



From Cupboard to Creativity Project

Feb 2022 - Blocks that link with secondary patterns

Block this month: February Surprise

Hi Everyone,

This month I have been playing around with shapes and have come up with a new block for this month for you to play with so have called it February Surprise.

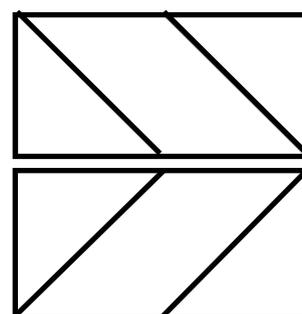
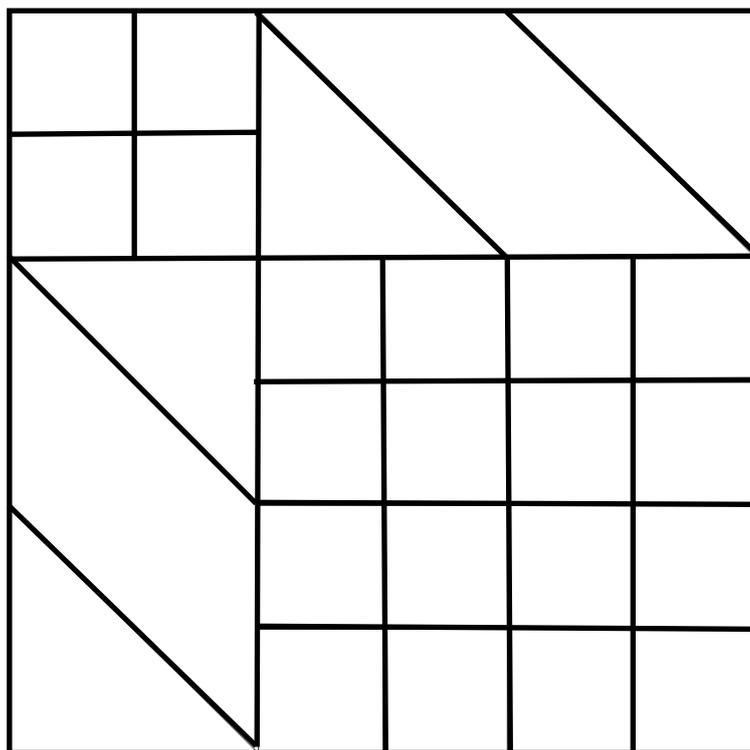
There is a number of ways to work with the pattern, and it can look quite different depending on the way you colour it, so I would suggest maybe print a couple of blank copies of the block, work out how you want to arrange them and also decide how you want to colour yours, before you start sewing .

OR make some blocks the have a play and be surprised with what shows up!

I am thinking a dark contrast for the squares running through the centre on mine, and a light contrast in the strips in the rectangle section.

This shape I refer to as a parallel geese unit (using 1 rectangle and 2 squares like you do for Flying Geese, except place the second square so the seam is parallel to the first not crossing it)

You need one in each direction per block



To make a 12" finished block

You will need to make 5 four patch blocks and 2 Parallel Geese units, with the direction of seams opposite to each other. Make as many blocks as you want for your project.—a full bed quilt, table runner, small quilt or a row for a quilt—it is up to you :)

The four patch could be using $2\frac{1}{2}$ " cut squares if a scrap quilt is your colour preference, OR you may prefer to cut strips of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " in 2 colours, sew them together as a band and then cross cut $2\frac{1}{2}$ " sections in a more colour co-ordinated plan. Sew 2 of these together to make each four patch you want in the same colours. You could have different colours in each four patch in your block, depending on what you have decided for your quilt.



To make the Parallel Geese unit:

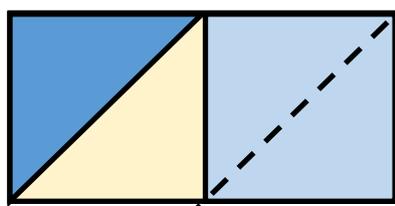
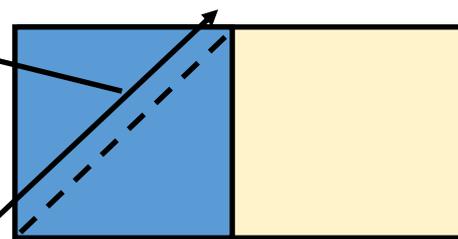
You will need a rectangle (centre colour) cut $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ and squares of $4\frac{1}{2}''$.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the 2 squares.

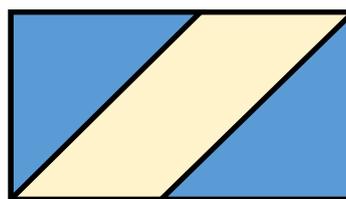
Place one square (blue) on the end of the rectangle, right sides together, and sew on the diagonal line.

Trim off the corner to $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam allowance & press out to the corner.

Repeat this process on corner diagonally opposite and sew such that the seams run parallel to each other.



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Sew a four patch to the end of a Parallel Geese unit for the top row.

Sew 4 of the four patch together and attach the other Parallel geese unit, then join both sections to complete your block.

For a **6" finished block** follow the same process but use $1\frac{1}{2}''$ cut squares and the Parallel geese unit would be cut $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ with $2\frac{1}{2}''$ cut squares.

For a **9" finished block** follow the same process but use 2" cut squares and the Parallel geese unit would be cut $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$ and $3\frac{1}{2}''$ cut squares.

Have fun playing along and let me know what you are making,
or if you have any questions.

Jan P