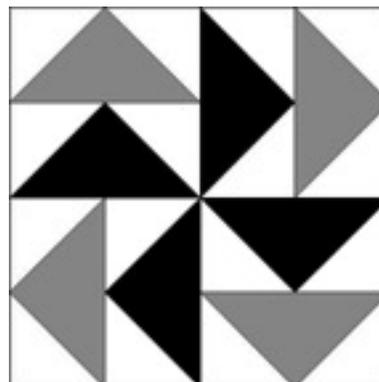


Block 7: Dutchman's Puzzle (provided June 2016; share July 2016)

The Dutchman's Puzzle is composed of eight flying geese units. There are numerous blocks that contain flying geese. There are also numerous ways to piece these units. The instructions given here avoid bias edges. Five squares will be used to create four flying geese at a time. The units will be made slightly oversized so that they can be trimmed down to the perfect size. As shown, this block uses 3 fabrics: Lightest, Medium, Darkest.



Fabric needed: Cut the listed pieces for each fabric. Be sure each piece is cut accurately.

	3" blocks	6" blocks	9" blocks	12" blocks	15" blocks
Lightest	8 at 1-3/4" x 1-3/4"	8 at 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"	8 at 3-1/4" x 3-1/4"	8 at 4" x 4"	8 at 4-3/4" x 4-3/4"
Medium	1 at 3" x 3"	1 at 4-1/2" x 4-1/2"	1 at 6" x 6"	1 at 7-1/2" x 7-1/2"	1 at 9" x 9"
Darkest	1 at 3" x 3"	1 at 4-1/2" x 4-1/2"	1 at 6" x 6"	1 at 7-1/2" x 7-1/2"	1 at 9" x 9"

Piecing Instructions for 9" blocks (3", 6", 12", 15")

Note: Watch carefully as you stitch.

1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of all of the Lightest squares.
2. Carefully position two Lightest squares on opposite corners of the Medium square, right sides together. Be sure the drawn lines on the smaller squares connect to form a diagonal on the larger square.
3. Stitch a 1/4" seam on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart along the drawn line. Press the seams toward the Lightest fabric.
4. Line up a Lightest square on the remaining corner of each unit from Step 3. Stitch a 1/4" seam on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart along the drawn line. Press the seams toward the Lightest fabric.
5. Repeat Steps 2-4 using the Darkest square in place of the Medium.
6. To trim the flying geese units to size, position your ruler so that the 1/4" line and 2-1/2" (1", 1-3/4", 3-1/4", 4") marking intersect at the point of the unit. The edge of the ruler should intersect the seam at the 2-3/4" (1-1/4", 2", 3-1/2", 4-1/4") marking.

The other seam should be positioned at the intersection of 2-3/4" (1-1/4", 2", 3-1/2", 4-1/4") and 5" (2", 3-1/2", 6-1/2", 8"). Trim 2 sides of the unit.

7. Now rotate the unit 180 degrees. The flying geese unit should measure 5" x 2-3/4" (2" x 1-1/4", 3-1/2" x 2", 6-1/2" x 3-1/2", 8" x 4-1/4"). Trim the other 2 sides.
8. Arrange the flying geese units as shown for the block. Be sure to have them pointing in the correct direction and the Darkest Geese on the inside forming a pinwheel.
9. Watching the orientation of the units, sew the flying geese units together in pairs. Press the seams open. The units should measure 5" x 5" (2" x 2", 3-1/2" x 3-1/2", 6-1/2" x 6-1/2", 8" x 8").
10. Watching the orientation, sew the results of Step 9 together in pairs. Press the seams toward the Darkest geese. These pieces should measure 9-1/2" x 5" (3-1/2" x 2", 6-1/2" x 3-1/2", 12-1/2" x 6-1/2", 15-1/2" x 8").
11. Stitch the rows together using a 1/4" seam. Match up the seams and secure with a pin. These seams should nest together snugly. Stitch using a 1/4" seam, removing the pin before stitching over it.
12. Press and furl the seams. The seam intersection on the back should have a tiny four-patch. The unit should now measure 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" (3-1/2" x 3-1/2", 6-1/2" x 6-1/2", 12-1/2" x 12-1/2", 15-1/2" x 15-1/2").
13. Your Dutchman's Puzzle block should be complete and measure 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" (3-1/2" x 3-1/2", 6-1/2" x 6-1/2", 12-1/2" x 12-1/2", 15-1/2" x 15-1/2") if you have sewn and trimmed the flying geese correctly and sewn accurate 1/4" seams.