

Finishes 63" x 81"

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Blue - 3 \frac{1}{4} yards

White - 2 \frac{3}{4} yards

Red - 1 \frac{1}{4} yard

Backing - 71" x 90" or 5 yards regular fabric (2 \frac{1}{2} yards x 2)
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\*A note about making the flying geese units in this quilt. I make them the way I was taught by Harriet Hargrave quite a while ago. It is found in her book (written with her daughter Carrie), *Quilter's Academy Junior Year*, page 72. <a href="http://www.harriethargrave.com/Rulers/Flying-Geese-Templates-by-Harriet-Hargrave-p940.html">http://www.harriethargrave.com/Rulers/Flying-Geese-Templates-by-Harriet-Hargrave-p940.html</a>
You can also find tutorial on Quilt in a Day website (<a href="http://www.quiltinaday.com/television/video-flyinggeeseruler.asp">http://www.quiltinaday.com/television/video-flyinggeeseruler.asp</a>) and on Missouri Star Quilt Company website (<a href="http://quiltingtutorials.com/browse-by-skill-level/intermediate-quilting-tutorials/flying-geese-quilting-easy/">http://quiltingtutorials.com/browse-by-skill-level/intermediate-quilting-tutorials/flying-geese-quilting-easy/</a>) Template rulers are available from all 3 websites. They are web videos and will be very helpful if you don't already make them this way.

At the end of the pattern I have included 15 different variations you can make with this block. There are actually more, but these are what I choose. Please feel free to make whatever tribute variation you like. The variations are also if you have 2 borders or 1. The instructions include a white inner border and a blue outer border. If you change it you need to make yardage changes accordingly.

# **Cutting Instructions**

### White

- 1. Cut 3 strips 9" wide. Cut into 12 squares 9".
- 2. Cut 2 Strips 6". Cut into 12 squares 6"
- 3. Cut 2 strips 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Cut into 12 squares 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 4. Cut 2 strips 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut into 12 squares 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 5. Cut 8 strips  $2\frac{1}{2}$  wide for stripes.
- 6. Cut 7 strips 2" for first border.

## Blue

- 1. Cut 3 strips  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Cut into 12 squares  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 2. Cut 2 strips 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  ". Cut into 12 squares 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  ".
- 3. Cut 5 strips 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut into 48 squares 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 4. Cut 3 strips 2" wide. Cut into 48 squares 2"
- 5. Cut 8 strips 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide for border.
- 6. Cut 8 strips  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " wide for binding.

#### Red

1. Cut 16 strips 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

# Sewing Instructions

1. Sew together the 16 red 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips and 8 white 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips into strips sets that are red/white/red. Press to red. You will have 8 strip sets.



Cut at 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". You will get 3 rectangles that are 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from each strip set for a total of 24 rectangles.

- 2. Make 48 flying geese units with the 9" white squares and the 7  $\frac{1}{2}$ " blue squares.
  - a. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on back of blue squares.
  - b. Place the blue square rights sides together with the 9" white squares. They will be placed in center with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of white showing on all sides.
  - c. Sew scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of line.
  - d. Cut apart on line. Press to white.
  - e. Place squares right sides together to match the sides, not the center. Match blue to white side and white side to blue.

There will be sticky out corner points and the seam line you sewed will not match in the middle.

- f. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner the opposite way the seams are already sewn. Sew on both sides of line with scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
- g. After sewn, cut apart on marked line.
- h. After cut apart, before you do anything else, fold in half along seam line and clip to the seam line. This allows you to press each side to the sky portion (white) of the flying geese, or what was the original 9" square.
- i. After you have pressed to the sky colored side, cut your flying geese units to 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". They will finish 3" x 6" when sewn in quilt.
- j. You will have 48 blue and white flying geese units.
- 3. Make 12 sawtooth star blocks that finish 12" in quilt or 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ " block before sewn in quilt. You will use the 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " flying geese units, 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " white squares, and 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " blue squares.



- 4. Make 48 flying geese units with the 6" white squares and the 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " blue squares.
  - a. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on back of blue squares.
  - b. Place the blue square rights sides together with the 6" white squares. They will be placed in center with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of white showing on all sides.
  - c. Sew scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of line.
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- i. After you have pressed to the sky colored side, cut your flying geese units to 2 "  $\times$  3  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". They will finish 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ "  $\times$  3" when sewn in quilt.
- j. You will have 48 blue and white flying geese units.
- 5. Make 12 sawtooth star blocks that finish 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " or 6" when completely sewn in quilt with the 2" x 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " flying geese units, the white 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, and the blue squares 2". They will look the same as the 12" blocks, only smaller.



6. Sew the (12) 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ " sawtooth star blocks to the 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle stripe blocks. The seam will be along a red side. Press to red, it will look like this.

It will measure 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



7. Sew the (12) 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " star block to the (12)6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " end of the striped block. It will look like this. It will measure 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ "  $\times$  6  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



8. Sew #6 and #7 together to complete the block. It will look like this.



- 9. Look at pattern picture and sew together in rows and then sew the rows together,
- 10. Add first border. The 2" white strips. Sew together 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  strips for top and bottom and 2 strips for each side.
  - a. Add to sides 2"  $\times$  72  $\frac{1}{2}$ "
  - b. Add to top and bottom 2"  $\times$  57  $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- 11. Sew together second border strips, 2 strips for each side.
  - a. Add to sides 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 75  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
  - b. Add to top and bottom 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 63  $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Quilt top will finish at 63  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 81  $\frac{1}{2}$ "

12. Sew binding pieces together in one long strip. Add together on 45 degree angle and press open. After sewn, pressed at seams, and trimmed, fold in half lengthwise and press. Binding is now ready to be sewn on when quilt has been quilted.

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