

QOV Mystery 9

A five-part mystery quilt by **Sandy Berg**

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Step 1

Cutting Instructions for Step 1

Background Fabric:

Cut 3 strips (14" x Width of Fabric (WOF)),
Sub-cut into 5 (14" x 14") squares.
and 16 (4½" x 4½") squares.

Medium Blue Fabric:

Cut 1 strip (14" x WOF),
Sub-cut into 1 (14" x 14") square.

Light Blue Fabric:

Cut 2 strip (14" x WOF),
Sub-cut into 4 (14" x 14") squares.

Dark Blue Fabric:

Cut 4 strips (2½" x WOF),
Sub-cut into 64 (2½" x 2½") squares.

Tip: I use two templates in my quilting that come in handy. When making HSTs, Hourglass blocks, and Combination blocks, "*Deb Tucker's Tucker Trimmer*" is the first of these. For Flying Geese "*Deb Tucker's Wing Clipper*" helps you create 4 Flying Geese at a time. These are optional, but they do help with these blocks. You may own other templates to accomplish these same blocks. If so, use them to do the specified blocks, if you wish.

Press seams open unless otherwise specified.

Piecing for Step 1

Note: Part of Step 1 are instructions for creating "8 Half Square Triangles (HSTs) at a time" and "4 Flying Geese at a time". Hang onto the "HSTs" and "Flying Geese" instructions for future use in this pattern or other projects you might want to use them on. Each of these contain information on how to adapt them to other sizes.

1 – Create 8 Half Square Triangles (HST) using the included "HSTs – 8 at a time". Starting squares will be 14" squares of Medium Blue and the Background fabrics.

Trim the 8 HSTs to 6½" x 6½" squares. Label as Unit 1A.

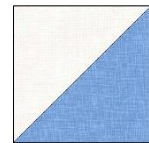


Make 8

2 – Create 32 Half Square Triangles (HST) using the included "HSTs – 8 at a time". Starting squares will be 14" squares of Light Blue and the Background fabrics.

Trim the 32 HSTs to 6½" x 6½" squares. Label as Unit 1B.

Note: *There will be 4 extra units.*



Make 32

Unit 1B

HSTs – 8 at a time

Formula for determining the size of starting squares: Twice the unfinished size + 1 inch

Example: Unfinished size is $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

$3\frac{1}{2}" + 3\frac{1}{2}" = 7"$, add $1" = 8"$. Starting squares will be $8"$.

Generic directions

The colors and sizes to use will be specified in the pattern. Save this for use in future steps as well as other projects.

Draw a diagonal line in both directions on the wrong side of one of the squares. (Figure A)

Place the marked square on top of the other square with Right Sides Together (RST).

Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of the diagonal lines. (Figure B)

Note: The red lines represent the sewing lines but you do not need to mark them.

Cut the squares in half in both directions. (Figure C). The edge of the ruler will cut through the center X where the starting lines cross.

Cut the smaller squares on the marked line between the stitching to create **8** HSTs. (Figure D)

Press the seams open or to either side. Trim to the necessary size.



Figure A

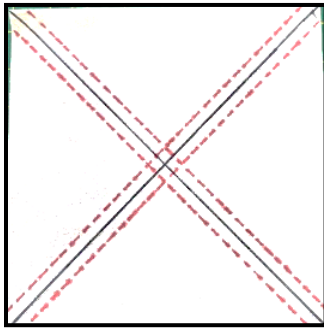


Figure B

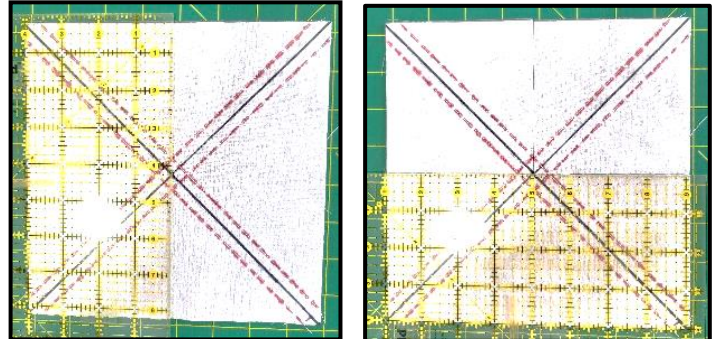


Figure C

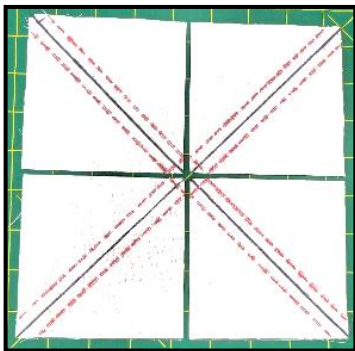
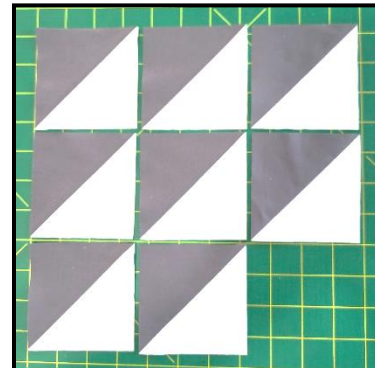


Figure D



8 HSTs

3 – Create **64** Flying Geese using the included **“Flying Geese – 4 at a time**
These will use **1 (4½”)** square of Background fabric and **4 (2½”)** squares of
Dark Blue. You will need to do this process **16** times to create the **64** Flying Geese.
Trim the Flying Geese to 2” x 3½”. Label as Unit 1C.



Make 64

Unit 1C

Flying Geese – 4 at a time

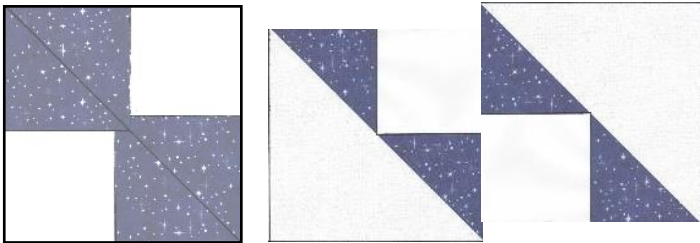
The colors and sizes to use will be specified in the pattern. Save this for use in future step as well as other projects.

This method will create 4 flying geese at the same time. Each unit uses a large square of one color and 4 smaller squares of another color.

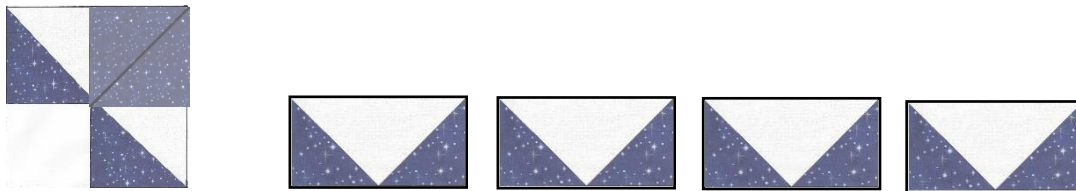
On the small squares mark a diagonal line.



Place 2 marked small squares on opposite corners of the large square with right sides together (RST). The small squares will overlap slightly in the center. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the marked line and cut in half on the line. Fold the small triangles away from the large triangle. Press the seam allowance open.



Place a marked small square on the corner triangle with RST. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the marked line and cut in half on the line. Press the seam open on each half. Repeat with the other triangle unit; this creates 4 Flying Geese. Square these to the specified size.



The following table shows the sizes needed for finishing Flying Geese

<u>Finished sizes</u>	<u>Large Squares</u>	<u>Small Squares</u>	<u>Cut Size of Flying Geese</u>
1" x 2"	3½"	2"	1½" x 2½"
1½" x 3"	4½"	2½"	2" x 3½"
2" x 4"	5½"	3"	2½" x 4½"
2½" x 5"	6½"	3½"	3" x 5½"
3" x 6"	7½"	4"	3½" x 6½"
3½" x 7"	8½"	4½"	4" x 7½"
4" x 8"	9½"	5"	4½" x 8½"
4½" x 9"	10½"	5½"	5" x 9½"
5" x 10"	11½"	6"	5½" x 10½"