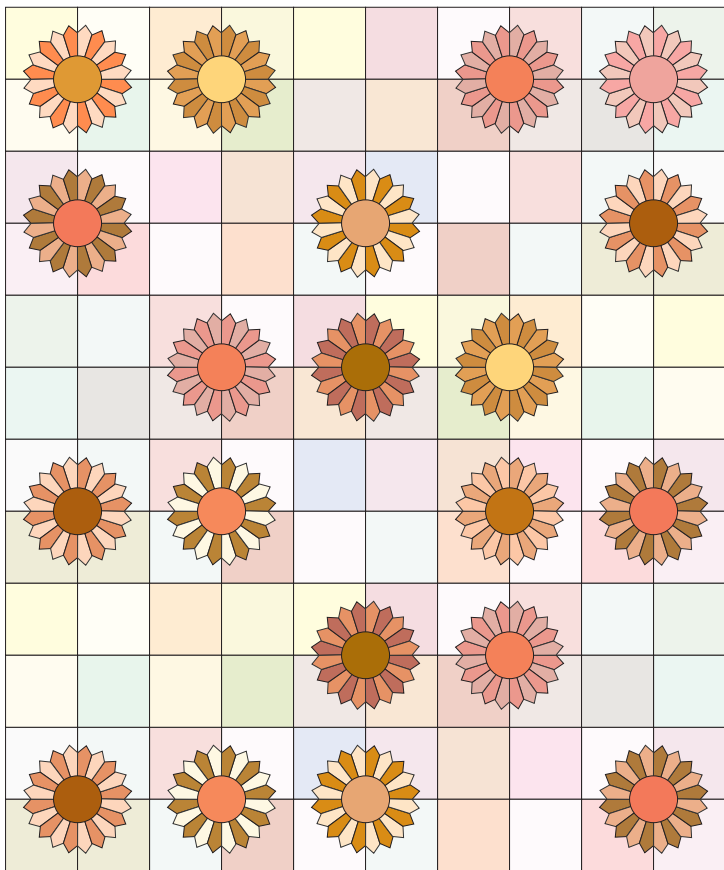


# A DRESDEN QUILT

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60"x72"

## Fabric Requirements

<b>Foreground</b>	(10) ¼ yards + (20) 4-5" scraps for Dresden centers
<b>Background</b>	(10) ½ yards of low volume
<b>Backing</b>	4¾ yards
<b>Batting</b>	66"x78"
<b>Binding</b>	½ yard

- Beginner quilt pattern.
- Fabric calculations based on 42" wide fabric.
- Strip = width of fabric or 42" for yardage, 22" for fat quarter.
- Read through pattern before beginning.
- ¼" seam used throughout unless otherwise instructed.
- This pattern is made much easier with use of the [EZ Dresden Ruler](#) and [circle rulers](#), but templates are provided on page 2 if needed.
- [Heat n Bond adhesive](#) is required for Dresden centers.

## Cutting Instructions

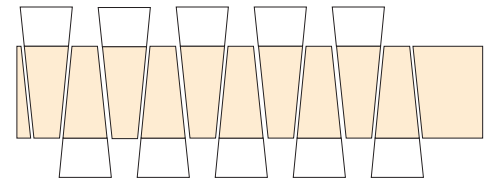
•WOF (width of fabric) = 42"

<b>Foreground</b>	<b>From each ¼ yard: Cut (2) 3½" WOF strips</b> - Subcut each strip into (20) Dresden blades <b>Need (400) blades total</b>
<b>Background</b>	<b>From each ½ yard: Cut (2) 6½" WOF strips</b> - Subcut each strip into (6) 6½" squares <b>Need (120) squares total</b>
<b>Binding</b>	<b>Cut (7) 2½" WOF strips</b>

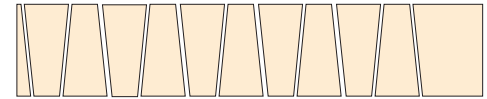
# How to cut Dresden Blades

Whether you are using a Dresden ruler or the provided paper template, cut a width of fabric strip the height of the blade first. Example, if  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " blades are needed, cut a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strip of fabric, then cut (20)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " blades. If cutting from a 42" wide fabric, you should be able to get (20)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " blades from the strip.

Alternate the direction of the ruler or template when cutting strips into blades. For example, begin with the short end of the ruler/template facing you, cut, then flip the ruler/template so the wide end faces you, then cut again. Repeat.



↑ shown using a ruler



↑ shown using a template

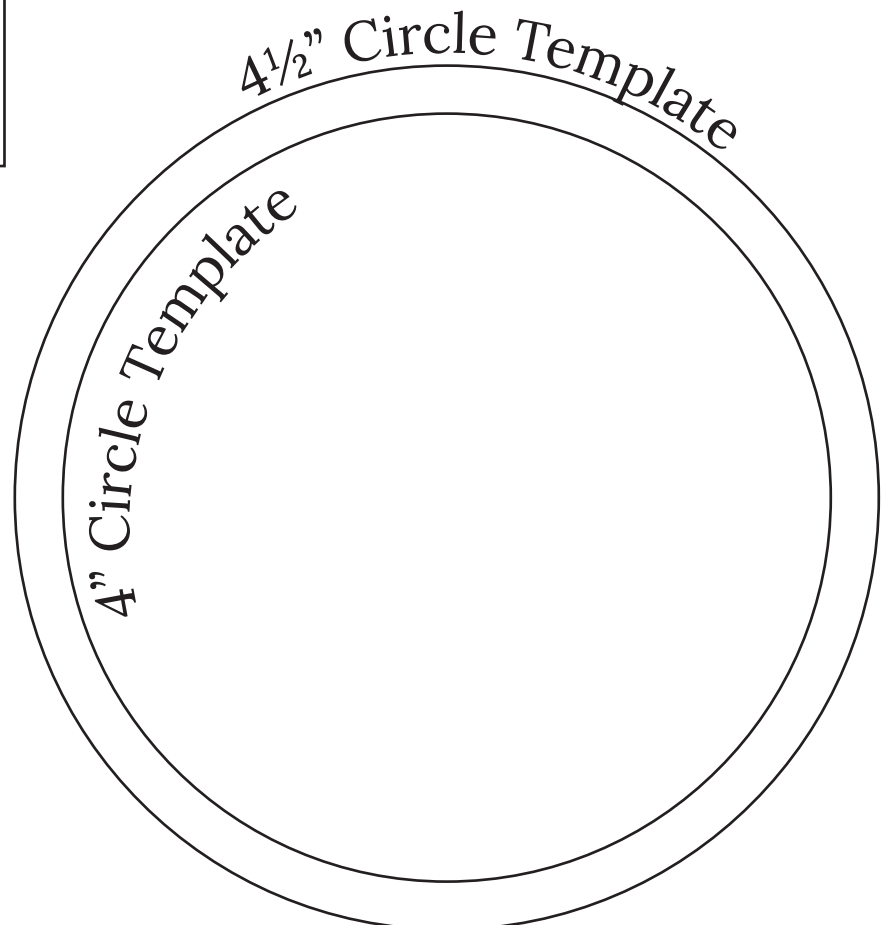
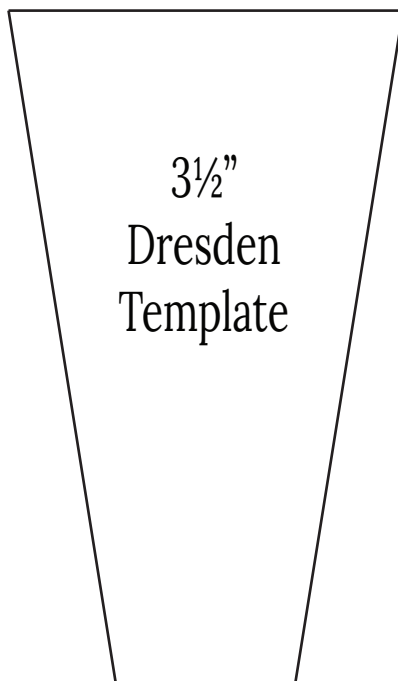
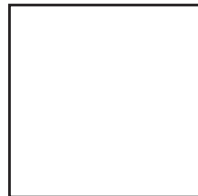
[Click here to watch a video tutorial of cutting Dresden blades.](#)

## Templates

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. A 1" box is provided below for you to check measurements prior to cutting.

All Dresden plates in this pattern need at least a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " center, but feel free to go bigger if you prefer. Trace the circle onto cereal box, then cut from box and use as template.

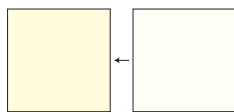
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This box should measure 1"



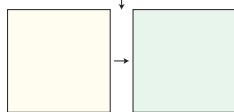
# Block Assembly

## Background

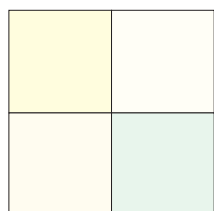
1. Using 6½" background squares, lay out squares as shown on the right.



2. Sew each row. Press seams in alternating directions.



3. Nesting seams, sew the rows together. Press the seam open.

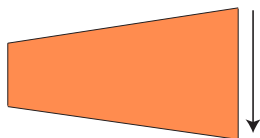


Repeat for a total of (30) blocks. Each block will measure 12½".

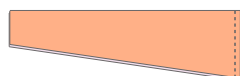
[Click here to watch a 4-patch unit video tutorial.](#)

## Dresden Plates

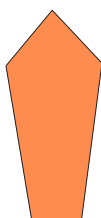
1. Find the wide end of the Dresden blade and fold over with right sides together. Sew ¼" from the edge. Repeat for all (400) Dresden blades.



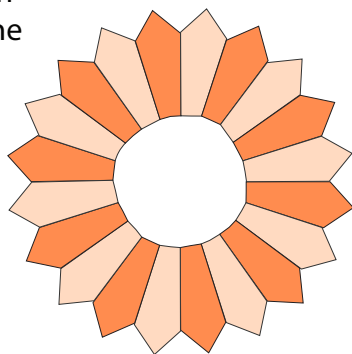
Chain piecing these is a huge timesaver!



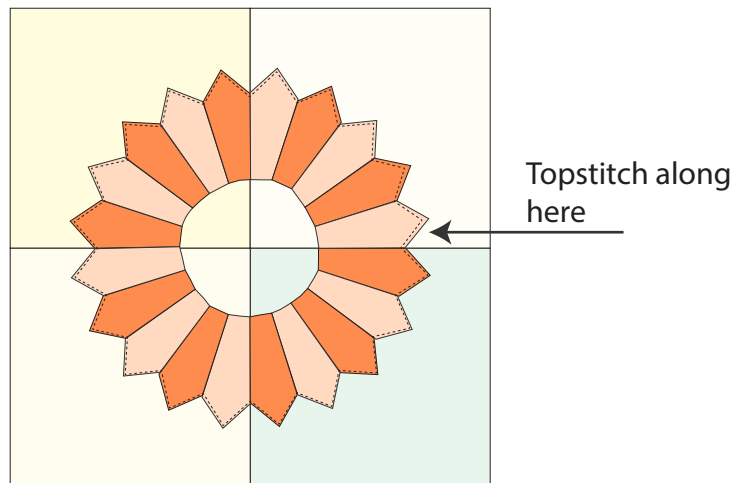
2. Turn all blades right sides out and press. Make sure the seam on the back of each blade is centered and the point is pushed out.



3. Sew (20) blades right sides together, alternating between two colors. Press seams to one side.



- 4. Center Dresden plate on a background 4-patch block and pin in place. Topstitch around pointed edges.



Repeat for a total of (20) Dresden plate blocks. You will still have (10) background blocks without a Dresden plate.

## 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.

# Applique Centers

Centers of Dresden plates applique; use raw edge use raw edge or traditional applique methods to add the center to your Dresden plate.

Use the template included in this pattern, or use household items as a template, such as a bowl or an embroidery hoop.

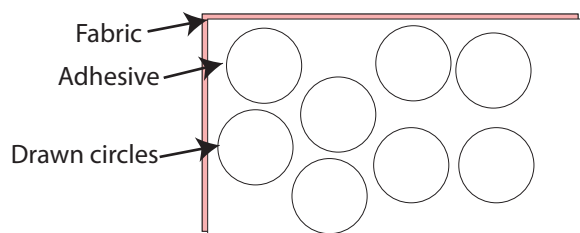
Make sure the scrap fabric circle is bigger than the center of the Dresden.

There are many different ways to applique; the instructions below use Heat N Bond adhesive to create an easy raw edge applique. Alternative methods for creating Dresden plate centers and video tutorials for each method are linked in the boxes to the right.

## Raw Edge Heat n Bond Method

1. Place scrap or larger piece of fabric on top of Heat n Bond adhesive. **The rough side of the adhesive should be on the wrong side of your fabric.** Press with an iron until fabric and adhesive are one.

2. If you are using a circle template, trace circle shapes on the back side (the paper side) of the adhesive, and then cut out the Dresden center using fabric scissors.



If you are fussy cutting from the fabric or not using a circle shape, skip the template and tracing, and cut out your Dresden center using fabric scissors.

3. Peel off the paper backing from the Dresden center, place in the center of the Dresden plate and press well with an iron.

4. Topstitch around the edges of the Dresden center to secure in place.

## Helpful Tip:

The sticky adhesive makes the Dresden center mostly secure, but it is still temporary. I prefer to incorporate top stitching as part of the quilting process, after basting.

Do not wash or handle roughly until the Dresden centers have been secured permanently with thread.

[Click here to watch a video about raw edge Dresden centers.](#)

[Click here to watch a video about turned under Dresden centers.](#)

[Click here to watch a video tutorial on hand applique.](#)

[Click here to watch a video of the hand embroidery method.](#)

[Click here to watch a video tutorial of how to make a double pointed Dresden plate.](#)

# Quilt Layout

1. Lay blocks 5 across and 6 down as shown in the diagram on the right. Sew each row. Press seams in alternating directions as shown with arrows.

2. Nest seams and sew rows together. Press in either direction.

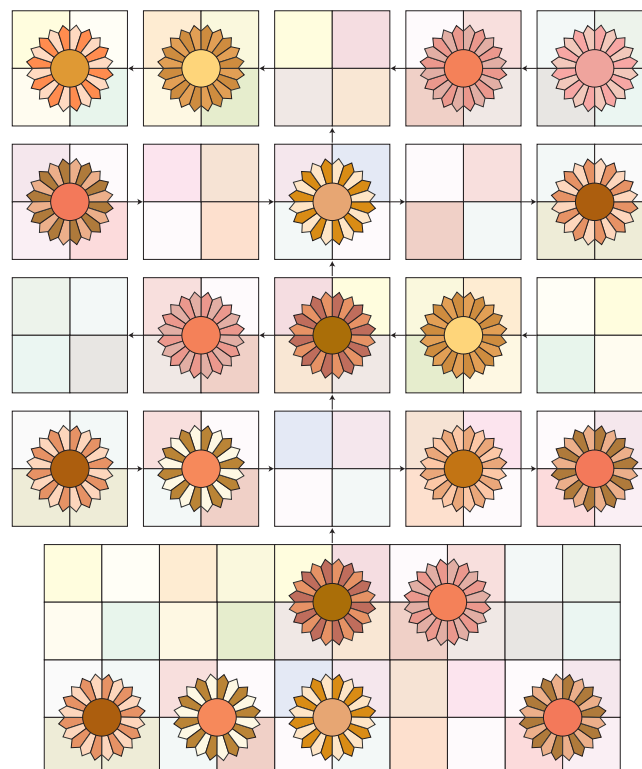
# Finishing

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

2. Baste the 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 the binding and bind the quilt. For video tutorials on binding, [visit this page](#)



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