



Scattered Dresdens Lap Quilt

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Each Dresden block has a solid circle appliquéd to the center so there's no need to sweat over matching the points. Think of all the fun you can have "playing" with your scraps on this one!

Project Specifications

Skill Level: Confident Beginner
Quilt Size: 40" x 60"

Materials

- 4 scrap pieces at least 6" square
- Assorted scrap strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide totaling 810"
- Assorted scrap strips $2\frac{1}{4}$ " wide to total 220" when joined for binding
- $1\frac{3}{4}$ yards cream solid or muslin
- 4 yards backing
- Batting 48" x 68"
- Thread
- Template material
- Water-erasable marker
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

Cutting

Templates located on the included pattern insert.

1. Prepare templates for circle and wedge shapes using patterns given on the pattern insert. Cut four circle pieces from 6" square scraps.

2. Trim the cream solid or muslin to $40\frac{1}{2}$ " x $60\frac{1}{2}$ " for background.

Completing the Quilt Top

1. Join the $2\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide scrap strips on the short ends to make a 162"-long strip; press. Repeat to make five long strips.

2. Join the long strips on long edges to make a $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x 162" strip-pieced panel referring to Figure 1; press all horizontal seams down in one direction.

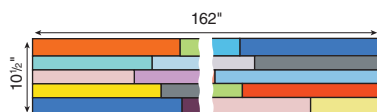


Figure 1

3. Referring to Figure 2 and using a rotary cutter and ruler with the wedge template, cut 51 wedges from the strip-pieced panel, alternating the directions of the wedges to guarantee best use of fabric and for seam matching later.

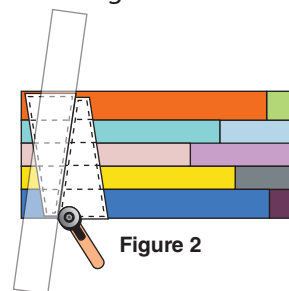


Figure 2

4. Select two wedges with alternating seam pressing. Matching seams, join to make a wedge pair as shown in Figure 3; press seam toward the right wedge, again referring to Figure 3.



Figure 3

5. Repeat step 4 to make a total of 24 wedge pairs.

6. Join 10 wedge pairs and one single wedge (21 wedges total) to make a complete wedge circle as shown in Figure 4; press seams in the same direction as the wedge pairs. Repeat to make a second complete wedge circle.

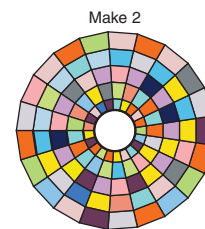


Figure 4



7. Join four wedge pairs and one single wedge (nine wedges total) to make a partial wedge unit as shown in Figure 5; press seams in the same direction as the wedge pairs.



Figure 5

8. Turn under $\frac{1}{4}$ " around the raw curved outer edge of each complete wedge circle and partial wedge unit; baste to hold.

9. Arrange and baste the complete wedge circles and partial wedge unit on the background referring to Figure 6 for positioning. **Note:** Baste edges of extending wedge circle and unit along the outer edge of the background.

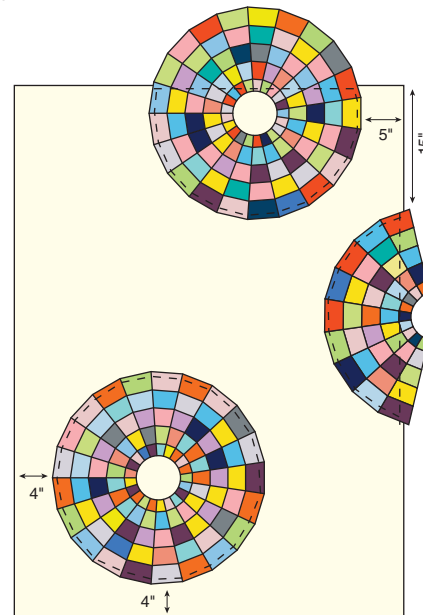


Figure 6

Tip

The EZ Quilting Easy Dresden ruler may be used to draft your own version of various wedge sizes. You may make larger or smaller pieced units than the one used in the quilt shown. You may also add more wedge units to your top to make a one-of-a-kind quilt.

10. Trim excess from the wedge circle and unit even with the background edges referring to Figure 7.

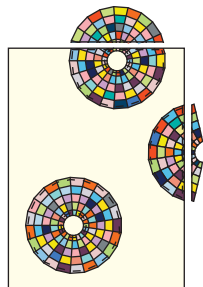


Figure 7

11. Straight-stitch each wedge circle and the partial wedge unit in place close to outer curved edges all around referring to Figure 8.

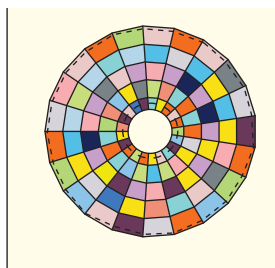


Figure 8

12. Place two circle shapes right sides together and stitch together all around using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance; trim seam to $\frac{1}{8}$ ". Repeat.

13. Cut a slash in one of the circles of each pair, being careful not to cut through to the second circle. Turn right side out through the slashed opening. Smooth edges and press.

14. Center and baste a circle shape right side up on the complete wedge circle and the remainder of the second complete wedge circle, covering all raw inner edges of wedges referring to Figure 9.



Figure 9

15. Stitch the Dresden wedges and the inner circle in place close to their outer edges all around to complete the quilt top.

Completing the Quilt

1. Sandwich the batting between the pieced top and a prepared backing piece; pin or baste layers together to hold. Quilt as desired by hand or machine.

2. When quilting is complete, trim batting and backing fabric even with raw edges of the pieced top.

3. Join the binding strips on the short ends to make a long strip; press seams open. Fold the strip with wrong sides together along length and press.

4. Sew binding to the edges, mitering corners and overlapping ends. Fold binding to the back side and stitch in place to finish. ■

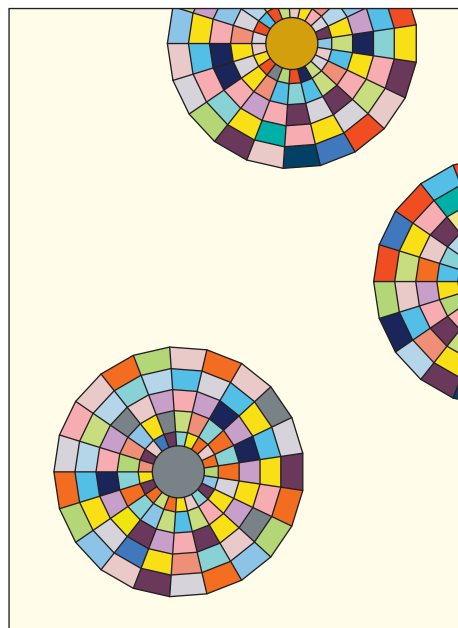
Tip

Use $2\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide scraps left over from your numerous other quilt projects to create the scrappy strips for the Dresden wedges, or try varying the width of the strips used in the wedges to create a totally different look as shown in Figure 10.



Figure 10

Create this modern quilt using scrap fabrics from your stash. Each finished quilt will be as unique as the quilter who made it. Take these traditional concepts and work outside the box." —Jen Eskridge



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Placement Diagram 40" x 60"