The North Star Quilt Block and other Designs

using the Flying Geese Unit

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Supply List

Sewing machine and equipment:

- sewing machine with bobbins, electrical cords, foot pedal
- quarter-inch sewing machine foot
- walking foot (optional)
- machine manual
- electrical power strip and heavy duty extension cord

Sewing tools:

- extra machine needles
- straight pins
- seam ripper
- fabric scissors and small trimming scissors
- thread medium value to coordinate with project, or beige or gray
- extra bobbins
- coordinating thread for machine quilting (if time permits)

Rotary cutting and Ironing Equipment:

- rotary cutter with new blade
- cutting mat
- cutting ruler
- mini-iron and ironing mat for ironing at your table (optional there will be two regular sized ironing stations available)
- pencil or marking tool

Miscellaneous:

- zip-lock bags for small fabric pieces
- camera (optional)

Depending on your intended project:

Pillow– 16" pillow form for the North Star pillow Quilt or wall hanging – batting

The Flying Geese Unit

The North Star is one of the oldest patchwork patterns in our country's history. The Flying Geese design is a traditional quilt pattern that evokes a flock of geese flying in a V-formation. This versatile unit is used in many traditional quilt blocks as well as in modern quilt design.



The North Star block (finished size – 8 inch square)

This block is made up of:

Units	Number of Units	
Flying Geese units	s 4	
corner squares	4	
center square	1	



The Flying Geese block (finished size – 8 inch square)

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This block is made up of:

Units Number of Units

Flying Geese units





Fabric: This page lists minimum requirements. It is a good idea to bring more fabric than you need to give yourself more choices. You may choose to make a larger quilt (baby, lap, etc.) We will also be exploring other blocks made with flying geese units.

Projects:

- 1. If you choose to make the pillow (16" pillow form required) you will need:
- One North Star block
 - Light background $-\frac{1}{4}$ yard (white)
 - Center square and inner border ¼ yard contrasting fabric (red)
 - Star points, outer border and pillow back 3/4 yard matching or coordinating dark fabric (blue)
- 2. If you choose to make a wall hanging, you will need:
- Two North Star blocks
- Two Flying Geese blocks
 - \circ Light background 3/4 yard (white)
 - $\circ\,$ Center squares, flying geese units and inner border $1/2\,\,yard\,\,(red)$
 - Star points, flying geese and outer border 1 yard (blue)
 - \circ Backing 1 yard
 - Batting approximately 33"x33"
 - \circ Binding approximately ¹/₄ yard
- 3. If you choose to make a larger quilt, you will need:
- Twelve North Star blocks
 - \circ Light background and border 1 yard (white)
 - \circ Center squares and inner border -3/4 yard (red)
 - Star points and outer border -1 yard (blue)
 - \circ Backing 1 ¹/₂ yard
 - Batting approximately 42"x51"
 - \circ Binding approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ yard



Example 1 – 16"x16" finished size



Example 2 – 29"x29" finished size



Example 3 – 38"x47" finished size