

**MPQG BOM: January**  
**Blackbird, by Paul McCartney**

The Beatles released “Blackbird” on November 22, 1968. McCartney was first inspired to write the lyrics after hearing the call of a blackbird while he was in Rishikesh, India. Ultimately, the song developed into a powerful message about the unfortunate state of race relations in the United States in the 1960s.

Have a listen to Sir Paul:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDxfjUEBT9I>

This month’s block is shamelessly borrowed from the South Florida Modern Quilt Guild, where we also found the theme for this project. Thanks, Florida Moderns!

Your block will feature a bird motif. Using flying geese, you will create a block featuring “birds”. Your geese can be of any size. You may mix sizes of geese in your block. You may use a large “goose” with tiny piecing inside. Your geese may be lined up straight or travel in a sideways or in a diagonal on your 12 in or 18.5 inch block.

Here are a couple of tutorials on flying geese that might be helpful:

[How to Sew No Waste Flying Geese - no specialty ruler](#)

[Make a One Seam Flying Geese quilt with Jenny Doan of Missouri Star! \(Video Tutorial\)](#)



This site has a nice chart for different sizes of Flying Geese

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/flying-geese-cutting-chart-assembly-options-2821434>