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BH4 Block 8 - Wild Geese

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Cutting Instructions:

9" Finished Block:

- A (8) squares 3¹/₈" x 3¹/₈"
- B (4) squares 3¹/₈" x 3¹/₈"
- C (4) squares 3¹/₈" x 3¹/₈"



Color/shading options.

Piecing & Cutting Notes:

- To trim the HTSs to size, add ¹/₈" to ¹/₄" to the squares.
- To piece these as flying geese, change the cutting as needed.
 - 9" block: 2³/₄" x 5" (finished size is 2¹/₄" x 4¹/₂) • 41/2" block: 15/8" x 23/4" (finished size is 11/8" x 21/4".)
 - 41/2" Finished Block:
 - A (8) squares 2" x 2"
 - B (4) squares 2" x 2"
- C (4) squares 2" x 2"

All seams are a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ unless specified otherwise.

Assembly

- 1. On the wrong side of the A squares, draw a line from one corner to the opposing corner.
 - Or use Diagonal Seam Tape as a guide. •
- 2. With right sides together, align the A with the B squares as shown. Stitch on both sides of the drawn line. Trim seam to 1/4" and press the seam to the triangle.

Repeat with remaining squares to make a total of (16) HTSs - (8) of A/B and (8) of A/C.

The HTSs will measure $2\frac{34}{x} \times 2\frac{34}{0}$ or $1\frac{58}{x} \times 1\frac{58}{x}$.

3. Lay out the units as shown.







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4. Join the units to make four rows.

Press the seams in the direction of the arrows - or press them open.

- 5. Join the rows to complete the block. Press the seams in the direction of the arrows or press them open.
 - 9" block block will measure 91/2" x 91/2".
 - 4¹/₂" block block will measure 5" x 5".





Stitching with Kate...

- The quilting tip I wish I'd learned when I first started is... manage your scraps as you go to
 maximize your fabric purchase, and to minimize waste. Someone recently shared this with
 me: for stitch-and-flip or "snowball" corners, sew a second seam 1/2" away from the actual seam, then trim between the seams. You'll have a bonus half-square triangle ready to
 square-up and use in another project. This was a game changer, and a time saver, for me.
- My best advice to new quilters is to... sew with fabric colors you love. I think connecting with colors plays a big part in how you feel when you work on a sewing project. If you don't feel good about it, chances are you'll be less motivated to keep going.
- When it comes to quilting/sewing tools, don't get between me and my... seam ripper!
- Don't tell anyone, but when I'm sewing, I don't worry about... my long to-do list! Sewing gives me a chance to stop and focus on the here-and-now. While I'm piecing, I might start to think about the shapes in each block and how I'd like to quilt it... other than that, it's very meditative for me except for the math!
- My "rock-star stitch group" includes... everyone! I love jamming along with this creative community in every way!

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