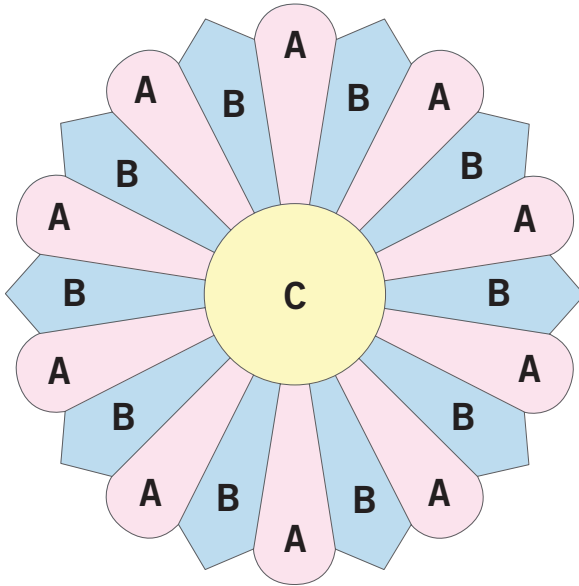




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Fabric Cutting Tips for a 3-color, 12" finished circle Dresden Plate block:

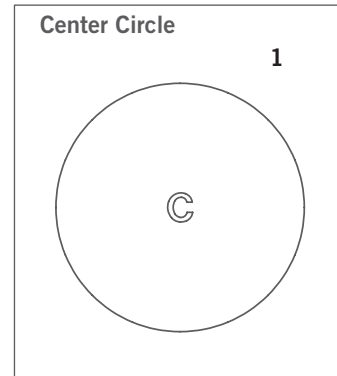
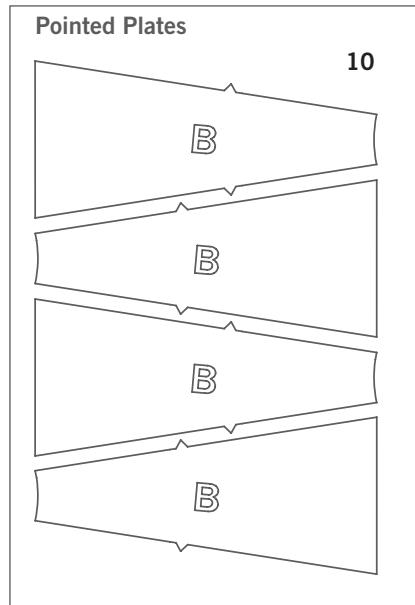
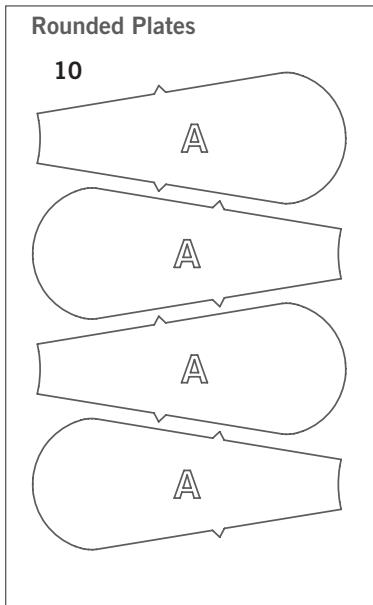


Place fabric over shapes then run through the cutter:

For best cutting results, position fabric on the lengthwise grain (straight of grain) as it goes under the roller.

- **Pointed Plates:** Cut a 6" strip across the width of fabric. Fanfold into 8¾" widths. Place on selected blade and cut. Cut 16 pointed plates across the width of fabric. One yard of 40" wide fabric cuts 96 pointed plates.
- **Rounded Plates:** Cut a 6" strip across the width of fabric. Fanfold into 8¾" widths. Place on selected blade and cut. Cut 16 rounded plates across the width of fabric. One yard of 40" wide fabric cuts 96 rounded plates.
- **4" Circles:** Cut a 4½" strip across the width of fabric. Fanfold into 9" widths. Place on selected blade and cut. Cut eight circles across the width of fabric. One yard of 40" wide fabric cuts 64 circles.

Shapes needed for 12" finished Dresden Plate

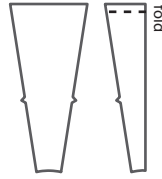




How to Sew Dresden Plates:

Pointed Plates:

1. Fold one pointed plate in half right sides together. Pin and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam across folded end as shown, reinforcing stitching at both ends of seam. Trim corner at fold.
2. Lightly press fold (wrong sides together).
3. Press open seam allowance with tip of iron.
4. Turn point right side out with point turner tool or blunt knitting needle. Press so seam allowance is in line with lightly pressed foldline.
5. Sew pointed plates together with scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. *Tip: Start sewing about $\frac{3}{8}$ " from folded tip end of seam. Sew toward tip end in reverse, then sew forward to complete seam. This keeps the thread ends hidden on the back of the pieced work.*
6. Press seams in one direction around the circle or quarter circle of plates.
7. Position pieced plates on background. Pin or baste.
8. Hand or machine appliqué around tips to secure. Narrow zigzag or blind hem stitch are good stitches to use for machine appliqué.
9. Appliqué prepared circle over raw edges of plates in center of plate.



Rounded Plates:

1. Hand or machine baste around the top plate portion of the shape from straight seam allowance on the side.
2. Pull the thread slightly and the appliqué piece will cup the seam allowance into the wrong side.
3. Using tip of iron, carefully press the seam allowance to the wrong side. Keep curve as round as possible.
4. Turn fabric over and press from right side.
5. Repeat for remaining rounded plates.
6. Pull out the basting thread.
7. Position plates on background.
8. Hand or machine appliqué around the rounded plates to secure. Narrow zigzag blind hem stitches are good stitches to use for machine appliqué.
9. Appliqué prepared circle over raw edges of plates in center of plate.



Alternating Pointed and Rounded Plates:

1. Make pointed plates as described above.
2. Sew pointed plates between rounded plates, reinforcing stitching as described in Pointed Plates-Step 5. Press seams toward pointed plates.
3. Spray starch on wrong side of one rounded plate end. Insert trimmed plate template and press seam allowance over template. The pressed sides of rounded plates should meet the sides of the pointed plates.
4. Repeat for remaining rounded plates.
5. Position pieced plates on background.
6. Hand or machine appliqué around plates to secure. Narrow zigzag or blind hem stitch are good stitches to use for machine appliqué.
7. Appliqué prepared circle over raw edges of plates in center of plate.

Full Circles:

Method #1

1. Hand or machine baste around edge of fabric circle within scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
2. Place basted circle wrong side up on pressing surface.
3. Center circle template on fabric. Pull up basting thread to gather edges of circle. Press.
4. Turn circle over and press from right side. Remove template.

Method #2

1. Cut two circles from fabric.
2. Sew right sides together with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Clip curves or trim with pinking shears.
3. Snip a slit in center of one circle. Turn right side out through slit. Press.

Appliqué Circle on Full Dresden Plate:

1. Position prepared circle on center of pieced Dresden Plate covering raw edges of plates. Pin or baste.
2. Hand or machine appliqué in place with matching thread. Narrow zigzag or blind hem stitch are good stitches to use for machine appliqué.

Quarter Circles for Grandmother's Fan and other Fan Blocks:

1. Follow your preferred method to prepare full circles for appliqué.
2. Press circle in half, keeping grainline of fabric along pressed line. Press half circle in half again.
3. Open up circle.
4. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond pressed reference lines for one quarter circle appliqué with seam allowances.



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Dresden Plates Quilt Block Coloring Page

Print out and color as desired to test out different color and fabric combinations.

