



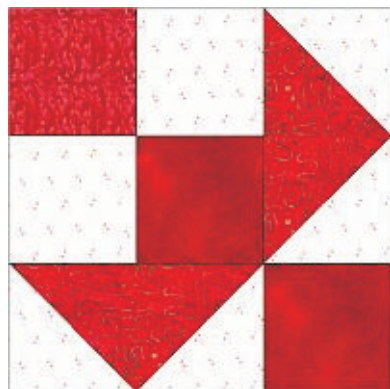
Darting Bird

Skill level: Easy

Cutting method: rotary cutting

Fabrics: 2 colors
with one color being
very light

Cutting: use the
chart below for the
size block you need.



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Quantity to cut	3" block	6" block	12" block
Light: 6	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	4.5" x 4.5"
Dark: 3	1.5" x 1.5"	2.5" x 2.5"	4.5" x 4.5"
2	1.5" x 2.5"	2.5" x 4.5"	4.5" 8.5"

Block size refers to finished size.

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Use a scant 1/4-inch seam allowance unless otherwise specified.

Step 1

Sew a light and a dark square together. Repeat one more time. Press seam toward the dark fabric.



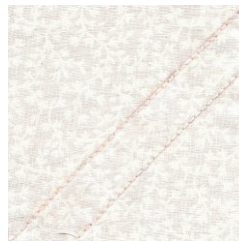
Step 2

Sew the two units from step 1 together to make a 4-patch unit. The seam can be pressed either way.



Step 3

Draw diagonal lines on the reverse side of the four remaining light squares. Draw a second line 1/2-inch from the first if you want to take advantage of the bonus half-square triangle (HST) unit made from the part that's trimmed away.



Step 4

Place a light square on one end of a dark rectangle, right sides together. Sew on the center line. Sew on the other line, too, if making the bonus HST unit.



Step 5

Cut between the two lines. Save the bonus HST unit for another project – they're great for using in small projects or scrappy quilts. Repeat steps 4 & 5 for the other end of the rectangle. The result is called a flying geese unit. Make one more.-- you'll need two.

Step 6

Sew one flying geese unit to the 4-patch unit – the point should be on the outer edge.



Step 7

Sew the remaining dark square to the second flying geese unit.



Step 8

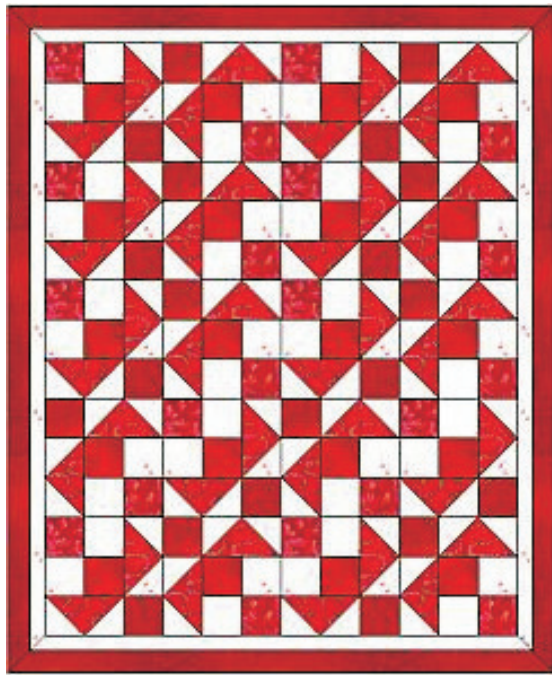
Sew the unit from step 7 to the unit made in step 6.



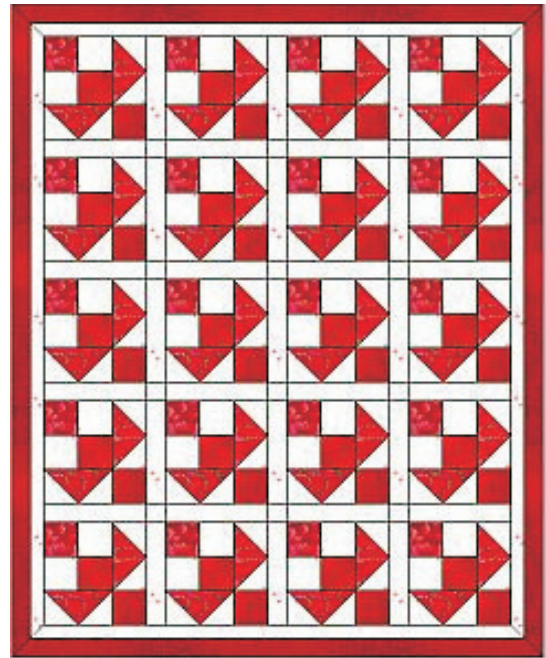
Step 10

Press your finished block and trim to square it if necessary.

Here's what this block looks like in some basic setting layouts:



without sashing



with sashing and cornerstones

Use the diagrams below to try your own color palettes.

