how-to project: dresden quilt

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
40" x 60"

MATERIALS
- EZ Quilting® Dresden Set
- General sewing supplies
- Quilt basting pins 1" size
- Quilting thread to match fabrics
- Rotary Cutter
- Mat
- Ruler

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS
6 different color fabrics 1 fat quarter of each fabric
White solid fabric 1-1/4 yd
Background fabric 2 yards
Backing fabric 2 yards
Binding fabric 3/4 yd
Batting Crib Size

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CUTTING THE FABRIC
1. From each of the six different color fabrics, cut 2 – 8" x 21" strips. From these strips, cut 10 – 8" dresden wedges of each color using the full size of the Easy Dresden Ruler for a total of 60 wedges.
2. From the white solid fabric, cut 4 – 8" x 42" strips. From these strips, cut 60 – 8" dresden wedges using the full size of the Easy Dresden Ruler.
3. From the background fabric, cut 6 – 20-1/2" x 20-1/2" squares.
4. From leftover scraps of white and color fabrics, cut 6 dresden center circles using the template provided with the Easy Dresden Ruler.
5. From the binding fabric, cut 6 – 2-1/2" x 42-1/2" strips. Trim the selvedges. If desired, the binding strips may be cut on the diagonal to make bias binding. A total of 215" binding is needed.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS
All seams are sewn right sides together with 1/4" seam allowance. The sides of the wedges are bias and can easily stretch so handle carefully.

PREPARING THE DRESDEN WEDGES
1. Fold a dresden wedge in half lengthwise, right sides together. Sew a 1/4" seam across the wide top with a short stitch length. Backstitch to secure the seam at both ends.
2. Clip the folded corner at an angle and turn the point right side out. Use the bamboo pointer tool to gently poke out and sharpen the point.
3. Open the wedge and center the seam on the back. Press.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 for all of the white and color dresden wedges.
ASSEMBLING THE DRESDEN PLATES

1. Arrange 10 white wedges and 10 wedges of one color in a circle, alternating white and color wedges.
2. Sew the wedges together. Begin sewing 1/2" from the folded top edge of the wedge and backstitch to the edge, then stitch forward completing the seam. This backstitch will hide the thread tails and prevent the seam from separating.
3. Press the seams all one direction or open as preferred. This completes one dresden plate.
4. Repeat these steps to sew five more dresden plates – one of each color.

ASSEMBLING THE DRESDEN BLOCKS

1. Fold a background 20-1/2" x 20-1/2" square into quarters and crease.
2. Place a dresden plate onto the background square using the quarter creases to center the plate. Pin in place.
3. The dresden plate may be hand or machine appliqued in place around the outer edges. Or, if preferred, the plate may be basted into place for now and permanently attached by quilting in the ditch along each wedge during the quilting process.
4. Place a center circle in the middle of each of the dresden plates. Turn the edge under 1/4" and stitch in place. Tip: The center circle may be embellished to add interest by placing smaller circles or buttons in the center as shown in the quilt picture.

ASSEMBLING THE QUILT TOP

1. Arrange the 6 dresden blocks in 2 rows of 3 blocks each.
2. Sew the blocks in each row together. Press the seam one direction alternating the direction in each row.
3. Sew the rows together. The quilt top measures 40-1/2" x 60-1/2".

FINISHING THE QUILT

1. On a flat surface, make a quilt sandwich by layering the backing fabric right side down, then the batting, then the quilt top right side up. Baste the quilt every three to four inches with 1" quilt basting safety pins.
2. Quilt as desired. The quilt pictured was quilted with a dahlia design within the dresden plates and the background was echo quilted around the dresden plates.
3. After quilting, baste stitch a 1/4" around the outside edges of the quilt to keep the layers together.
4. Stitch the binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Press the seams open. Fold and press...
in half lengthwise to make double binding.

5. Sew the binding to the quilt front along the quilt edge with a 3/8” seam.

6. Trim the backing and batting even with the quilt top.

7. Flip the binding to the back of the quilt, and stitch down with matching thread.

8. Make a label with your name and date and sew it onto the back of your quilt.

Tip: Sew the label onto the back before quilting so that the quilting stitches permanently attach it to the quilt.