

## April Block of the Month- Dresden Plate

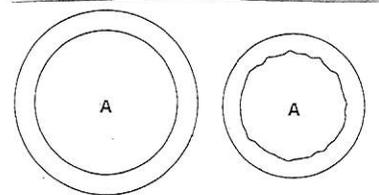
Templates A and B on back side

Cut 1 6 ½ inch square block from background fabric

Cut 12 – 3 inch squares in assorted colors for the Dresden unit applique.

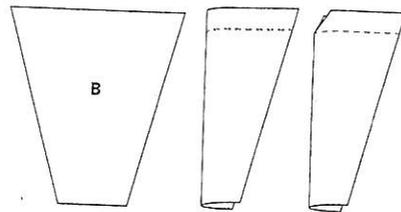
Cut 1 – 3 inch square to be used for center circle applique in Dresden Unit

Center Circle Applique- The freezer paper method was used for the A circle applique. Layer freezer paper, shiny side down, over Pattern A. Use a pencil to trace pattern once. Cut out freezer paper A circle on drawn line. Center freezer paper A template with shiny side up on wrong side of fabric A circle. Using tip of hot dry iron, press fabric seam allowance ¼ " over edge of freezer paper, ensuring fabric is taut against template. Let cool, remove freezer paper to make center circle applique. You may want to cut circle template bigger and check to see that it fits the center of the Dresden unit .

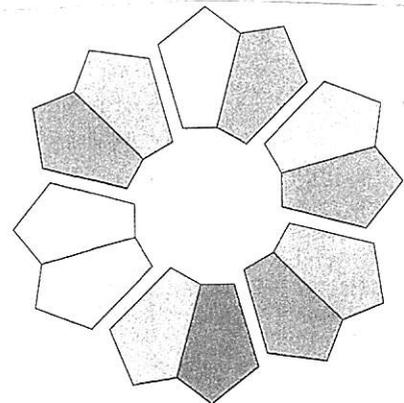


You can also use the yo-yo method or a plain circle for the center circle or a big button.

Dresden Unit Applique- Trace template B on a folder or piece of template plastic. Then trace template B on fabric and cut it out. Fold a fabric B piece in half with right side inside and long edges aligned; finger press fold. Stitch about ¼" from wide edge. Trim away a small triangle at folded corner to reduce bulk. Turn the unit right side out. Place unit right side down on a pressing surface. Using crease to center the point, press point flat and seam open to make a wedge. Repeat to remaining B pieces to make 12 wedges total.



Lay out wedges in six pairs. Referring to diagram.

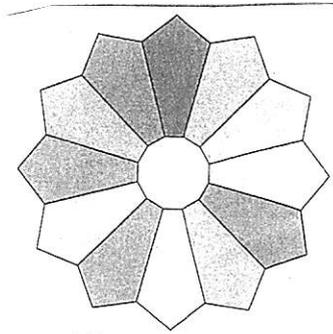


Sew together wedges in pairs and press seams open. Join pairs to make a Dresden Unit Applique. Press seams open. The center hole will be covered in the next step.

Assemble 6 ½' block.

Fold 6 ½ inch block in half horizontally and vertically. Center the Dresden Unit and center circle appliques atop the block and pin.

Using desired applique method stitch Dresden unit and center circle appliques on top the 6 1/2' block.  
One can use a straight stitch or zigzag or buttonhole stitch or a fancy stitch on your machine.



Templates A and B

