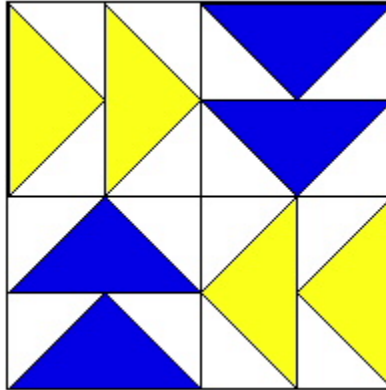


Block of the Month - August 2003

Goose Chase



Description:

The 12" Goose Chase Block is made from 4 Flying Geese blocks that are sewn together in alternating directions. This block may be pieced by traditional methods or by using Paper-Piecing. This pattern will describe how to do it in a paper-pieced manner.

Please read the detailed instructions on how to paper-piece found at one of the following links if you have never done in paper-piecing before.

<http://www.nmia.com/~mgdesign/qor/technique/pfp.htm>

<http://www.quilterscache.com/startquiltingthree.html>

Fabric Requirements for one block:

Yellow: Focus Print, one strip 28" long by 4" wide

Blue: Coordinate, one strip 28" long by 4" wide

White: Background, one strip width of fabric by 5" wide

The 4 copies of the Flying Geese block included in this pattern.

Cutting and Piecing:

1. From your focus print cut 4 - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 7" rectangles. From your coordinating fabric cut 4 - 4" by 7" rectangles.
2. From your background fabric cut 8 - 5" squares. Cut these in half diagonally one time. You will have 16 triangles after cutting diagonally.
3. Start by pinning the wrong side of your focus print to the back side of one of the pattern copies so that it covers the section numbered '1' on the pattern. (The fabric should be on the side of the pattern without any printing.) Make sure that when you hold the pattern up to the light the "#1" section is totally covered and you have at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " extra fabric all the way around. Lay the right side of one of your triangles face-down on top of the rectangle so that when you hold it up to the light, the edge of the

fabric is $\frac{1}{4}$ " over the line between the 1st and 2nd sections. Pin it to the pattern or hold it together and flip the whole thing over. Stitch along the line between the 1st and 2nd sections using a short stitch (18-20 stitches per inch).

4. Trim the seam allowance to a $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Then press the fabric open. (**Remember** to not use steam or it will shrink and warp the paper.)
5. Repeat step 4 for the opposite side of the rectangle and a second triangle.
6. Continue adding the remaining three pieces of fabric to complete the block.
7. Trim the block to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished by trimming on the outermost line on the pattern.
8. Repeat steps 3 through 6 for the remaining 3 sections to this block.
9. Sew the 4 block sections together as shown above.
10. Carefully remove the paper from the back of your block.

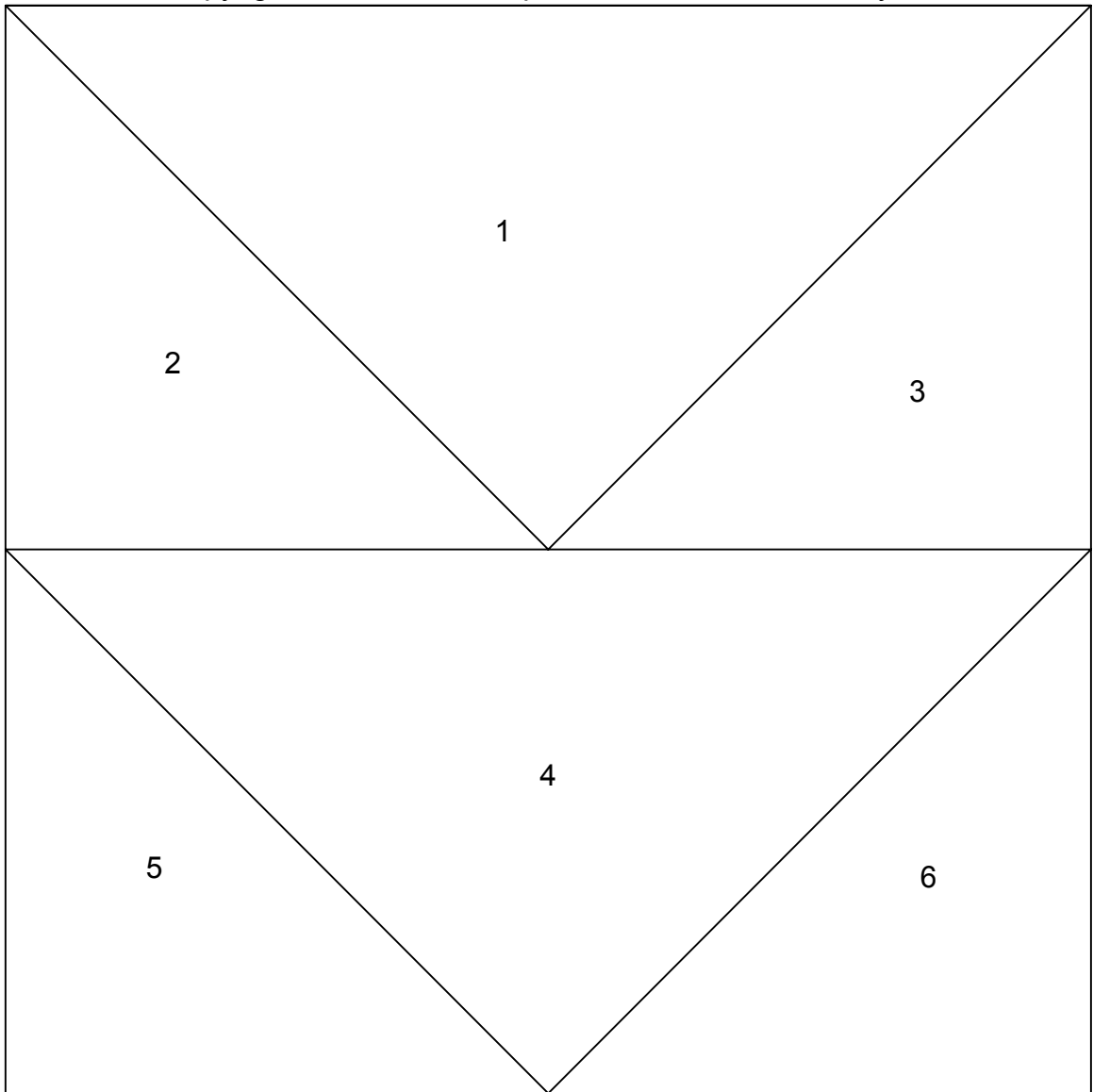
Note: Be sure to use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance when sewing the Flying Geese blocks together.

Skills to Learn/Reinforce:

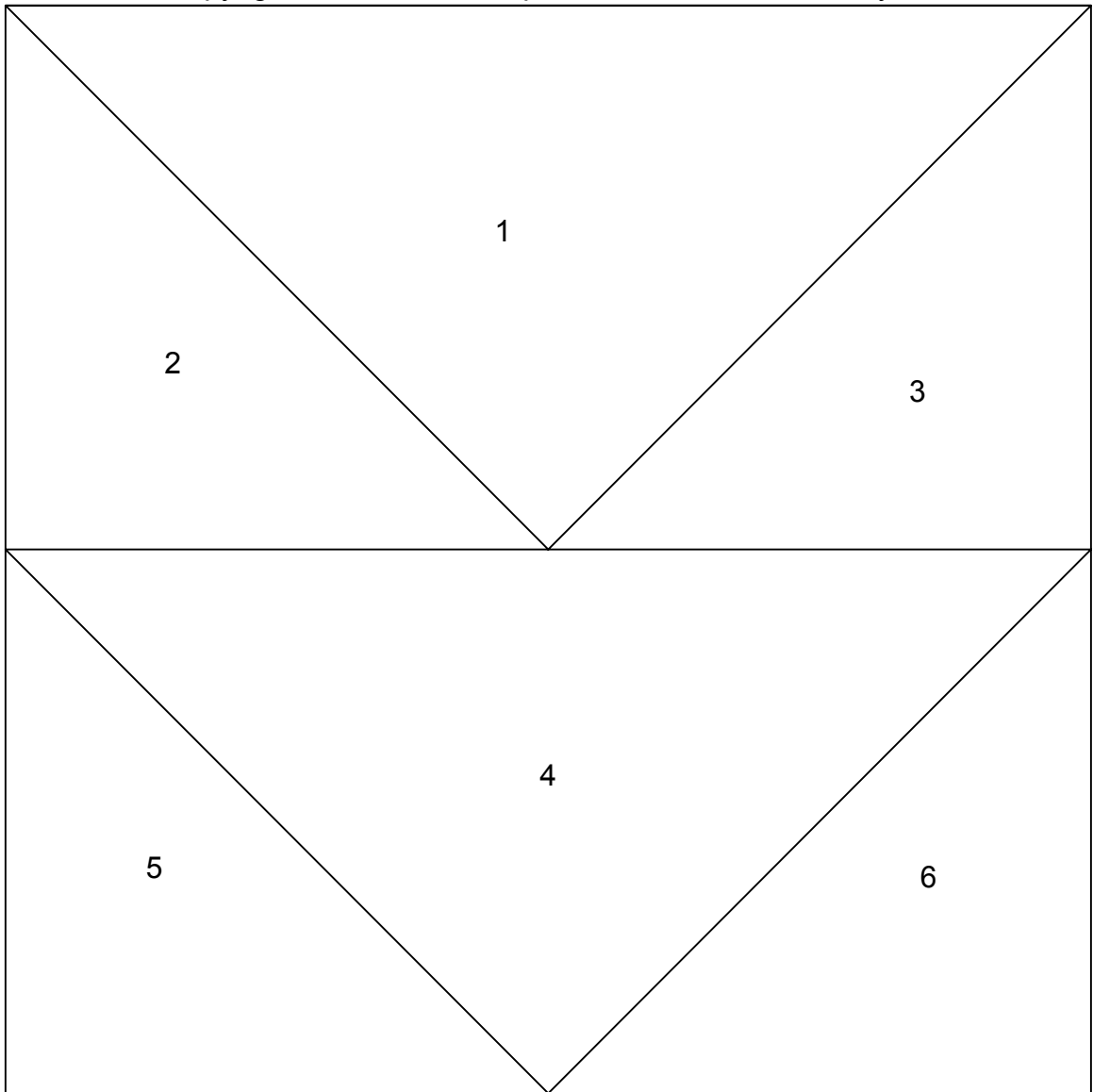
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Paper-piecing

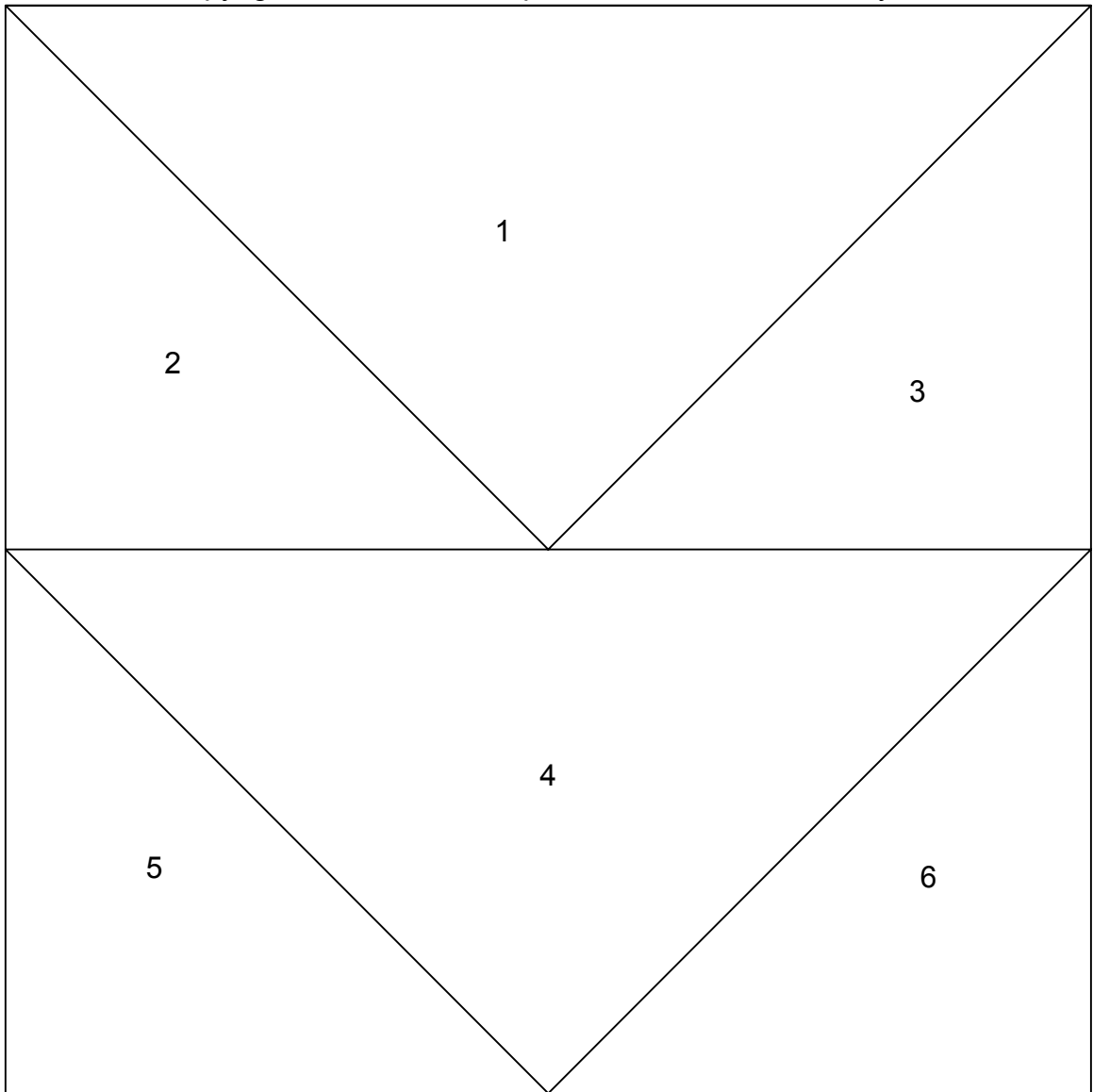
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