

Class: 570—Dresden Still Life

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For this project, students will be making small Dresden blocks to create a vase or basket of flowers. It will be your design. Think about how big do you want the overall piece?

What size and shape for a vase? Do you want the vase to sit on a table or windowsill or just something that gives that impression?

Do you want to add other elements: leaves, stems, circles, feathers, animals, birds, lizards, or insects? Be on the lookout for fabrics that you can fussy cut to add these elements, especially the animals or birds.

You will need an 18° wedge ruler like the Creative Grid Wedge. The book, *Reimagined Dresden Quilt Blocks* is suggested but optional. It will give you ideas for other blocks and other projects that we will not cover here.

Look through magazines, Pinterest, or the internet to get an idea about vase shapes and flower arrangement layouts. It helps to have a general idea of the shape and outline. Large circles can be flattened on the bottom, tall skinny or tall and fluted at the top. If helpful, draw this out on paper first. I will have a handout with vase shapes and other elements.

I have fused my vase and other elements, but you could applique or even piece.

In class we will go over how to make these smaller blocks and options for them. You will work on your vase and background and then the layout. I suggest you have a design wall to allow you to play.

Pick a focus fabric and go from there with your fabrics. It is good to have some contrast between colors and textures.

Supply list:

Sewing machine with ¼" foot

Rotary cutting mat and cutter with basic ruler

18 ° wedge ruler

Variety of ¼ - ½ yard fabric pieces. You cannot have too many.

Look for ones that work as centers and one that will be your vase.

1 yard of fusible such as Wonder Under or Steam a Seam 2

½ yard freezer paper

½ yard fusible interfacing (Pellon 906F)

Fabric turner

Pressing ham