



The Craftsy Block of the Month

with Amy Gibson

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Patterns

Traditional Dresden Plate Block Pattern

Block No. 13 – July



Materials

- 20 scraps, at least 3" x 4½" (6.5 cm x 10 cm) - may be any variety of prints
- 12½" (32 cm) x WOF of background fabric
- Darlene Zimmerman's Easy Dresden tool, available wherever quilt notions are sold (optional)
- Template plastic – if not using Easy Dresden tool. A piece of cereal box cardboard works too!

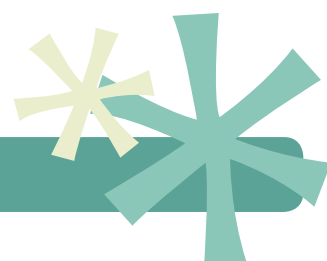
To Create Your Template: (if not using Easy Dresden tool)

- Print the Dresden plate template on page 6 and cut it out with non-fabric scissors
- Trace around printed paper template onto template plastic or cardboard and cut it out with non-fabric scissors or a craft/utility blade

Cutting

- Cut two 12¾" (32.5 cm) squares from background fabric
- Using the circle template, pencil trace and cut out two 4" (10 cm) circles from your background fabric
- Using either the template or the tool, and the smallest rotary cutter you have, cut out 20 blades (If you are using the Easy Dresden tool, align the edge of your fabric with the 4" (10 cm) marking, mark and cut around the remaining three sides)

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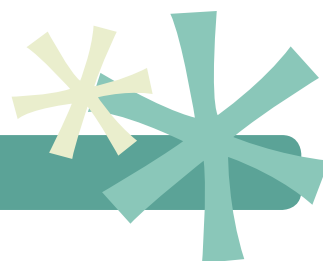
Construction

1. Fold a blade in half, lengthwise, right sides together, making sure the corners of the wider end are aligned. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam along this end (perpendicular to the fold) feeding the raw edges in first (fold toward you).
2. Chain piece all 20 blades in this fashion. Clip threads to separate blades.
3. Trim seam allowance to $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm) at the corner fold to reduce bulk, and turn the blade right side out. Use a knitting needle or scissors to gently push the point out.
4. Starch and press all 20 blades.
5. Next to your sewing machine, lay out the blades in a circle in the order you would like for your finished block.
6. Stitch two adjacent blades together along one of the long sides, right sides together, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam.
7. Continue adding blades in this fashion as shown in the video, going all the way around the circle. Once all of your blades have been sewn together, sew the first and last blades together, right sides together, to complete the circle.
8. Press all seam allowances in the same direction. Starch and press the entire circle. Trim excess threads
9. Center the Dresden plate ring on the background square and pin it in place.

Tip: To find the center of the background square, fold in quarters, and finger press or iron the center point.

10. Appliqué the Dresden plate ring to the background square using your method of choice. Consider a blind stitch by hand, or a zigzag or straight stitch by machine if you prefer a faster option.
11. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam, with the right sides together stitch the two 4" (10 cm) background fabric circles together around the entire outside edge.
12. Clip approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm) into the seam allowances around the seam circles as shown. Now pull the two layers of fabric apart and make a 2" (5 cm) cut in the center of one circle with scissors.
13. Turn the piece right side out through the slit and press.
14. Pin this circle over the open center of the Dresden plate and appliqué in place.
15. Press the entire block and trim to a $12\frac{1}{2}$ " (32 cm) square.

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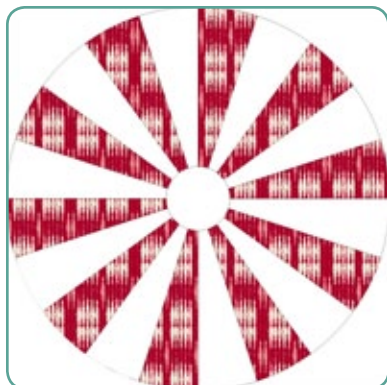
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Modern Dresden Wheel Block Pattern

Block No. 14 — July



Materials

- One fat quarter of print fabric or 10 scraps, each at least 2½" x 5" (6.5 cm x 12.5 cm)
- 12¾" (32.5 cm) x WOF of background fabric
- Darlene Zimmerman's Easy Dresden tool, available wherever quilt notions are sold (optional)
- Template plastic – if not using Easy Dresden tool. A piece of cereal box cardboard works too!

To Create Your Template: (if not using Easy Dresden tool)

- Print the Dresden plate template on page 6 and cut it out with non-fabric scissors
- Trace around printed paper template onto template plastic or cardboard and cut it out with non-fabric scissors or a craft/utility blade

Cutting

- Cut two 12¾" (32.5 cm) squares from background fabric
- Using either the template or the tool, and the smallest rotary cutter you have, cut out 10 blades from print fabric, and 10 blades from background fabric – 20 blades total. If you are using the Easy Dresden tool, align the edge of your fabric with the 4½" (11.5 cm) marking, and cut around the remaining three sides.
- Using the circle template, pencil trace and cut out two 4" (10 cm) circles from your background fabric.

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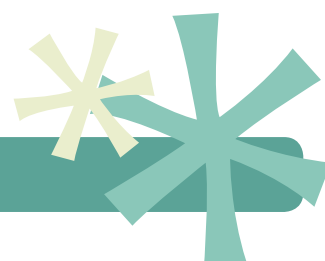
Modern Dresden Wheel Block Pattern

Construction

1. Place a printed blade and a background blade right sides together, and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) along one of the long sides.
2. Continue adding blades and stitching, alternating colors every other blade, until all 20 blades have been stitched together.
3. Sew the first and last blades together, right sides together, to complete the circle.
4. Press all seam allowances in a clockwise direction. Starch and press the wheel.
5. Center the wheel onto one of the $12\frac{3}{4}$ " (32.5 cm) background squares, right sides together, and pin.
6. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) around the entire outer edge of the wheel.
7. Trim the excess background fabric to the wheel's $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam allowance.
8. Turn the entire piece right side out, through the hole in the center of the wheel, and press.
9. Center the Dresden wheel on the remaining background square and pin.
10. Appliqué the Dresden wheel to the background square around the edge using your method of choice. Consider a blind stitch by hand, or a zigzag or straight stitch by machine if you prefer a faster, more modern option.
11. Stitch the two 4" (10 cm) background fabric circles together, right sides together in a $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam around the entire outside edge.
12. Clip around the seam allowance in intervals around the circle. Now pull the two layers of fabric apart and make a 2" (5 cm) slit in the center of one of the circles.
13. Turn the piece right side out and press.
14. Pin this to the center of the Dresden wheel and stitch in place using your preferred appliqué method.
15. Square the block to $12\frac{1}{2}$ " (32 cm).

Tip: You may also use a bowl or dish that measures approximately 4" (10 cm) in diameter to trace around for the smaller inner circles. This is often a more convenient option when printed templates aren't available.

End





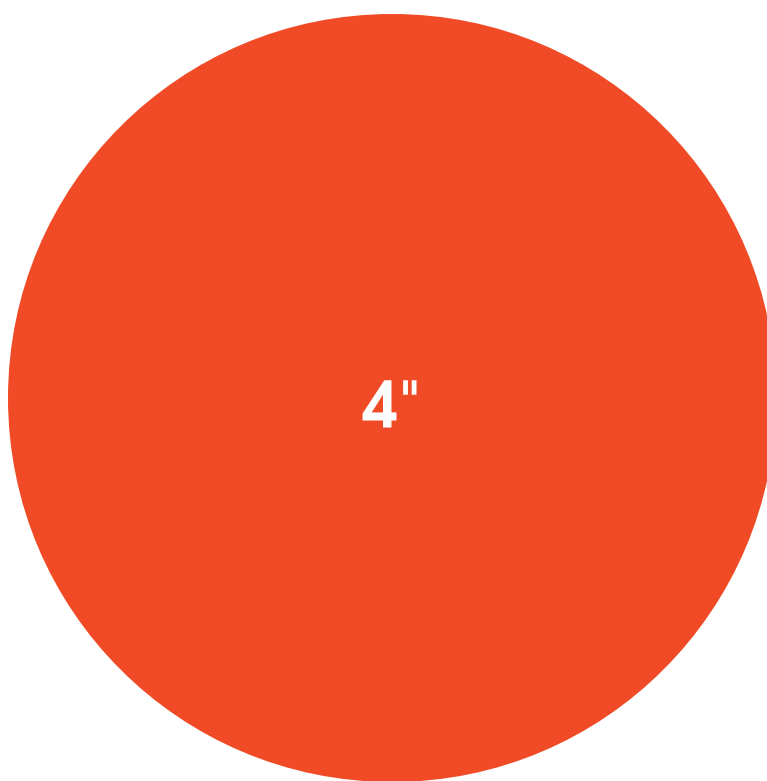
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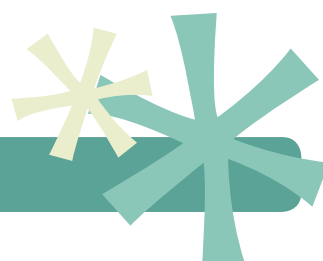


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