Dresden Plate November BOM Color Wheel Theory: Multi Colored



Materials:

- 20 scraps, 3" x 4" (Primary, Secondary and 6 tertiary tone on tones)
- 5" square of Fussy Cut Print for Center Circle
- 5" square of fusible interfacing
- 13"" square white solid



Templates:

Dresden Blade: Make your own template as illustrated below. The top of the wedge measures 2 ¹/₄" and the bottom is 1", the blade is 4" in length. I used a piece of cardboard.



Circle: Print circle template provided, make sure you print using actual size setting.

Cutting:

- cut out 20 blades, grouping colors to your liking. Place your template onto each 3" X 4" rectangle, mark the angle then cut using rotary cutter. If you have the **Easy Dresden Ruler** you can go ahead and cut each side without marking first.

Dresden Plate Block Pattern Construction:

1. Fold a blade in half, lengthwise, right sides together, making sure the corners of the wider end are aligned. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam along this end (perpendicular to the fold) feeding the raw edges in first (fold toward you).



2. Chain piece all 20 blades in this fashion. Clip threads to separate blades. Trim seam allowance to 1/8" (3 mm) **at the corner fold only** to reduce bulk, and turn the blade right side out. Use a point turner to gently push the point out. Starch and press all 20 blades so that the seam aligns with the original fold line.



3. Next to your sewing machine, lay out the blades in a circle in the order **you would like** for your finished block. I laid mine out in the color wheel order. Stitch two adjacent blades together along one of the long sides, right sides together, using a ¼" (6 mm) seam. Continue sewing together in groups until all the blades are sewn together and your circle is complete. Press seams open, starch and press the entire circle. Trim excess threads. Center the Dresden plate ring on the 13" background square and pin or glue baste it into place. Tip: To find the center of the background square, fold in quarters, and finger press or iron the center point. Appliqué the Dresden plate ring along the outside edge to the background square, I used a machine straight stitch!!



4. Trace a 4" circle onto the WS of the 5" background square. Place onto the 5" fusible square with the glue side and RS of the background square together. Stitch on the marked circle outline. Trim to a scant ¼" seam allowance using a pinking blade. Now pull the two layers of fabric apart and make a 2" (5 cm) cut in the center of the interfacing side with scissors. Turn the piece right side out through the slit, wiggle seam to shape into a perfect turned 4" circle.



5. Divide into 4 quarters, mark with pins. Place the circle over the open center of the Dresden plate aligning with the 4 quarter seams of the Dresden, fuse into place. Appliqué in place, again I used a straight stitch. Press the entire block and true to a $12\frac{1}{2}$ " (32 cm) square.

