

# October 2015 Block of the Month

## Dresden Plate



The Dresden Plate is a pieced unit that is then appliquéd onto your background fabric. The pieces are called blades or petals. An excellent use for small scraps! Your plates can be pointed, curved or straight. One interesting variation is to cut your blade pieces from a pieced unit of 2, 3 or more fabrics! Blades can be cut from a specialty ruler, template, or you can even create your own template!

Depending your block size depends on the size of your blades. See the chart below for sizes. *All measurements are in inches.* Wedge size indicates the height of your unfinished blades.

WEDGE SIZE	FINISHED PLATE	SUGGESTED BLOCK SIZE
2	6.5	8
2.5	7.5	9
3	8.5	10
3.5	9.5	11
4	10.5	12
4.5	11.5	13
5	12.5	14
5.5	13.5	15
6	14.5	16
6.5	15.5	17
7	16.5	18
7.5	17.5	19
8	18.5	20

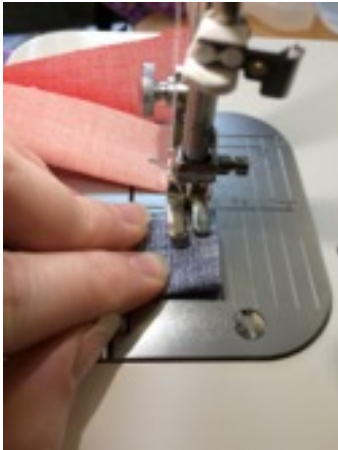
### Cutting instructions

To make the pictured block, use the template provided (or your preferred way) to cut 20 blades from your fabrics. We're using blades that are 4 inches tall. Download our template at [www.ipscork.com/demonstrationresources](http://www.ipscork.com/demonstrationresources)

From your background fabric cut a 12.5 x 12.5 inch square.

Two pieces of fabric you intend to use for the circle, at least 5 inches square.

## Constructing your blocks



1. Fold your blade in half with right side of fabrics together and sew the larger side with a 1/4 inch seam. Repeat to all 20 blades.



2. Trim the corner of the fabric closest to the folded side.



3. Using a point turner, turn your blades right side out and press your seam open. Do your best to keep your seam in the centre of the blade.

4. Arrange your blades in a pleasing arrangement.

5. Begin sewing your blades together by starting a few mm down from the edge of your blade. Backstitch to top of blade, and stitch forward as usual.



IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO LINE UP THE TOP OF THE BLADES. Don't worry if the bottom edge is even, this will be covered by the circle.

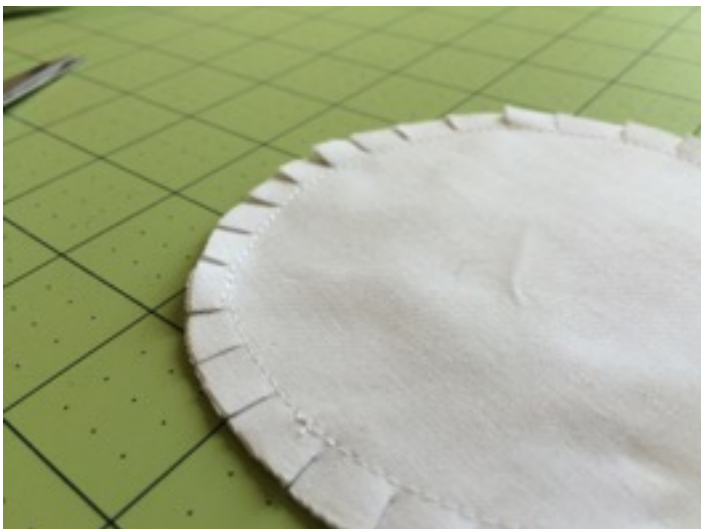


6. Sew your blades in pairs, then sew your pairs in groups of 4. Then sew your groups of 4 all together. Be sure to press your seams all in one direction or open.

7. Prepare your appliqué circle by finding something circular in the size you need to cover the centre of your Dresden plate. Layer your two pieces of fabric together and trace your object. I used my magnetic pin cushion.



8. Cut out on your traced line and sew 1/4 inch in from the edge.



9. Clip your curves.



10. Carefully separate the layers of the circle and clip a hole big enough to turn your circle to the right side out. Turn right side out. Press.



11. Pin your circle to your Dresden Plate and sew close to the folded edge using the stitch you prefer. (Blanket stitch, straight stitch or hand appliqué are a few options)

12. Take your 12.5 inch background square and fold in half each way and finger press the fold. This is to give you a grid to place your Dresden Plate.





13. Pin your Plate onto the background square lining up the blade seams with your background square. I put my pins in such a way so I didn't have to remove them while sewing.

14. Appliqué your Dresden Plate using your stitch of choice—blanket stitch, straight stitch or hand appliqué are a few choices. You're done!



Be sure to check out Pinterest site for inspiration! If you have any questions, please email us at [corkips@gmail.com](mailto:corkips@gmail.com)!