilters are a unique, caring, giving group that I feel lucky to be around everyday.



December 3, 2026 2:00 pm AND 6:30 pm In Person: ICAC

Guild Member Louise Laidlaw - More details to come

Workshops

Workshops are presented by the Guild. Mark your calendars!!

Contact Christine Rachar to register or for more information. christine.rachar@yahoo.ca

Sashiko with Rosey Bourne

October 24, 2026 - \$40 per person for members, \$50 for non-members - ***Only one spot remaining***.

Improv letters with Cheryl Arkison.

Jan 16, 2027 - Max participants 23. \$75 for members, \$85 for non-members

Registration will begin on November 5,, 2026 .

Reverse hand applique with Celeste Compion.

April 17, 2027 1-4pm. \$60 for members, \$70 for nonmembers

So.... this is what this little box is for!!!!



Classes

Classes are presented by the Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre (Check the Centre website for more details)



Membership

We presently have a total of 79 members.

New inserts for your nametags will be available at the October meeting.

Challenges

Quilt Show 2027

Flying Geese Challenge: Create a quilt highlighting flying geese. Then minimum size is a 48 inch perimeter, no maximum size. **Attached to the end of the disPatch** are some different methods to make flying geese in different sizes and different amounts. Let your creativity flow.

Colour Block Challenge blocks:

Thanks to everyone who participated in last year's colour challenge! Over 20 members completed their quilt tops and showed them at the September meeting. Two names will be drawn out of a hat at the October meeting to win one of two fat quarter bundles.

Now it's time to turn those blocks into something beautiful. And consider entering it into the Quilt Show. Don't let these wonderful blocks you created become orphans on a shelf!!

Mystery Quilt Challenge: For those participating, please remember to bring in your **20 orange** blocks to the October meeting. You will be receiving your "new" **yellow** blocks at that time.

Doing for Others

Poppy Project

Well done everyone!! The Poppy Project was a huge success. The Poppies have been attached to the netting. The next step will be the installation at the Legion. What a wonderful way to honour all of the Veterans and active members of the Armed Forces.

Placemats

The Guild will again be making placemats for the Meals on Wheels programs in our area. Please consider making some placemats for this special outreach project.

Tips, Tricks and Neat Ideas

Fun Tip for Randomizing Your Colors or Prints

If you have quilt where you want to choose a random order for putting pieces together, try this tip!



“Random can be hard to achieve on purpose, and (there may be) a lot of pieces to mix up. While trying to do that, I discovered a fun trick! I placed half of my strips (all of the ones cut in a single direction) in the dryer and tumbled them for a while. Abra-cadabra! I had mixed up strips!

Be sure to set your dryer to the ‘fluff’ or ‘no heat’ setting so you won’t accidentally shrink the pieces. I found that it took at least 5 minutes of tumbling to get my pieces completely separated and mixed up.”

Source: Caroline Fairbanks’ website: <https://sewcanshe.com/>

News from Other Guilds



A few of the Colour Block Challenge quilts



Highlights of September's meeting with Judy Pierce



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Fast Flying Geese Cheat Sheet

CUTTING SIZES & DIRECTIONS FOR THE FAST FLYING GEESE METHOD
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Finished Size of Flying Geese	Unfinished Size of Flying Geese	Cut Size of Center Square (Cut 1)	Cut Size of Corner Squares (Cut 4)
1" x 2"	1 1/2" x 2 1/2"	3 1/4"	1 7/8"
1 1/4" x 2 1/2"	1 3/4" x 3"	3 3/4"	2 1/8"
1 1/2" x 3"	2" x 3 1/2"	4 1/4"	2 3/8"
1 3/4" x 3 1/2"	2 1/4" x 4"	4 3/4"	2 5/8"
2" x 4"	2 1/2" x 4 1/2"	5 1/4"	2 7/8"
2 1/4" x 4 1/2"	2 3/4" x 5"	5 3/4"	3 1/8"
2 1/2" x 5"	3" x 5 1/2"	6 1/4"	3 3/8"
2 3/4" x 5 1/2"	3 1/4" x 6"	6 3/4"	3 5/8"
3" x 6"	3 1/2" x 6 1/2"	7 1/4"	3 7/8"
3 1/4" x 6 1/2"	3 3/4" x 7"	7 3/4"	4 1/8"
3 1/2" x 7"	4" x 7 1/2"	8 1/4"	4 3/8"
3 3/4" x 7 1/2"	4 1/4" x 8"	8 3/4"	4 5/8"
4" x 8"	4 1/2" x 8 1/2"	9 1/4"	4 7/8"
4 1/2" x 9"	5" x 9 1/2"	10 1/4"	5 3/8"
5" x 10"	5 1/2" x 10 1/2"	11 1/4"	5 7/8"
5 1/2" x 11"	6" x 11 1/2"	12 1/4"	6 3/8"
6" x 12"	6 1/2" x 12 1/2"	13 1/4"	6 7/8"

DIRECTIONS FOR FAST FLYING GEESE METHOD

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of all Corner Squares.



2. Place two Corner Squares right sides down on opposite corners of the Center Square as shown. The squares will overlap in the center, and the lines should connect in one continuous diagonal line from corner to corner.

Sew 1/4" from each side of the drawn lines, continuing the seam between Corner Squares without stopping.

Cut along the drawn line from corner to corner to make two units. Press away from the Center Square.

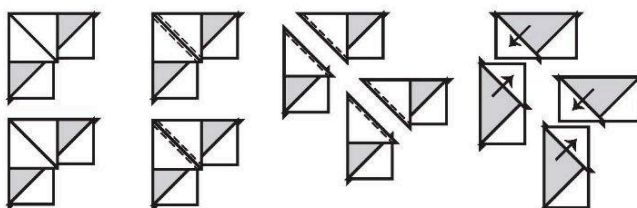


3. Place one Corner Square right side down on the open corner of the Center Square as shown. Repeat on the remaining unit.

Sew 1/4" from each side of the drawn lines.

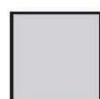
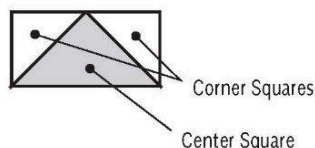
Cut along the drawn line from corner to corner. Press away from the Center Square.

Make four Flying Geese units.



CUTTING FOR FAST FLYING GEESE METHOD

This method will make 4 identical Flying Geese units.



Center Square cut size = 1 1/4" + finished length of Flying Geese unit
Cut 1 Center Square.



Corner Squares cut size = 7/8" + finished height of Flying Geese unit
Cut 4 Corner Squares.



Easy Flying Geese Cheat Sheet

CUTTING SIZES & DIRECTIONS FOR THE EASY FLYING GEESE METHOD

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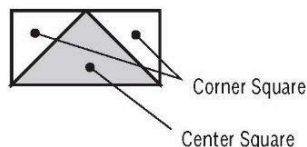


Finished Size of Flying Geese	Unfinished Size of Flying Geese	Cut Size of Center Square (Cut 1)	Cut Size of Corner Square (Cut 1)
∞ 1" x 2"	1 1/2" x 2 1/2"	4"	5 1/2"
∞ 1 1/4" x 2 1/2"	1 3/4" x 3"	4 1/2"	6"
∞◇ 1 1/2" x 3"	2" x 3 1/2"	5"	6 1/2"
1 3/4" x 3 1/2"	2 1/4" x 4"	5 1/2"	7"
∞↓ 2" x 4"	2 1/2" x 4 1/2"	6"	7 1/2"
2 1/4" x 4 1/2"	2 3/4" x 5"	6 1/2"	8"
∞ 2 1/2" x 5"	3" x 5 1/2"	7"	8 1/2"
2 3/4" x 5 1/2"	3 1/4" x 6"	7 1/2"	9"
∞◇ 3" x 6"	3 1/2" x 6 1/2"	8"	9 1/2"
3 1/4" x 6 1/2"	3 3/4" x 7"	8 1/2"	10"
3 1/2" x 7"	4" x 7 1/2"	9"	10 1/2"
3 3/4" x 7 1/2"	4 1/4" x 8"	9 1/2"	11"
∞↓ 4" x 8"	4 1/2" x 8 1/2"	10"	11 1/2"
4 1/2" x 9"	5" x 9 1/2"	11"	12 1/2"
∞ 5" x 10"	5 1/2" x 10 1/2"	12"	13 1/2"
5 1/2" x 11"	6" x 11 1/2"	13"	14 1/2"
6" x 12"	6 1/2" x 12 1/2"	14"	15 1/2"

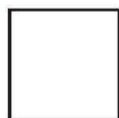
∞ can be made with Calling All Geese Ruler by Quilt in a Day
◇ can be made with the Small Flying Geese Ruler by Quilt in a Day
↓ can be made with the Large Flying Geese Ruler by Quilt in a Day

CUTTING FOR EASY FLYING GEESE METHOD

This method will make 4 identical Flying Geese units.



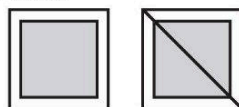
Center Square cut size = 2" + finished length of Flying Geese unit
Cut 1 Center Square.



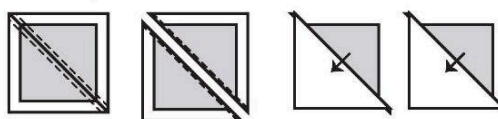
Corner Square cut size = 3 1/2" + finished length of Flying Geese unit
Cut 1 Corner Square.

DIRECTIONS FOR EASY FLYING GEESE METHOD

- Place the Center Square in the center of the Corner Square as shown with right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on top of the stacked fabrics. The diagonal line should also pass through the Center Square from corner to corner.



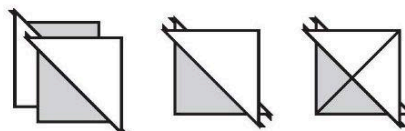
- Sew 1/4" from each side of the drawn line.
Cut along the drawn line from corner to corner to make two units. Press away from the Center Square.



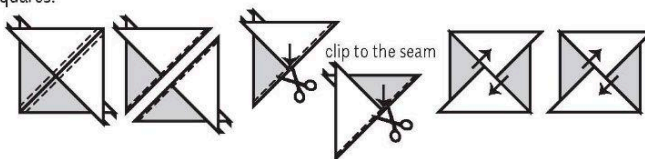
- Place the two units right sides together as shown, aligning the two unsewn opposite corners. The seams should run in the same direction but will not align, and there should be a gap between them. The Center and Corner Square fabrics from the two units should be touching.

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner in the opposite direction of the seam.
Sew 1/4" from each side of the drawn lines.

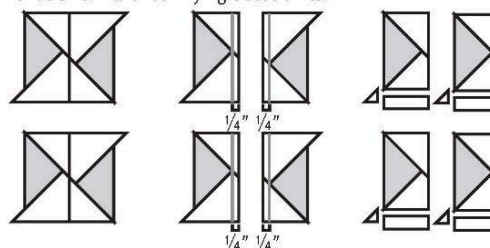
Cut along the drawn line from corner to corner to make two units. Press away from the Center Square.



- Sew 1/4" from each side of the drawn lines.
Cut along the drawn line from corner to corner to make two units.
In between where the fabrics meet, carefully clip to the seam. Press to the Corner Squares.



- Cut each unit into two Flying Geese units as shown, making sure to leave a 1/4" seam allowance above the Center Square point. Trim each Flying Geese unit to the desired unfinished size. Make four Flying Geese units.



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Traditional Flying Geese Cheat Sheet

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1" x 2"	1 1/2" x 2 1/2"	1 1/2" x 2 1/2"	1 1/2"
1 1/4" x 2 1/2"	1 3/4" x 3"	1 3/4" x 3"	1 3/4"
1 1/2" x 3"	2" x 3 1/2"	2" x 3 1/2"	2"
1 3/4" x 3 1/2"	2 1/4" x 4"	2 1/4" x 4"	2 1/4"
2" x 4"	2 1/2" x 4 1/2"	2 1/2" x 4 1/2"	2 1/2"
2 1/4" x 4 1/2"	2 3/4" x 5"	2 3/4" x 5"	2 3/4"
2 1/2" x 5"	3" x 5 1/2"	3" x 5 1/2"	3"
2 3/4" x 5 1/2"	3 1/4" x 6"	3 1/4" x 6"	3 1/4"
3" x 6"	3 1/2" x 6 1/2"	3 1/2" x 6 1/2"	3 1/2"
3 1/4" x 6 1/2"	3 3/4" x 7"	3 3/4" x 7"	3 3/4"
3 1/2" x 7"	4" x 7 1/2"	4" x 7 1/2"	4"
3 3/4" x 7 1/2"	4 1/4" x 8"	4 1/4" x 8"	4 1/4"
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4 1/2" x 9"	5" x 9 1/2"	5" x 9 1/2"	5"
5" x 10"	5 1/2" x 10 1/2"	5 1/2" x 10 1/2"	5 1/2"
5 1/2" x 11"	6" x 11 1/2"	6" x 11 1/2"	6"
6" x 12"	6 1/2" x 12 1/2"	6 1/2" x 12 1/2"	6 1/2"

DIRECTIONS FOR TRADITIONAL FLYING GEESE METHOD

1. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of all Corner Squares.



2. Place one Corner Square right side down on one end of the Rectangle as shown. Sew along the drawn line. Cut 1/4" from the seam as shown. Press away from the Rectangle.



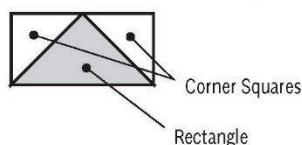
3. Place the remaining Corner Square right side down on the other end of the Rectangle as shown. Sew along the drawn line. Cut 1/4" from the seam as shown. Press away from the Rectangle.

Make one Flying Geese unit.



CUTTING FOR TRADITIONAL FLYING GEESE METHOD

This method will make one Flying Geese unit.



Rectangle cut size -
Length = 1/2" + finished length of Flying Geese unit
Height = 1/2" + finished height of Flying Geese unit
Cut 1 Rectangle.



Corner Squares cut size = 1/2" + finished height of Flying Geese unit
Cut 2 Corner Squares.

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