



'Square-Up'

Advance Pre-Piecing for the A1 template
from *Distinctive Dresdens*

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A delightful way to add more distinction and dimension to *Distinctive Dresdens* blocks



These instructions will guide you through the cutting and Advance Pre-Piecing to create a new element in your *Distinctive Dresdens* blocks.

All other instructions to complete the blocks are contained in *Distinctive Dresdens*.



Cut:

1 - 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" square color A

2 - 2 1/2" x 4 1/4" rectangles color B

Piecing:

Fold A in half wrong sides together, aligning the raw edges. Finger press a crease into the fold.



Place the square A (already folded in half, wrong sides together) perpendicular on top of one of the right side up B rectangles with raw edges aligned as shown. Place the second rectangle on top so that the two rectangles are right sides together with all raw edges aligned and the folded square in between. Stitch a 1/4" seam allowance along the long edge of the rectangles B, which encloses the folded square A.

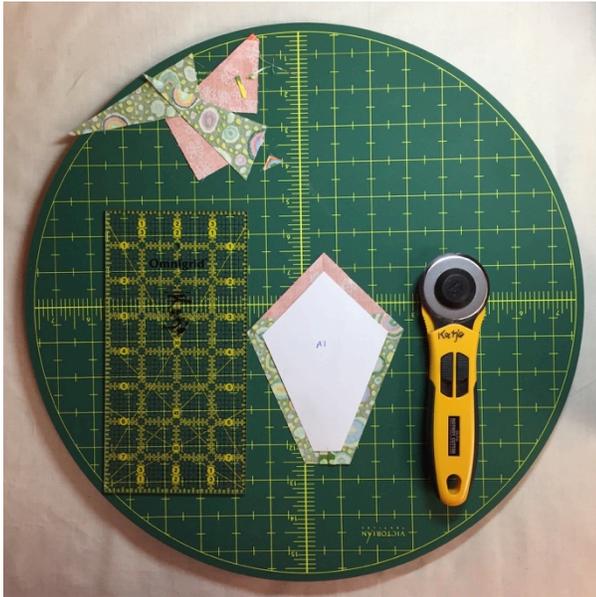


Open up the square A as shown lining up the seam between the B rectangles with the finger pressed crease on square A. On the underside of each of the bias edges of square A formed in the last step, place a line of glue onto the fabric and finger press to rectangle B. This will deter shifting while piecing the wedges to each other.

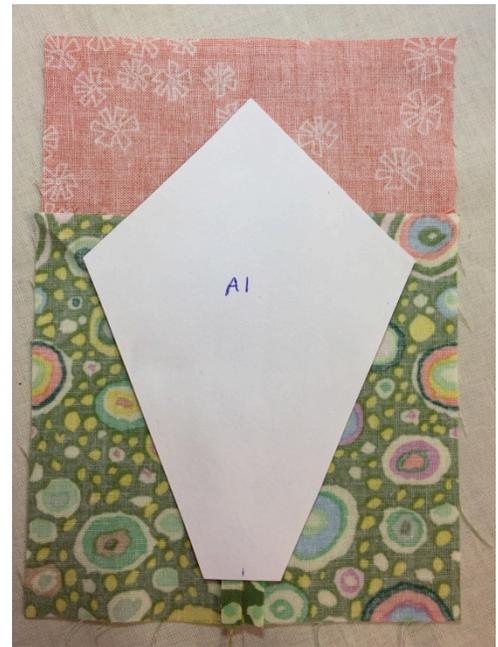


Using a ruler placed onto the bias folded edge of square A, mark a line with a Hera marker which will show on the wrong side of the B fabric, and will make it easier to accurately line up and glue the paper template in place.

Glue the paper template onto the wrong side of the pieced fabric unit by lining up the top of the A1 paper template with the finger pressed crease in square A, the side points with the line made by the Hera marker, and the bottom center with the seam between the two B rectangles.

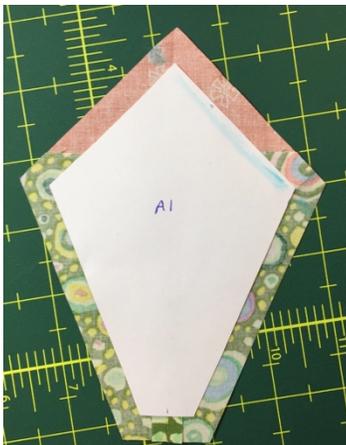


Cut out the fabric including a 3/8" seam allowance on all sides beyond the edge of the paper template.



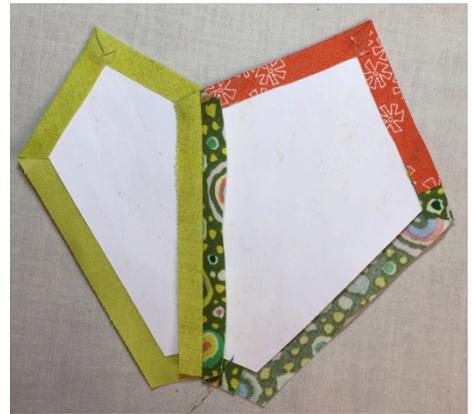
I have decided to machine piece these Advance Pre-Piecing blocks, therefore the top edges of each wedge will be 'Closed Glue Basted' (page 15) and the side edges will be 'Open Glue Basted' (page 14).

Closed Glue Baste the top edges of the wedge as per the instruction on page 15 of *Distinctive Dresdens*.





Cut the remaining wedges required for Block 6 as shown on page 31 of *Distinctive Dresdens*. Piece together the wedges into facets.



When machine piecing wedges together, stitch about a threads width away from the edge of the papers. Press each seam open after piecing. Piece the number of facets required for the block. In odd (3 or 5) faceted blocks the block may not fold in half exactly and therefore have to be handled gently while piecing the last seam so that the template papers do not release.



Complete the block as per the instructions in *Distinctive Dresdens*.



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