

## PERFECT POINTS TUTORIAL

For this tutorial, I'm using a made piece of fabric --- tiny strips sewn together. Because of that, I will press seams away from the purple-made fabric. If you aren't using made fabric with lots of seams, you should press seams open to get the best results.

To demonstrate how to get perfect points, I'm making a 3" by 1.5" finished flying geese. This is TINY GEESE— 3" by 1.5" finished (3.5" by 2" unfinished)

**CUT ONE** (1) fabric-made square, 4 ¼ inch square



**CUT FOUR** (4) SQUARES, 2 3/8 inch



**MARK THE 2 3/8 INCH SQUARES –**

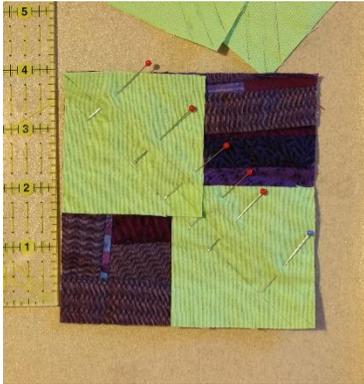
From corner to corner  
One-quarter inch to the left  
One-quarter inch to the right



**NOTE:** I use sandpaper as the base for my marking. It keeps the fabric in place.

**PLACE TWO SQUARES on the purple square**

Then pin, making sure all the marked lines match and making sure the corners are square with the purple square.

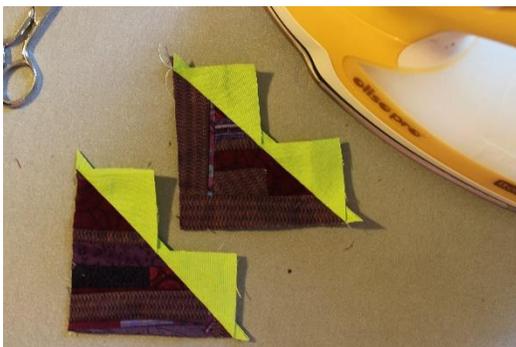


**SEW JUST TO THE LEFT OF THE MARKED LINE**

**This will give you some wiggle room when trimming later. Remember thread takes up space and can make your background smaller than you want.**



**CUT ALONG THE MIDDLE LINE AND PRESS AWAY FROM THE PURPLE GEESE**

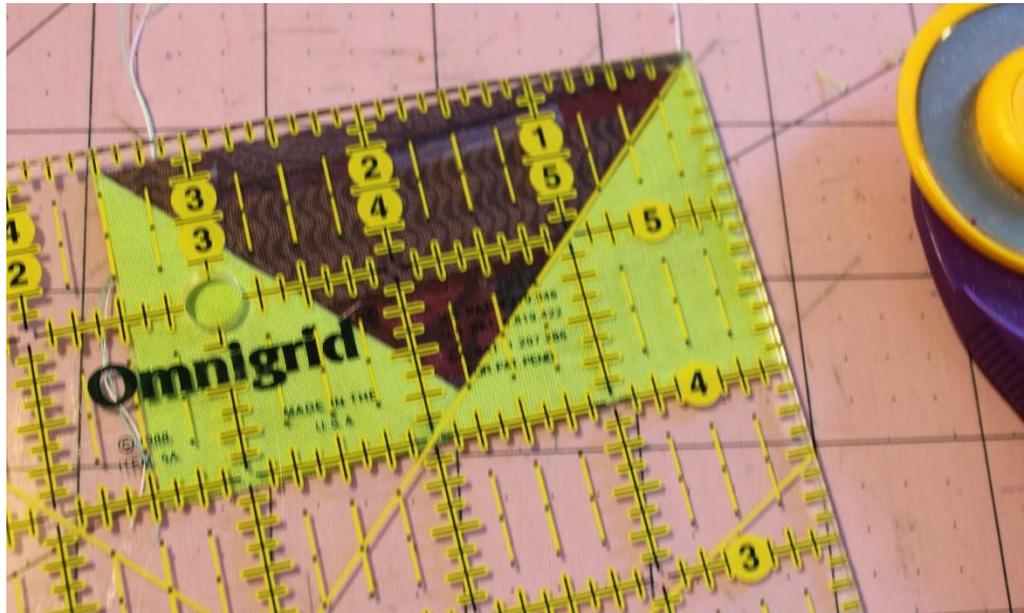


**PLACE ONE (1) SQUARE ON THE CORNER OF PURPLE GEESE**

Repeat as instructed above until you have four flying geese. Follow the no-waste flying geese tutorial: <http://patchpieces.com/files/flyinggeese.pdf>

## CHECK YOUR MEASUREMENTS

- USE THE 45 DEGREE line on your ruler to “square up” your geese block
- Notice the quarter-inch dot is directly over the point and the 45 degree line is exactly on the end
- Notice that the point is 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  from the edge of the ruler
- Notice the block is 3.5” inches wide and 2” tall.

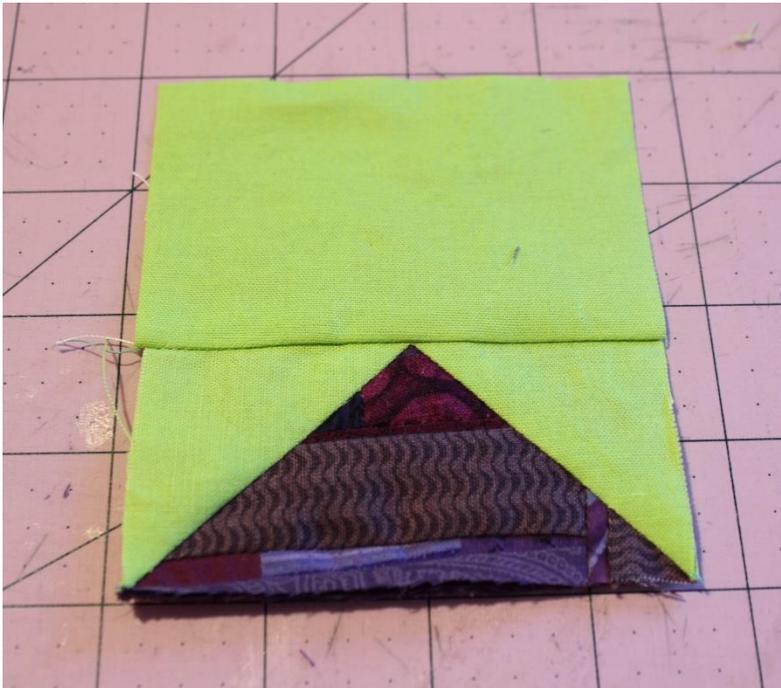


## TIPS for sewing the geese together and to other fabric

USE PINS! And, Sew just to the RIGHT of the seam – that’s where the point for the geese will be. You can see a tiny triangle made from the seams you have sewn. If you sew to the left of that seam, you’ve gone too far.



Press away from the point when using made fabric.



It's okay if they are a few threads off. Notice the geese block above on the left side – just a little bit off. But you can correct when you sew that block to another block.

### **ONE FINAL CHECK**

Make sure the side points are one-quarter inch. Even the best of sewers will nudge the fabric while sewing the blocks together. It's okay if you have to re-sew it or trim it.

