

5 Little Duckies



Part 1 of 2

Some readers have already asked for our 2002 pattern for the Project Linus Make-A-Blanket Day so they can get an early start. We're very happy to oblige! (And of course this is also a great little scrap quilt to make for any child you know.)

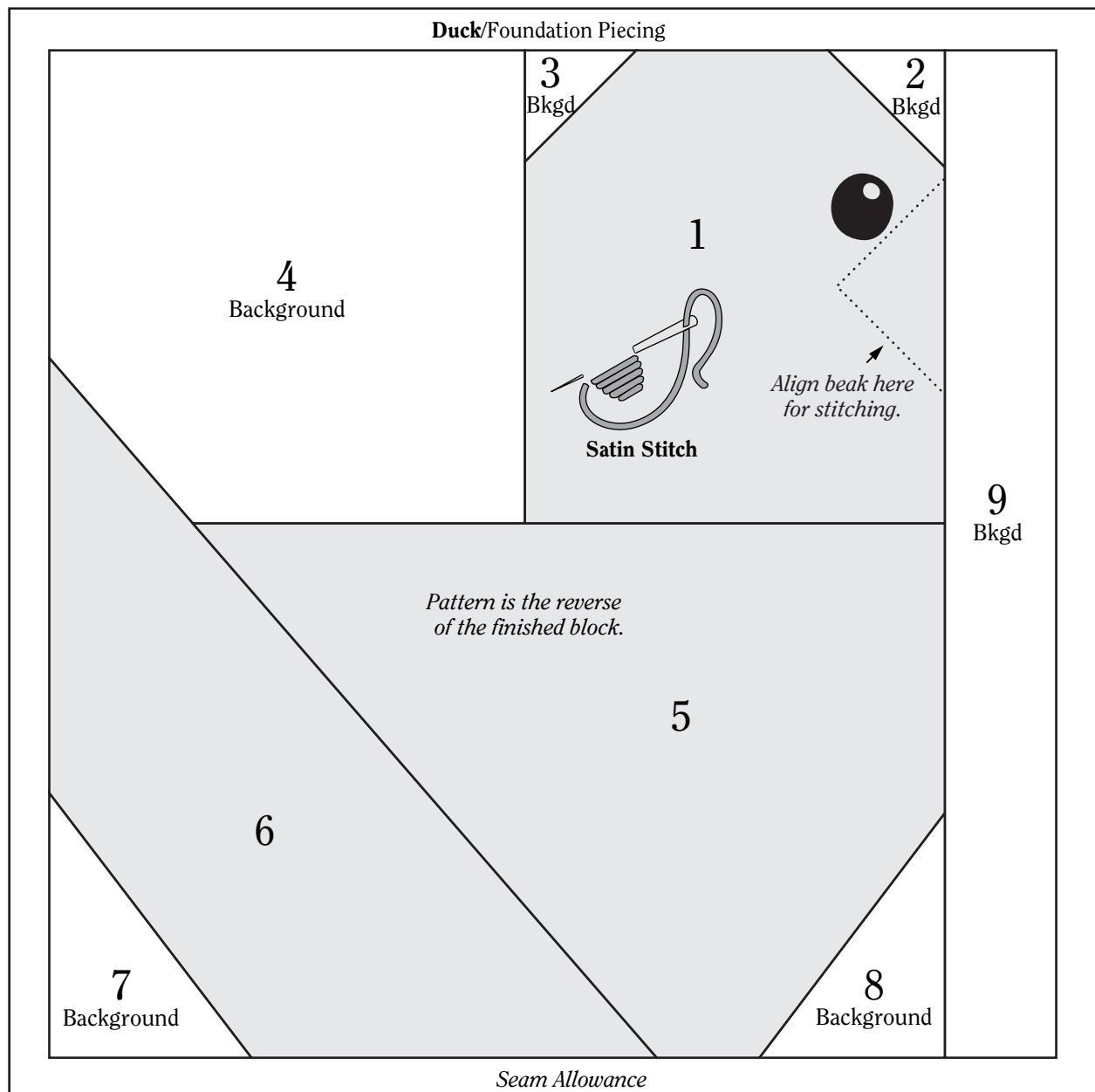
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Ways you can help:

Make and send us rows of 5 ducks each by February 4, 2002 to *QUILTMAKER's* Project Linus, 741 Corporate Circle, Suite A, Golden, CO 80401. Our local group will sew them into quilts on Make-A-Blanket Day, February 16.

Take blocks or rows to your local chapter and help sew them into quilts on Make-A-Blanket Day.

Make quilts following the pattern that we'll published in the Nov/Dec '01 (No. 82) issue. Or use any set you wish. Send them to a Project Linus chapter of your choice or to us by March 30, 2002 for local distribution.



Variation on a design by Shirley Wegert of Englewood, Colorado.

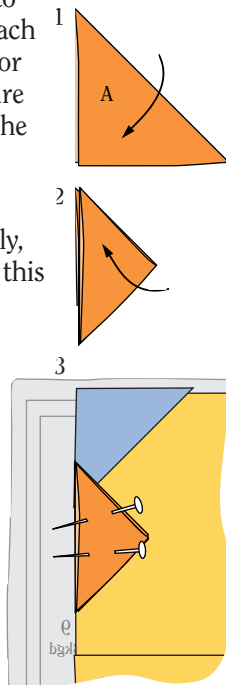
For help with foundation piecing, see “Basic Lessons.”

1 Make 1 accurate copy of the paper foundation for each duck you wish to make. The quilt pattern we will present in part 2 requires 20 ducks. Cut 1 A of bright gold to make a beak for each duck.

2 For a row of 5 ducks, you may wish to use the same background fabric in each block, although a different scrap fabric for each background will work too. Make sure the scrap fabrics for the duck body and the background contrast well. Foundation piece patches 1–8 in each block.

To make the beak, fold A in half diagonally, wrong sides together (*fig. 1*). Press. Fold this triangle in half again (*fig. 2*) and press. Position the beak on the fabric side of the foundation, checking to see that it aligns with the dotted line on the paper side. Pin in place (*fig. 3*). Sandwiching the beak, sew patch 9 to the foundation and then remove the pins.

Placing the block over a light source, trace the eye with a permanent-ink fabric pen or satin stitch with black floss. For safety's sake, *do not* use buttons for the eyes on a child's quilt.

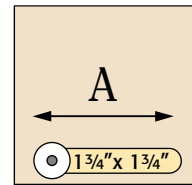


Trim the paper and extra fabric *exactly* along the outer line of the foundation pattern. Remove the paper foundation and press the patch 9 seam allowance toward the duck's body; this will make the beak fold outward.

Join 5 blocks to make a row and press all these seam allowances in the same direction. The row should measure exactly 6½" x 30½" raw edge to raw edge.

Part 2 will include yardage and measurements for sashes, borders and binding and directions for quilting your darling duckies! ■

Align arrow with lengthwise or crosswise grain of fabric.



Foundation Piecing like a Pro

- Sew the blocks by machine; set the stitch length to a short stitch, 18–20 per inch.
- Remember this order: sew, trim, flip, press.
- Before sewing, make sure the fabric will extend *at least* ¼" beyond all edges of the patch once the fabric is flipped.
- Stitch ¼" before and after the ends of each line.
- As you go, trim seam allowances to ¼". Narrower seam allowances can easily pull away from the seam.