

## Creative Dresden Plates – July 2025

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Bring your creativity in color, fabric, Dresden shape and design your own stylized Dresden plates to create a wall hanging, table runner/topper or pillow. We will be taking the old-fashioned Dresden Plate and kick it up a notch. You will learn how to make double-pointed Dresden wedges and pieced wedges then applique them to a background. Double-pointed wedges do not require that little circle applique button in the middle of the plate to hide the raw edges.

Using an 18-degree template/ruler you will need 20 wedges for a full plate, 15 wedges for a  $\frac{3}{4}$  plate, 10 wedges for a  $\frac{1}{2}$  plate or 5 wedges for a  $\frac{1}{4}$  plate. You will be able to create a beautiful project with layer cakes, fat quarters and/or yardage. In order to get multiple sized plates, you will need a variety of strips.

### **Skill level:**

We will be creating using the basic Dresden process so even a beginner can do it. Skill level of the participants is intermediate. It requires accurate cutting and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams.



## Requirements/Supply List

### Fabrics:

- Approximately 1-yard background fabric, size to match the type of project you want to make. (this can also be pieced in in various whites, creams or greys to compliment your plates)
- Multiple coordinating fabrics (recommend a variety of colors. using half-yard collections or fat quarters). You may also might want to make your project totally scrappy. If your project will be scrappy, you will need scraps of at least 3" wide for a 5" tall wedge. Keep in mind that a plate made with an 18-degree ruler requires 20 wedges.  
As an example, 20-6" wedges make a 14" plate; a 40" WOF cut in 6" strip produces 21 wedges (1 plate)  
Basically bring plenty of fabric because you will change your mind as we progress through the class
- At least ½ yard light fusible interfacing to stabilize the center button and rounded edges
- Sufficient batting and binding for the size project you are making

### Supplies and Tools:

- 18-degree Dresden ruler
- Your favorite ruler to mark your background and cut strips of fabric (6"x24")
- A good working sewing machine with ¼" foot and new needle
- Sharp rotary cutter
- Thread for piecing
- Thread for applique (monofilament top thread for topstitching is recommended unless you will be using decorative stitches for applique)
- Hand needles for applique (if doing hand applique)
- Pins
- Erasable marking pen or chalk
- Spray starch (accurate cutting ensures that your plates fit)
- Purple Thang (optional) or some other tool that will help you make sharp points
- Rotating cutting mat (optional)
- Any other standard sewing supplies