

FANCIFUL FLIGHT CUTTING GUIDE FOR RAINBOW FABRICS

This guide has been created to simplify and assist in the cutting of the 24 rainbow fabrics for the Fanciful Flight pattern by BeColourful. It is not perfect but it attempts to provide an easier way to cut the fabrics than cutting each of the fabric sizes separately. Following this guide will leave you with extra of each of the 24 fabrics to use for other purposes. For example for the 15 fabrics where 10 inches of fabric was required this cutting guide will leave you with a 3 ¼ inch strip left over, plus a bit more from the strips that you cut for the geese and the outside parts.

All of the fabric sizes required for the geese and outside sections beside the geese of the Flying Geese Arches have been simplified into two sizes. Geese will be cut at 3 ½ inches by 2 ¾ inches (with minor exceptions noted below) and the outside sections will be cut at 3 ¼ inches by 2 inches. The chart on the next page will show you how many of each of these sizes will need to be cut from the 24 fabrics.

To start with cut one (1) 3 ½ inch strip by the width of fabric and one (1) 3 ¼ inch strip by the width of the fabric from each of the 24 fabrics. You should be able to get all of the pieces you require for each colour for the Flying Geese Arches from these two strips. The geese are cut from the 3 ½ inch strip (cut at 2 ¾ inches wide) and the outside pieces are cut from the 3 ¼ inch outside strip (cut at 2 inches wide). The next page shows how many pieces of each you actually require. Be sure to cut only what is required – do not cut the entire geese strip as you may have to use the leftover fabrics for additional outside pieces as noted on the next page.

At the same time that you are cutting the fabric strips for the flying geese arches you may choose to cut the fabrics strips required for the small and large star points from the eight (8) colours indicated in the pattern; 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 16, 19 and 23. The small star requires one (1) strip of 2 ¼ inches by the width of the fabric from each of these fabrics (page 15), and the large star requires one (1) strip of 2 inches by the width of the fabric from each of these fabrics (page 20). Put these strips in the appropriate bag for the small and large stars and put them aside to sub cut later when you are cutting the star fabrics.

When cutting the fabric strips into the numbers of pieces noted on the next page it is easy to stack about 6 of the strips on top of each other and cut them at the same time, being sure to take out an individual strip once you have cut the required number of pieces needed for that individual colour. Once the pieces are cut sort them piles of individual colours so that it will be easier to pull and stack the fabrics when you are ready to start sewing.

Fabric Number	Geese (cut at 3 ½ by 2 ¾)	Outside Pieces (cut at 3 ¼ by 2)
1	10	24*
2	9	25*
3	10	23*
4	10	23*
5	12	23*
6	13	23*
7	7	18
8	7	21
9	11	19
10	11	20
11	11	20
12	10	20
13	8	27*
14	9	27*
15	6	28*
16	6	28*
17	8	26*
18	8	28*
19	11	23*
20	11	24*
21	9	20
22	9	21
23	10	22
24	10	25*

Where there is a * beside the number you will need to cut the extra pieces required from the leftover fabrics for the geese. These extra pieces will then be cut at 3 ½ inches by 2 inches.

Notes for the stacking and sewing of your fabrics:

If you look at your foundation papers you will see that for about half of them you start piecing at the narrow end and for the other half you start piecing at the wide end.

All of the foundation points that are **geese** use the fabrics you have cut for the geese except for the following:

- Starting at the narrow end foundation point 1 (which is a partial goose) uses a fabric cut for the outside sections as it is large enough
- Starting at the wide end foundation point 19 (which is a partial goose) uses fabric cut for the outside sections as it is large enough
- Starting at the wide end foundation point 21 (which is a partial goose) has been counted in the fabric cut for the outside sections but in most cases you can actually use a scrap from your leftovers to cover this section

Other notes:

- starting at the narrow end there have been no fabric pieces included here for foundation point 3 as for that section you use the leftover scrap from foundation point 2 as noted in the pattern.

I cut out all of my papers and then stacked the fabrics for each unit separately then put them into the appropriate bags for each Block 1 through 9 before I started to sew any of the units. If you are missing a few pieces do not despair as you have all the left over fabric to play with.

When you start sewing be sure to keep all the scraps as you can use them for section 21 (noted above) or for another quilt. I actually made both my Dream Flight (rainbow) and my Imagine both out of leftover fabrics and scraps saved from previous quilts.

Happy quilting !!

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