

COLOR SPOKEN HERE WALL QUILT | QUILTING



Featuring Designer Essentials Solids & Quilt + Piecing & Quilting Thread

Multi-colored Dresden plates gracefully drop and bounce across this quilt's surface. Make a wall quilt or queen version, as both sizes are included. The Dresdens are made quickly and accurately using Quiltsmart pre-printed interfacing panels.

<b>Collection:</b>	Designer Essentials Solids
<b>Technique:</b>	Piecing, Appliqué
<b>Skill Level:</b>	Experienced Beginner
<b>Crafting Time:</b>	Longer Term*
<b>Finished Size:</b>	Wall: 45" x 60" (114.30cm x 152.40cm) Queen: 64" x 80" (162.56cm x 203.20cm)

\*Crafting time based on Experienced Beginner skill level

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## Fabric Requirements

Note that yardage for the wall quilt is given first, followed by the yardage for the queen size. The Dresden plates can be constructed from fat quarters, 2½" (6.35cm) strips, or yardage.

### Dresden plate spokes:

**Wall :** 120 / **Queen:** 180 colors of **Designer Essentials Solids**, 2½" x 6" (6.35cm x 15.24cm)

### Background/backing/binding:

**Designer Essentials Solids** - Pearl CSFSESS.PEARL

**Wall:** 6 yards (5.47m) / **Queen:** 9¼ (8.49m) yards

## Additional Requirements

### Coats® Quilt+ Piecing & Quilting Thread

#### Coats® Transparent thread

Sewing machine

Rotary cutter/mat/ruler

Basic sewing and pressing supplies

Appliqué pressing sheet

Point turner

Stiletto

### Batting

**Wall:** 53" x 68" (134.62cm x 172.72cm)

**Queen:** 72" x 88" (182.88cm x 223.52cm)

### Quiltsmart Dresden Plate panels

**Wall:** 6 panels / **Queen:** 9 panels

and instruction sheet ([www.quiltsmart.com](http://www.quiltsmart.com))

## Cutting

**Designer Essentials Solids—Pearl, cut:**

### Quilt front background

**Wall:** (2) 45" x WOF (114.30cm x WOF)

**Queen:** (2) 64" x WOF (162.56cm x WOF)

### Quilt backing

**Wall:** (2) 53" x WOF (134.62cm x WOF)

**Queen:** (2) 88" x WOF (223.52cm x WOF)

### Dresden plate centers

**Wall:** (6) 4" (10.16cm) squares

**Queen:** (9) 4" (10.16cm) squares

### Binding

**Wall:** (6) 2¼" x WOF (5.72cm x WOF)

**Queen:** (8) 2¼" x WOF (5.72cm x WOF)

## Sewing

All seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm) and pieces are sewn right sides together. Follow instructions for the Dresden plates included with the pre-printed interfacing.

1. To assemble the quilt front background, trim the selvage edges and sew together the long edges of the Pearl fabric rectangles. Press the seam open. Trim to 45" x 60" (114.30cm x 152.40cm) for the wall quilt or 64" x 80" (162.56cm x 203.20cm) for the queen size quilt.
2. Decide if the Dresden spokes will have pointed or rounded edges, or a combination of the two (as shown on the wall quilt) and mark the spokes accordingly.
3. Assemble (5) whole plates and (2) half plates for the wall size, or (8) whole plates and (2) half plates for the queen size.

4. Construct (6) plate centers for the wall quilt and (9) for the queen quilt using the 4" (10.16cm) Pearl squares. Cut (1) center in half for the half plates.

## Quilt Top Assembly

5. Following the **Quilt Layout** diagram and photo for the size you're making, scatter the Dresdens over the quilt front as desired, placing the half plates at the quilt side/bottom edges. Pin in place and fuse according to the Quiltsmart instructions.
6. Hand- or machine-stitch the Dresden plates to the background fabric. Use transparent or matching thread for stitching.

## Finishing

7. Sew together the (6 or 8) 2¼" x WOF (5.72cm x WOF) Pearl binding strips end to end using diagonal seams. Press the seams open. Press the binding strip in half wrong sides together.
8. Layer the backing (wrong side up), batting, and quilt top (right side up). Baste the layers together and quilt as desired. Trim excess batting and backing even with the top after quilting is completed.
9. Leaving an 8" (20.32cm) tail of binding, sew binding to top of quilt through all layers matching all raw edges. Miter corners. Stop approximately 12" (30.48cm) from where you started. Lay both loose ends of binding flat along quilt edge. Where these two loose ends meet, fold them back on themselves and press to form a crease. Using this crease as your stitching line, sew the two open ends of the binding together right sides together. Trim seam to ¼" (.64cm) and press open. Finish sewing binding to quilt.
10. Turn the binding to the back of quilt and hand-stitch in place.

## Quilt Layout - Queen

