A Dresden Quilt

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60x72" Quilt

- Beginner quilt pattern
- Fabric Calculations based on 42" wide fabric
- Strip = width of fabric or 42"
- Read through pattern before beginning
- 1/4" seam used throughout unless otherwise instructed
- This pattern is made much easier with use of the EZ Dresden Ruler

Fabric Requirements

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<td>(10) 1/4 yards + at least (20) 5&quot; square scraps for center circles</td>
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Cutting Instructions

**Foreground Fabric**
- From each 1/4 yard:
  - Cut (2) 3.5" strips
  - Subcut Strips into (20) Dresden blades
- Need (400) blades total

**Background Fabric**
- From each 1/2 yard:
  - Cut (2) 6.5" strips
  - Subcut Strips into (6) 6.5" squares per strip
- Need (120) squares total

**Binding**
- Cut (7) 2.5" strips

**How to Cut Dresdens** - Whether you are using a Dresden ruler or using the provided paper templates, cut a strip of fabric the height of the blade first. For example, 3.5" blades are needed, so cut a 3.5" strip of fabric, then cut blades from strip.

Alternate direction of ruler or template when cutting strips into blades. For example, the short end of ruler/template will face you, you'll cut, then the opposite end of ruler/template will face you, then cut.

Click here to watch a video tutorial of cutting Dresden blades.

**Helpful Tips:**
Before cutting fabrics, measure templates and make sure they are printing the correct size. If not, make sure printer settings are NOT set to “fit to page”. Be sure you are printing this page with settings set to “do not scale”. Some tablets do not give you this option.
**Assembly**

**Background**
1. Lay all background squares as shown on the right.

Repeat for (30) blocks. Each measures 12.5”.

**Click here to watch a video tutorial of how to make 4-patch units.**

**Dresden Plate**
1. There's a short end and a wider end on Dresden blades. Fold the wider end right sides together and sew 1/4” from edge (see diagram on right). Repeat for a total of 20 Dresden blades in both A and B fabrics.

2. Turn blades right sides out and press. You’ll want to make sure the seam on the back of blade is centered and that you’ve pushed the point out.

There should be 20 Dresden blades in two different fabrics that look like the image on the right.

**Click here to watch a video tutorial of how to make Dresden plates.**

**Helpful Tip:**
When topstitching, I like to use Microquilter thread in silver (you might need to swap to a #70 needle). The thread is 100 weight, very thin, and not too noticeable. I like using a silver thread because it has a way of blending in with all the colors making it perfect for sewing on multicolored fabrics or patchwork without standing out.

You will only have 20 Dresden plates to sew onto the background blocks. The other 10 blocks will be left as they are.
Centers - Centers of Dresden plates are appliques. You can use raw edge or traditional applique methods to add a center to your Dresden plate.

You can use the template included in this pattern, or use things around your house like a bowl or an embroidery hoop.

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Click here to watch a video about raw edge Dresden centers.

Click here to watch a video of aluminum foil applique for a finished look.

Click here to watch a video of the hand embroidery method.

Click here to watch a video tutorial of how to make double pointed Dresden plate.

Quilt Layout

1. Lay blocks 5 across and 6 down as shown in the next column. Sew each row. Press seams in alternating directions.

2. Matching seams, sew rows together. Press as shown in next column.

Finishing

1. Make backing. The backing should be the same size as the batting (see page 1).

2. Baste quilt using preferred method. For a wall basting method, visit this page for a video tutorial.

3. Quilt as desired. For video tutorials, visit this page.

4. Make binding and bind quilt. For a video tutorial, visit this page.

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