

Patriotic Mosaic



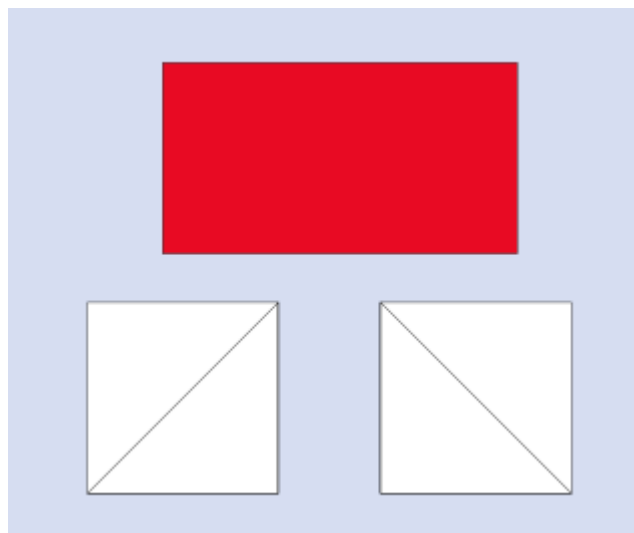
For July 2026, we will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States with a patriotic block that will put our flying geese skills to the test.

Fabric Required:

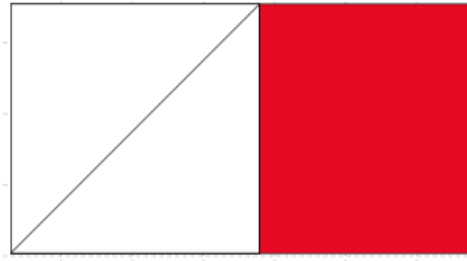
2 – 6 ½” x 3 ½” Red Fabric
2 – 6 ½” x 3 ½” Blue Fabric
16 – 3 ½” x 3 ½” White Fabric

Construction:

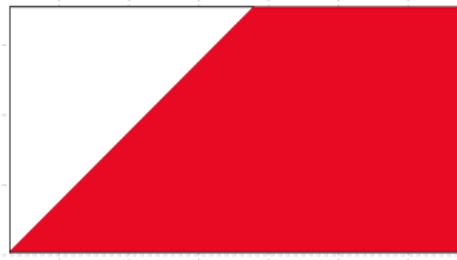
On the back of your 3 ½” white squares, draw a diagonal from one corner to the other.



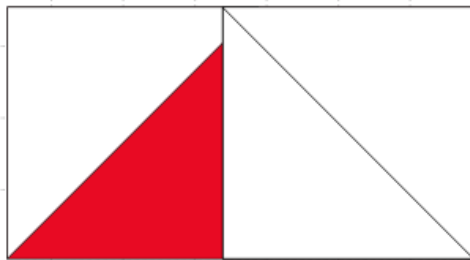
Take one of your $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks face up, and put one of your white blocks face down on the left of the longer strip. The diagonal line should go from your bottom left corner up to the center. You might want to pin this in place to keep it from shifting.



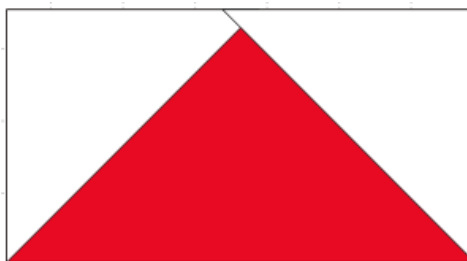
Sew along the drawn line. Cut the corner off at $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the seam. Open the block and press the seam towards the white block.



Take another white block and place it face down on the right side of your strip with the diagonal line going from the bottom right up to the center. Again you may want to pin this down.



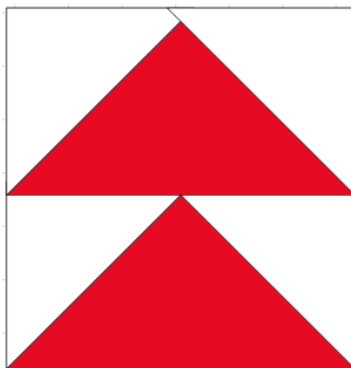
Sew along the drawn line. Cut the corner off at $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the seam. Open the block and press the seam towards the white block.



Repeat this with the remaining 7 strips for a total of 8 flying geese blocks. If you wish to trim your blocks at this time, they should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " by $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and there should be a $\frac{1}{4}$ " space between the point on the flying geese and the top of the block.

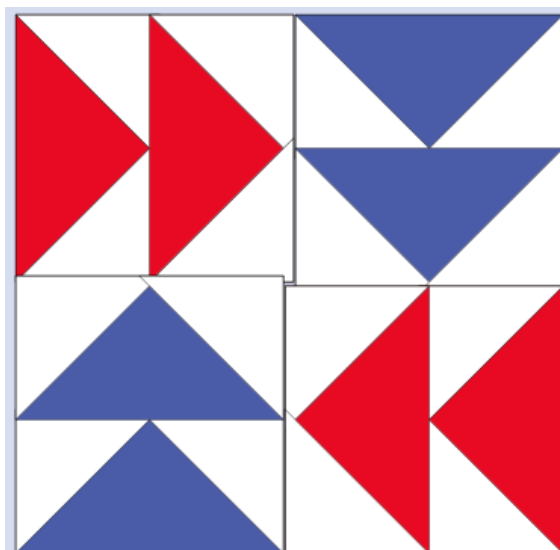
Next, we will combine our flying geese units together. Take two of your flying geese blocks with the pretty side in. You can either use both the same color, or one of each, your choice.

The points of the geese on these blocks, when face to face, need to point in opposite directions. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along the long edge. Try to get the point of your geese block on that seam line so that it does not get cut off. Open the block and press the seam towards the upper geese unit. Both of your geese should be pointing in the same direction.



Repeat this with the remaining geese blocks to complete four flying geese units.

Arrange your blocks with the geese flying in a clockwise direction. The block in the upper left points right, the upper right points down, the bottom right points left, and the bottom left points up.



Sew your blocks together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Do your best to not cut off the tip of your geese. Press your seams away from the point of your geese block towards the block it points to. Spin your seam in the center.

Your completed block should measure approximately $12 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $12 \frac{1}{2}$ "