

## Dresden Dreams BOM

### Month 3—Block 3

Check your supply & fabric information for more information on fabrics and supplies.

You will need (8) charm squares per block and background plus a chosen fabric for the center circle of 2 blocks

1. It helps to sort your charm squares Charm squares into 4 color groups(2) charm squares of each color.
2. You will make two of Block 3 for Month 3. You can make same color choices with position variations or you can choose two different color choices for each Block —I chose to make same colors, but different prints or pattern of 5” squares within the same color group.



**On the left are my 4 color groups—red, green, aqua and grey.**

**On the right**  
I chose 4 colors variations within the color group to create more Interest.

Same color group, different print.



To make each block, repeat colors only once and repeat the 2nd groups of colors only once as well—more about this later.

Now lets get this block going....

Fabric; (8) 5” squares per block (16 total)

Supplies; Dresden Ruler, Template plastic, general sewing supplies, KKB Perfect Circles, erasable marker or Frixion™ pen, Optional: 12 or 16” rotating mat

- Stack (4) 5” squares on your cutting mat with raw edges even all around.
- Using the Dresden Ruler, (no ruler, use Template 1), lay the widest edge of the ruler on one edge of 5” square—should read 6-1/2” at the widest part and when laid on the stack of charm squares, the ruler should read 1-1/2” at the bottom of the 5” square—now you have the right size for this dresden blade.
- Hold the ruler down tight and using a new rotary blade, cut the right side of the dresden shape (please do not try this with template plastic—it will distort the shape of the dresden and is not an accurate cut and the ruler is safer).
- Turn your cutting mat (not the fabric) and cut the other side of dresden blade. Cut the same size in the opposite direction to yield (2) dresden blades per 5” square..
- Repeat for the remaining fabric to equal (16) dresden blades per block.

Onto Dresden Blade construction....

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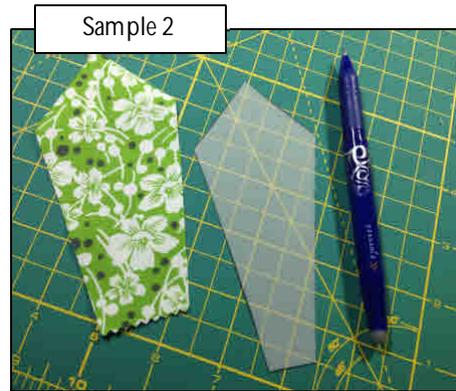
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### Blade Construction:

- At the widest part of the blade, fold in half right sides together, finger press in the middle (to be used as a guide later)
- Stitch across the top or widest part of the blade a 1/4" seam allowance—do this in a chain stitching method to make fast work of preparing your blades.
- For each prepared blade, trim the seam allowance in the corner—this helps when we turn the dresden blade to reduce bulk.
- Turn the blade right side out, you will notice a tip has formed—yeah! Use a small pair of sharp tip scissors to gently push the tip sharp (caution: push too hard and seam will open)
- Line the seam up with finger press you did earlier and press tip in place.
- Now the the dresden blade is ready but it is just a little too wide at the bottom for what we need, so you have a second template to use as a guide to trim the blade to the size we want (sample 2 & 3)
- Prepare template with markings and information—lay on each pressed dresden blade and use an erasable marking pen or frixon pen to mark the sides that need to be trimmed, (See sample 4)



chain stitching



Sample 2



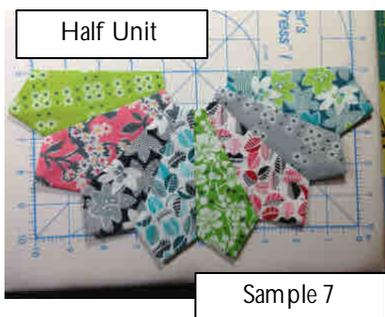
Sample 3

Do not cut with template, only mark then cut on the lines you marked with



Sample 4

- Prepare all the dresden blades in the same manner with finished edges and sharp tip on top and raw edges on the sides—need 16 total per block
- When all blades are prepared, pressed and looking good—join two at a time in 1/4" seam allowance from the sides catching in the finished sides of the tip in the seam allowance. Join 2 in a group (sample 5), then 4, press in one direction. (see sample 6).
- Make (2) groups of 4 blades each.

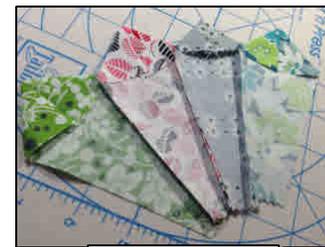


Half Unit

Sample 7

- You will want all 8 colors in one half of each block (see sample 7)
  - You will also notice when half unit is laid on a line, it is level with the line, this ensures an even fit with other half and also when dresden is completed, it lays completely flat.
  - If way off, recheck your seam allowances, if less than 1/16th, trim a tiny bit.
  - Join two sets of 8 to make one complete dresden block.
  - Press in one direction.
- Need two (2) blocks.

Onto the block background...



Sample 6



Sample 5

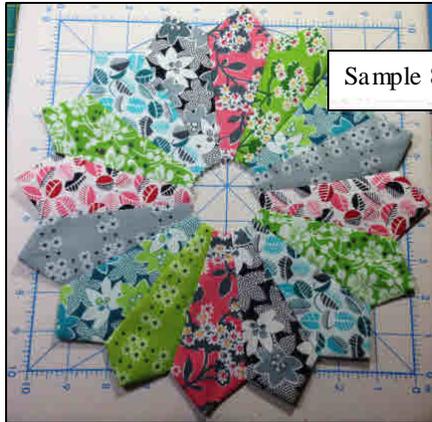
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## Block Construction

You will need (2) 13” squares of your background choice plus the (2) completed dresden circles and the center circle fabric choice (this could be any of your 5” squares or a special fabric designated for circles). Also Need to use the circle that matches the template I’ve given you from the KKB Perfect Circle pack or make your own template. Optional: I chose to put a filler flannel behind my center circle for each block to give dimension and to ensure the colors of the dresden blades would not show through my center circle as it is white.

- For each 13” square of background fold in the middle twice and mark the center line—finger press or lightly press—we use these lines to line up the circle in the middle of the block. See sample 8.



Sample 8

- Line up the seam allowance with the pressed lines on the background and you will see the center lines up correctly.
- Pin block in place or use glue-baste to hold in place



Sample 9

Follow the instructions from KKB Perfect Circles pack to prepare the center circle. I like to cut my circle 1/4” larger than finished size and turn the edges under according to your favorite applique method or use the package directions. Optional: I like to cut a piece of flannel (white) the same size as the finished circle and when I attached the circle to the center I put the flannel inside to give the center circle some dimension and fullness.

- Once the dresden circle and the center circle are pinned in place, its time to stitch!



Sample 10

According to your machine, you will need an open toe foot and a sharp needle. I like to put stabilizer on the back of my block to hold everything in place and avoid any puckers when I’m stitching.

I used a blanket stitch with small 2.3 stitch width and 2.9 stitch length. I stitch very slowly to keep my eye on stitch and make sure it is landing on the block and not the background. Just before I get to a tip point I stop 1/4” away and turn to start back down the other side of the tip and repeat this method for all my turns. When I do the center, same stitching and go slowly around the curve of the circle to stay on the circle edge as I go.

When block is completed with stitching, gentle press in place—not need to trim the back (it makes the block unstable), but you should remove the stabilizer if used.

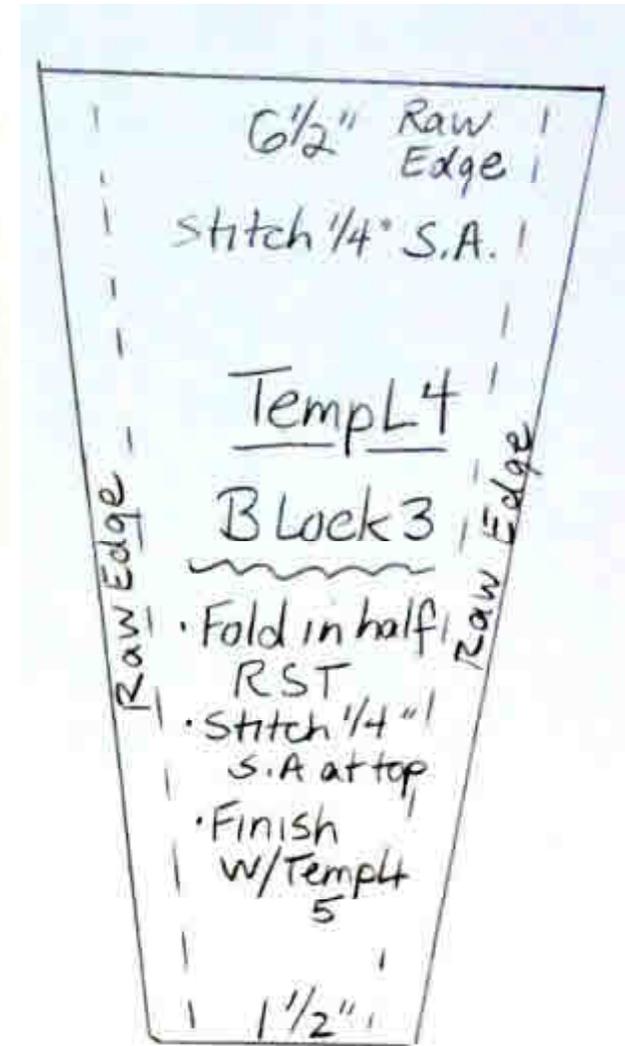
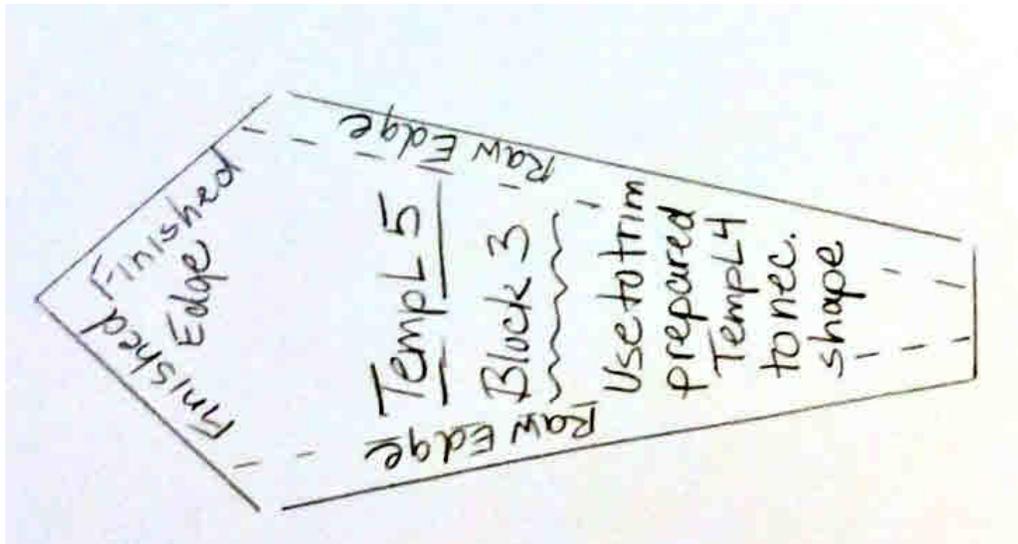
To finish the block, resize to 12” square making sure you have 1/2” distance from dresden tips to the edge of background, this allows the seam allowance to be correct when joined with sashing.

Note sample 10 shows block 1

Templates to follow...

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Be sure to print templates page at 100% which is the size seen. Changing the size will alter the size of the finished dresden blades and make them incorrect.

