

# 2004 Blue Skies Over Illinois

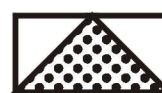
The Illinois block was chosen for this quilt done scrappy blues and white. It is presented in two sizes 12" finished and 9" finished.

## Sewing Directions:

1. Using Background triangles and Fabric #1 triangles. Sew together on the diagonal. Press and trim to  $[4\frac{1}{2}" (3\frac{1}{2})]$ .
2. Make quick flying geese units using Fabric #2 rectangles and your Background squares. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of your Background squares. Sew one square on the diagonal to one end of your rectangle. Press and trim. Sew a second square to the other end. Press and trim. Make 3 more units.
3. Make 4 more quick flying geese units using your Fabric #3 rectangles and your Background squares.
4. Sew a unit from step 2 to a unit from 3. Make 3 more units.
5. Use your Fabric #2 square and the remaining 4 Background squares. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of your squares. Sew one square on the diagonal to one corner of your large square. Sew a second square to the opposite corner of your large square. Press and trim. Sew the remaining squares to the other corners of your square. Press and trim.
6. Lay out your block.
7. Assemble rows and then sew rows together.



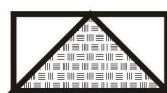
Step 1: sew triangles together. Press and trim completed squares down to  $[4\frac{1}{2}" (3\frac{1}{2})]$ .



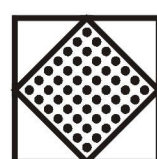
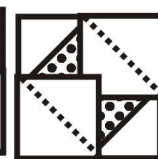
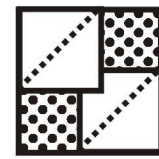
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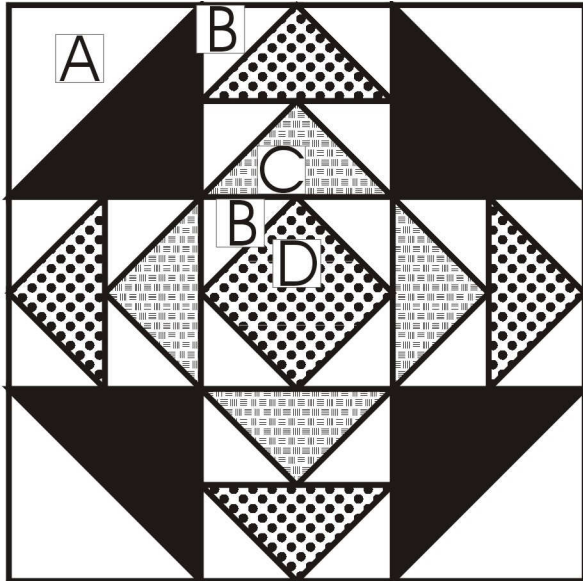
Step 3: Make 4 units.



Step 4



Step 5



**Cutting Chart**-12" finished,  $12\frac{1}{2}"$  unfinished is the first number the second number in the parentheses is for a 9" finished,  $9\frac{1}{2}"$  unfinished.

## **Background**

A: Cut  $2[5" (4")]$  squares cut in half once on the diagonal. These are cut larger and then trimmed down after sewing to  $[4\frac{1}{2}" (3\frac{1}{2})]$ .  
B: Cut  $20[2\frac{1}{2}" (2")]$  squares. To be used with C for quick flying geese units and with D for quick corners.

## **Fabric #1**

A: Cut  $2[5" (4")]$  squares cut in half once on the diagonal. These are cut larger and then trimmed down after sewing to  $[4\frac{1}{2}" (3\frac{1}{2})]$ .

## **Fabric #2**

C: Cut  $4[2\frac{1}{2}" \times 4\frac{1}{2}" (2" \times 3\frac{1}{2}")]$  rectangles for quick flying geese units.  
D: Cut  $1[4\frac{1}{2}" (3\frac{1}{2})]$  square.

## **Fabric #3**

C: Cut  $4[2\frac{1}{2}" \times 4\frac{1}{2}" (2" \times 3\frac{1}{2}")]$  rectangles for quick flying geese units.

