Flying Geese: Rectangle and Two Squares Method

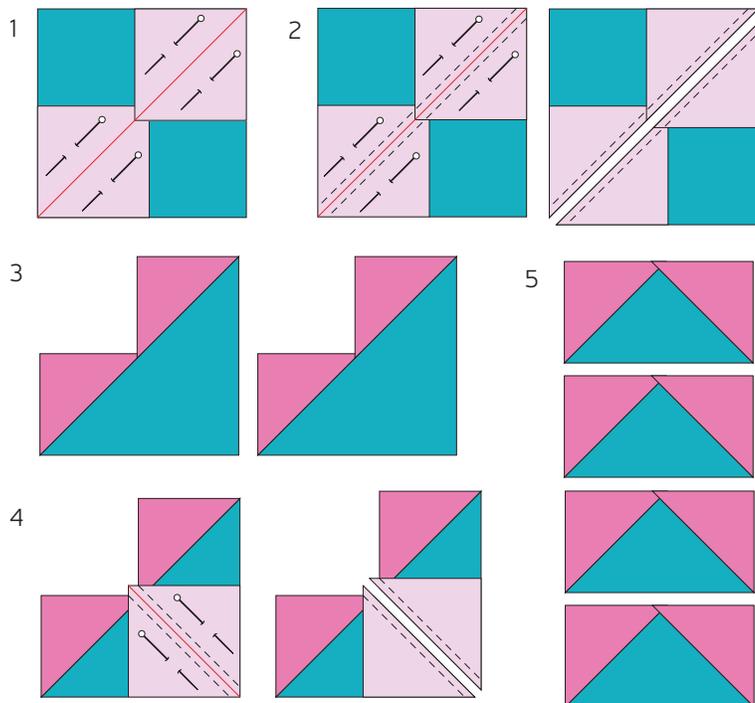Use this method when piecing only a few flying geese.

1. Cut one rectangle and two squares according to the table at right.
2. Place a small square on top the left side of the rectangle, right sides together.
3. On the wrong side of the small square, draw a diagonal line. Sew on this diagonal line.
4. Trim off the excess seam allowance, and press the remainder toward the triangle.
5. Repeat with another square on the opposite end.

Finished Unit Size	Rectangle Size	Square Size
1" x 2"	1½" x 2½"	1½"
1½" x 3"	2" x 3½"	2"
2" x 4"	2½" x 4½"	2½"
2½" x 5"	3" x 5 ½"	3"
3" x 6"	3½" x 6½"	3½"
3½" x 7"	4" x 7½"	4"
4" x 8"	4½" x 8½"	4½"

Tip: To avoid wasting fabric, sew the discarded corner snippets into pairs, and you will have tiny half-square triangles to use in another project.

Flying Geese: Four at a Time (No Waste)

1. Cut one large square and four small squares according to the table below. With right sides together, position two of the small squares in opposite corners of the large square as shown. Draw a diagonal line from one corner of the top small square to the opposite corner of the bottom small square. Pin.
2. Sew a ¼" from each side of the line. Cut on the center line.
3. Press open. You have two units.
4. With right sides together, place the third small square on the bottom right corner of the large triangle. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on the small square. Pin. Stitch a ¼" seam on each side of the line. Cut the unit in half on the drawn line.
5. Press open.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 for the remaining piece. You will have four flying geese units.

Finished Unit Size	4 Small Squares	Large Square	Finished Unit Size	4 Small Squares	Large Square
1" x 2"	1⅞"	3¼"	3" x 6"	3⅞"	7¼"
1½" x 3"	2⅜"	4¼"	3½" x 7"	4⅜"	8¼"
2" x 4"	2⅞"	5¼"	4" x 8"	4⅞"	9¼"
2½" x 5"	3⅜"	6¼"			