GQCCC TechBOM

17" Dresden Plate

Available at the October 19th, 2015 meeting Blocks due at November 16th meeting

The Dresden Plate is a traditional pattern using several techniques; sewing bias cut fabrics, applique, and using templates. This method is modernized by using a folded point for the wedges. Enjoy.

Fabric:
- Variety of bright prints for 20 wedges, at least 6" x 3" each
- One piece of bright yellow fabric for center, at least 4 ½" x 4 ½"
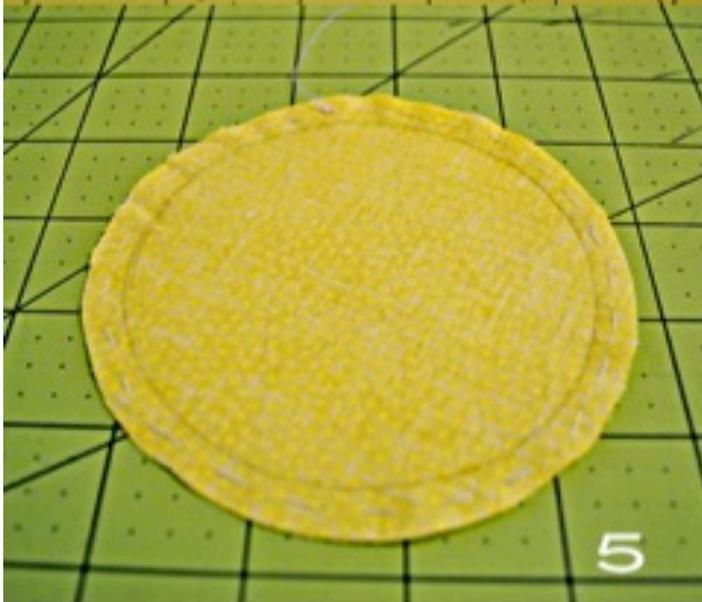- 17" square unbleached muslin, for background

Instructions:

Trace wedge template and circle template onto heatproof Mylar. Cut 20 wedges using wedge template. Do not add seam allowance, it is included.

To make plate: Fold each wedge in half lengthwise, right sides together. Stitch along widest end, using a small stitch, and an exact ¼" seam. Repeat for all wedges. Clip off corner of seam at folded edge, close to stitching. See #1. Open out wedge so seam is centered and press seam open. See #2. Turn wedge right side out, being careful to draw out point, and press flat. See #3. Repeat for all wedges.

Sew two wedges together, right sides together, points toward back of machine. Start seam about ¼" from joint of points, backstitch to top of joint, then continue stitching to bottom. See #4. Continue stitching wedges together to make a complete circle. From the back, carefully press all seams to one side, using a dry iron and being careful not to stretch fabric.

To make center: Using circle template, trace onto back of bright yellow fabric. Cut out about ¼" beyond drawn line. Baste between drawn line and edge of fabric. See # 5. Place template on wrong side of fabric and draw basting thread up to enclose template. Adjust fabric on back, take a couple extra stitches in seam allowance to secure thread. See #6. Brush seam allowance with spray starch and press. Remove template, flip circle over and press again from the front. You should have a very nice, round circle.

To assemble block: Fold muslin square in fourths, to make an 8 ½" square. Press along folds. Open and center four points of plate onto lines in square. If all points and lines are matched, plate should be evenly centered on background. Pin in place and applique outer edges of plate to background. Fold yellow circle in half, then in half again and gently finger press folds. Open and use folds to guide center placement on plate. Applique to plate.

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Copy templates onto template plastic; make sure to use heat proof material!