

Here is our last block for 2012! We are making flying geese with one seam – it is so easy you may never go back to the old way again! Please use Christmas Reds and Greens but no large scale prints.

DECEMBER 2012 CATHEDRAL STAR



12 1/2" unfinished block

We Provide:

#1 Fabric – Background Off White/gold:

From the 3 1/2" strips:

Cut 6 3 1/2 inch X 6 1/2 inch rectangles

Cut 4 3 1/2 inch square blocks

You Provide (small prints or tone on tone):

#2 Fabric - Your Choice Christmas Red

Cut 9 3 1/2 inch square blocks

#3 Fabric Your Choice Christmas Green

Cut 4 3 1/2 inch square blocks

3-Dimensional Flying Geese:

All the flying geese in this pattern will be made this way!

1. Take one #1 background 3 1/2" X 6 1/2" rectangles and fold it in half with wrong sides together.



2. Sandwich this "square" between two #2 red 3 1/2" squares, right sides together. Make sure three of the raw edge sides of the sandwich line up together perfectly and place the fold at the bottom of the sandwich. The fold will be 1/4 inch too short from the bottom of the 3 1/2" square. This is important as this will become the top point of the finished flying goose!



3. Sew all layers together from top to bottom, along the right edge of the square 'sandwich'. You may wish to pin the layers together - the layers can shift when sewing.



- Open the sandwich and the bottom of 'rectangle'. Gently press into a triangle shape, matching the bottom edges. **The outside edges of the triangle are cut on the bias and will stretch so be careful when pressing.** Press the sandwich from the reverse side, opening the seam to reduce bulk.



- Repeat with remaining #1 and #2 fabrics for a total of 4 white/red flying geese, then repeat this step again using #1 and #3 fabrics for a total of 2 white/green flying geese .

Block construction:

- Sew the two center flying geese units together as shown below. Caution - the lower corners of the geese need to match up. Press seams open to reduce bulk. This unit should measure 6 1/2" square.



- Pin the ninth #2 red fabric square into the center of the white/green unit. Fold the bias edges of the 3-D geese over the raw edge of the red square. The bias of this edge will curve as you fold over. Pin to help prevent shifting. Sew down along the curve, either by hand or machine.



- Using this unit, the white/red geese, and the remaining 3 1/2 inch #1 fabric squares, construct the block as shown below.



- When the block is complete, fold the bias edges over on the white/red flying geese (like in step 2) and sew along the curve. The completed block should measure 12 1/2" square.

