



Scrappy Plate Club

Finished Size Quilt–62" x 78"

Finished Size Plate–10"

Finished Size Block–14" x 14"

¼" Seam allowance is used throughout the quilt

There's something about a Dresden Plate quilt that I've always loved. Maybe it's the way the fabrics work together, the roundness of the block or the repeat of the pattern. My husband will tell you it's because the blocks look like plates and that I buy plates like no one else. Either way I just can't help myself. I have a weakness for Dresdens and I'm hoping you do too!

So where do we start? Just walk over to your stash and pick 20 to 30 different scraps of fabric that you love. From each fabric you'll need a piece 4" wide and 12" long. (Hint: We'll be making 240 blades so if you pick 30 fabrics you'll cut 8 blades from each fabric, if you pick 20 fabrics you'll cut 12 blades from each fabric).

Make sure you include lights, mediums and darks in your selection.

You can adjust the size of the plate or background as you like, but I don't recommend this for beginners. It requires changing the layout and yardage requirements and this is something you'll have to do on your own. If you're an advanced quilter just remember to cut your strips accordingly. You'll find the cutting sizes for the strips included with the Easy Dresden Template.

Materials Needed

Plate fabrics: 20 to 30 prints – 4" x 12"

Center Circle Fabrics: 1 fat quarter solid or 12 – 5" squares of 12 different solids

Background: 2½ yds

Sashing: 1¼ yds

Sashing posts: ¼ yd

Inner border: ¼ yd

Outer border: 2 yds cut lengthwise or 1¼ yd cut widthwise

Easy Dresden Template by Darlene Zimmerman

Dritz Point Turner and Seam Creaser

Materials Needed for Appliqué

Appliqué needles

DMC machine embroidery thread or Kimono Silk Thread to match fabric

Appliqué pins & Roxanne's Glue Baste-It

Freezer paper or *Bigger Perfect Circles*®

Sharpie® Ultra Fine permanent marker

Small sharp tip appliqué scissors, paper scissors and nail file

Appliqué stiletto, spray starch or Best Press & small glass jar



Scrappy Plates

Making the Blades
You'll need 20 blades for each Dresden Plate

- 1** From the 4" x 12" strips cut 240 assorted blades. Use the 4" mark on your ruler for cutting. Reverse the blade after each cut as shown in photos below. *Tip: Stack 3 or 4 fabrics on top of each other and cut multiple blades at once.*



- 2** Sort into 12 groups of 20 blades each. (Lay out each group to preview how your plate will look. Re-arrange fabrics as needed.)



- 3** Fold each blade in half, right sides together as shown in photo below. Finger press top of fold.



- 4** If you have a single hole needle plate for your sewing machine be sure and use it. Reduce machine stitch length to 1.5 and stitch across top of each blade backstitching at folded edge.



- 5** To make the sewing process go quickly chain piece the blades. (Sew the blades together without cutting the threads in-between blades.)



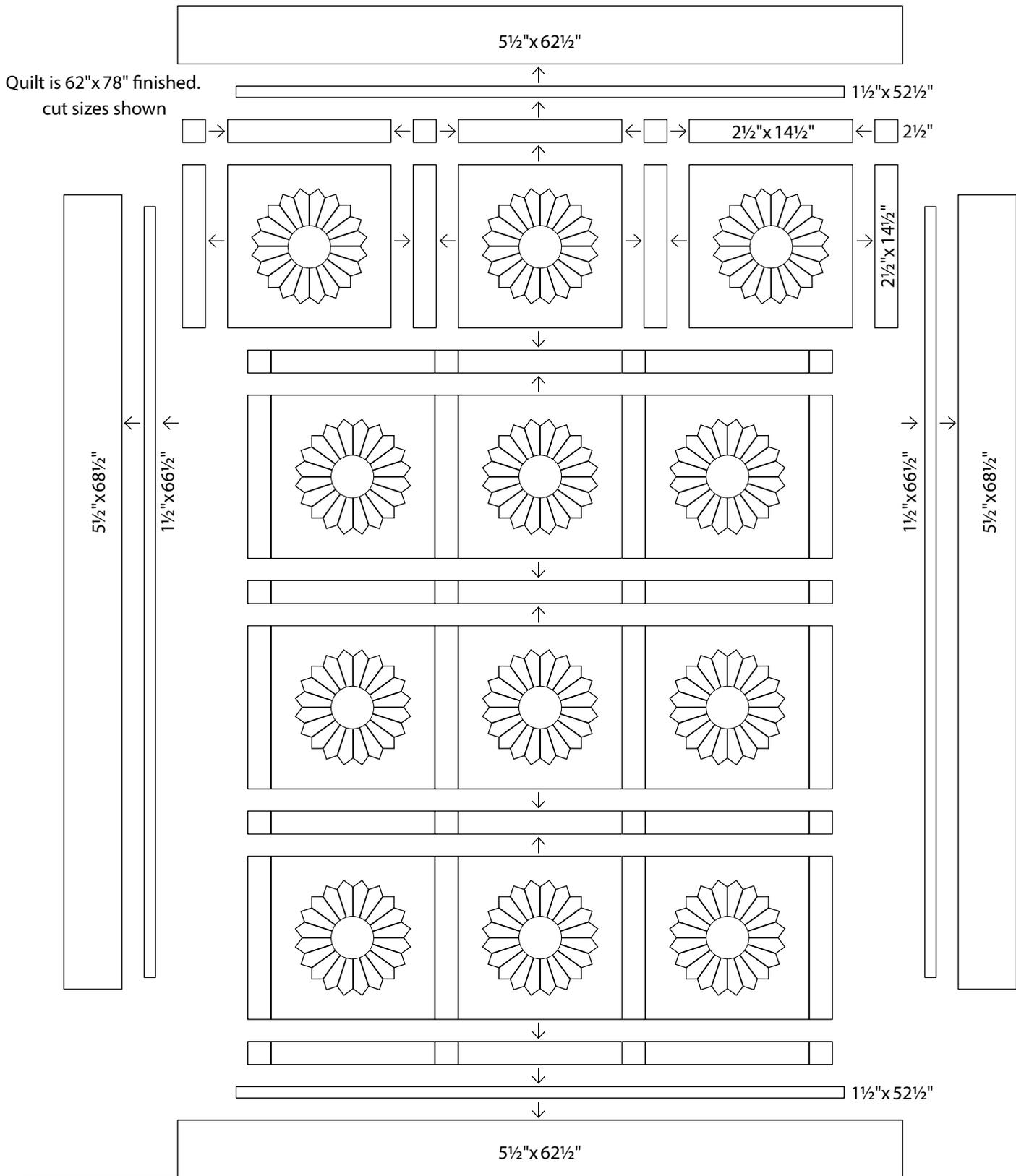
- 6** Clip the folded corner at an angle, turn point right side out and finger press inside seam open. Line up center of seam with finger pressed fold. Use point turner to gently poke out corner of blade and press.



- 7** Sew the blades together in 2 groups of 10 each. Use an exact $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and start stitching approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " below fold. Backstitch to the top edge and stitch remainder of seam. (This will hide the ends of the threads and keep the blades from pulling apart.) Press the seams in one direction around the circle. Be careful not to stretch the bias edges of the blades when pressing.



Make 12 plates total.

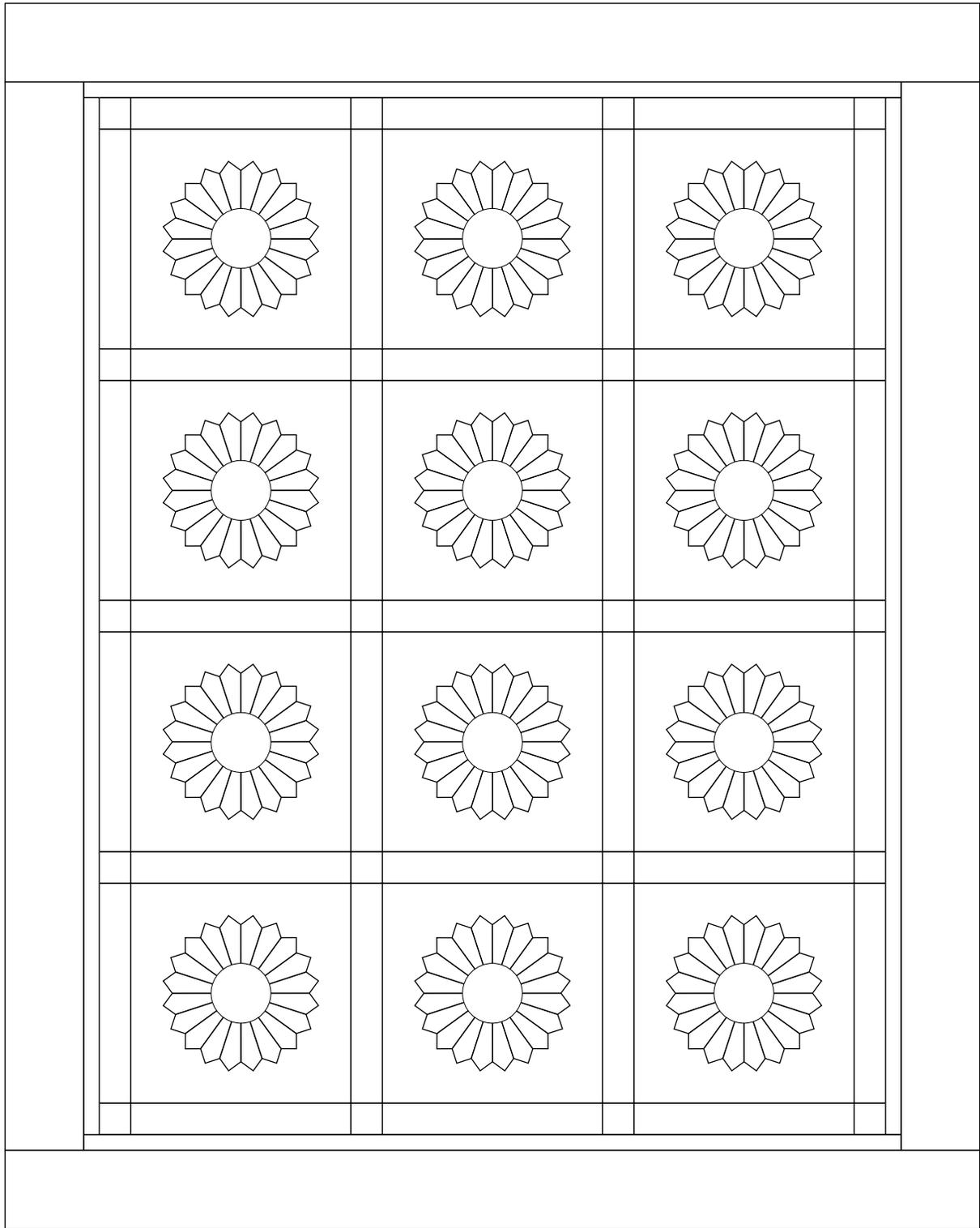


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