

4. Cunningham – Dresden Plate Class – Supply List

In this technique class, we will be making Dresden Plate blocks. Each block consists of 20 blades or petals, a center circle and background square. Once the blocks are constructed, you appliqué them to background squares using your preferred appliqué method, either by hand or machine. The class sample is made up of 12 Dresden Plate blocks and was hand appliquéd.

This very traditional, yet versatile block can be made in any number of fabrics—batiks, Christmas, 1930's reproductions, or modern fabrics. You can use a light or dark background.

It is very important that you are able to sew an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam for this project.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE BLOCK

14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square for background

5 inch square for block center

5 inch strips of fabric for blades. Scraps work well, you need 20 pieces at least 5" by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". You can also use 10 charm squares; you will get 2 blades from each charm.

TOOLS

REQUIRED: Easy Dresden Ruler and Pointer and Creaser Tool by Darlene Zimmerman (available from Log Cabin Fabrics)

Sewing machine in good working order and set to sew an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam

Scissors, pins, seam ripper, piecing thread

To hand applique the blocks and circles, you will need 50 weight or higher thread, cotton or polyester, to blend with your fabrics, and milliners, straw or appliqué needles.

CUTTING BEFORE CLASS

PLEASE PRE-cut your background fabric into 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ squares. All other cutting will be done in class.