

Sew Easy Dresden Quilt

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A beginner friendly project showcasing Dresden Plate blocks. (Finished size 31½" square)

You need:

- One 100 x 115cm grey fabric; background & border
- Four 4" x Width Of Fabric: Dresden Plates
- 15" x WOF striped fabric: centres & binding
- 10" x WOF fabric: sashing
- 34" square wadding (Hobbs Heirloom Premium HL72)
- 34" square backing
- 12" square fusible webbing i.e. Bondaweb or similar
- Sew Easy Dresden ruler (NL4159)
- Sew Easy Circle Templates (ERGG06 PNK)
- Thread for piecing and quilting

Cut: ¼" S/A included in all measurements

From Grey fabric:

Four 12½" squares: One 1½" square: Two 2½ x 27½" strips:
Two 2½ x 31½" strips

From striped fabric cut: Four 2½ x 31½" strips

From sashing fabric cut: Four 1½ x 12½" strips: Two 1½ x 25½" strips: Two 1½ x 27½" strips

From each of the four 4" fabric strips cut: Twenty wedges (Eighty wedges are needed in total)



To cut wedges: Line up end of ruler with bottom of fabric strip. Line up 4" mark on the ruler with top of fabric strip. Cut down each side. Rotate the ruler and make the next cut. Continue in this manner until all wedges have been cut.

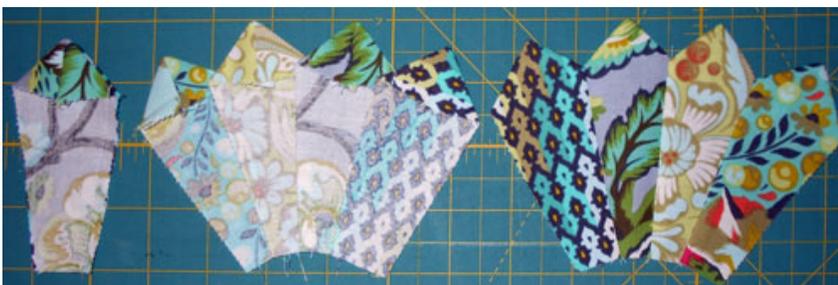
Stitch one Dresden Plate block

1. Take twenty wedges and fold each wedge R/S together. Using ¼" S/A, stitch across the wide end of each wedge. At the inner edge reverse a couple of stitches. Clip the inner corner.

2. Turn inside out and press seam so that it sits in the middle of the wedge.



3. Stitch the wedges together in the same order (four fabrics repeated five times).





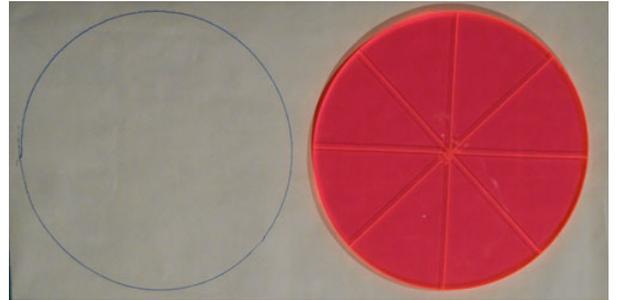
4. When all 20 wedges are joined and before stitching the final seam, press all seams in one direction. Check that the plate will lie flat and then stitch the final seam joining all wedges.

5. Lay completed Dresden Plate on to a background square. Pin in place, making sure that the plate is centred on the background square.

6. Using a straight stitch and matching thread, stitch the outer edge in place, $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the folded edge.

7. Using Sew Easy 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter circle template, trace a circle on to the fusible webbing.

8. Cut and iron to this circle to reverse of striped fabric, then cut and bond to the centre of Dresden Plate.



9. Using a zigzag stitch, carefully appliqué around outer edge of the circle.

10. Follow Stages 1 - 9 and make three more Dresden Plate blocks.

Add sashing and borders:

1. Lay out blocks so that there are two blocks across and two down. Stitch one $1\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strip between each pair of blocks. Press seams towards blocks.

2. Stitch the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " Grey square in between remaining two sashing strips. Press seams towards Grey square. Stitch this strip between the two pairs of blocks. Press seams towards blocks.

3. Stitch one $1\frac{1}{2} \times 25\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strip to top and bottom of quilt.

4. Stitch one $1\frac{1}{2} \times 27\frac{1}{2}$ " sashing strip to the sides of the quilt. Press seams away from the centre.

5. Stitch one $2\frac{1}{2} \times 27\frac{1}{2}$ " Grey fabric strip to the top and to the bottom of quilt. Stitch one $2\frac{1}{2} \times 31\frac{1}{2}$ " Grey fabric strip to the sides of the quilt. Press all seams away from the centre.

Finish the quilt

1. To get quilt ready for quilting, place backing fabric wrong side up on a clean surface, followed by the wadding and then the quilt top, centrally and right side up. Secure the quilt sandwich with quilter's pins placed at regular intervals.





2. Machine quilt in the ditch around each centre circle, around the edge of each block and around the outer edge of the sashing.
3. To bind the quilt, trim excess backing and wadding level with the quilt top edges. Fold the binding strips in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press.
4. Match raw edges of the binding to the raw edges of the quilt and sew in place.
5. Stitch binding strips to sides of the quilt first followed by the top and bottom strips.
6. Fold the binding over to the back of the quilt and neatly slip stitch in place by hand.



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