

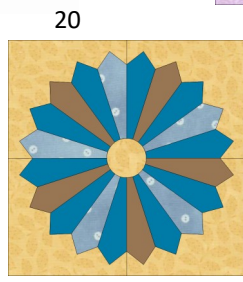
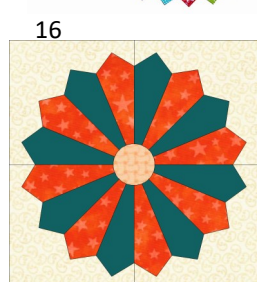
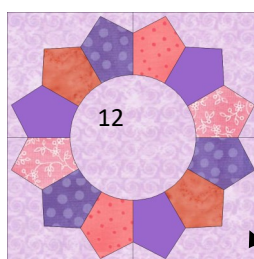
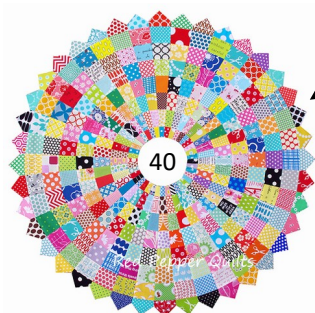
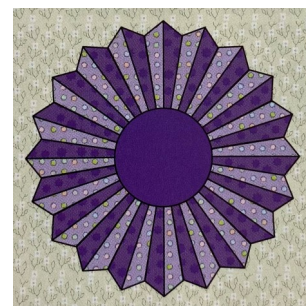
Get creative with pointed Dresden Plate

When I was going through some old magazines for an idea for May, I decided that for this month we could visit a very old traditional block.

—the Pointed Dresden Plate (or fan)

There were quite a few different ideas in many of the magazines I opened. Some were the basic styles using pretty fabrics, while others had played with piecing the blades in different ways to create patterns within the block, or had used part blocks in innovative ways.

There are many lovely ideas online to inspire you, here are a few.



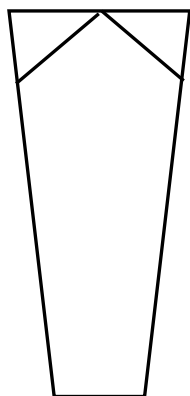
A Dresden plate is a great place for using scraps, so I have given you here some basic sizes as 6" finished blocks 3 shown here (patterns below)

— you can copy to enlarge the design to suit your ideas, then from the pattern create a freezer paper copy of a blade then add the seam allowances. You could create many different Dresden plates by drawing the number of blades you want for your project, if these do not fit with your idea..

Some of you may have a Dresden plate cutting template (ruler) that gives a set number of blades (I have one that used 12 blades & another for 20 blades. Or, if you want lots of colour in your Dresden plate, use a 9 degree (40 blades—the large multi coloured one top left is an example) or 10 degree ruler (36 blades) The seams will be included in the ruler cut size—you need to choose how long you want the blades)

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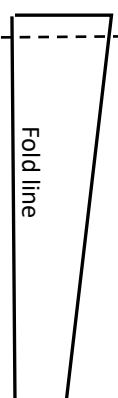
If making by machine, I suggest you extend the blade to give a straight edge at the top—as shown in diagram below—now add the seam allowance to all edges of the blade.



You can enlarge the centre circle and have short blades, or extend the bottom of the blade and use a small circle (be mindful of the amount of seams that will be near the centre)

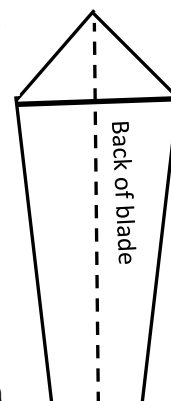
OR use more than one centre circle/heart (as shown on page 1) to add more colours for a different effect.

If I don't have a commercial template/ ruler to cut the blades, I prefer to use freezer paper to create the template (you may like to make several) as I can iron it to the fabric to prevent slipping while cutting with regular rulers—you can stack several fabric this way to make cutting quicker.



Fold each blade right sides together along centre and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam across the top—secure both ends, press seam open then turn through the point and press to form peak.

I like to have a template cut with the point shape and with the centre of the blade marked so I can place it into the blade (you may want to cut some of the point away to make it easier) Use this as a pressing template to centre the sewn seam when forming the blade point—this prevents the blade becoming lop-sided.



Be creative with your layout as well — here are a couple more snaps from online showing modern & quirky quilts using Dresden plate ideas.

Applique your Dresden plates to a pre cut background using your preferred method—by hand or machine.



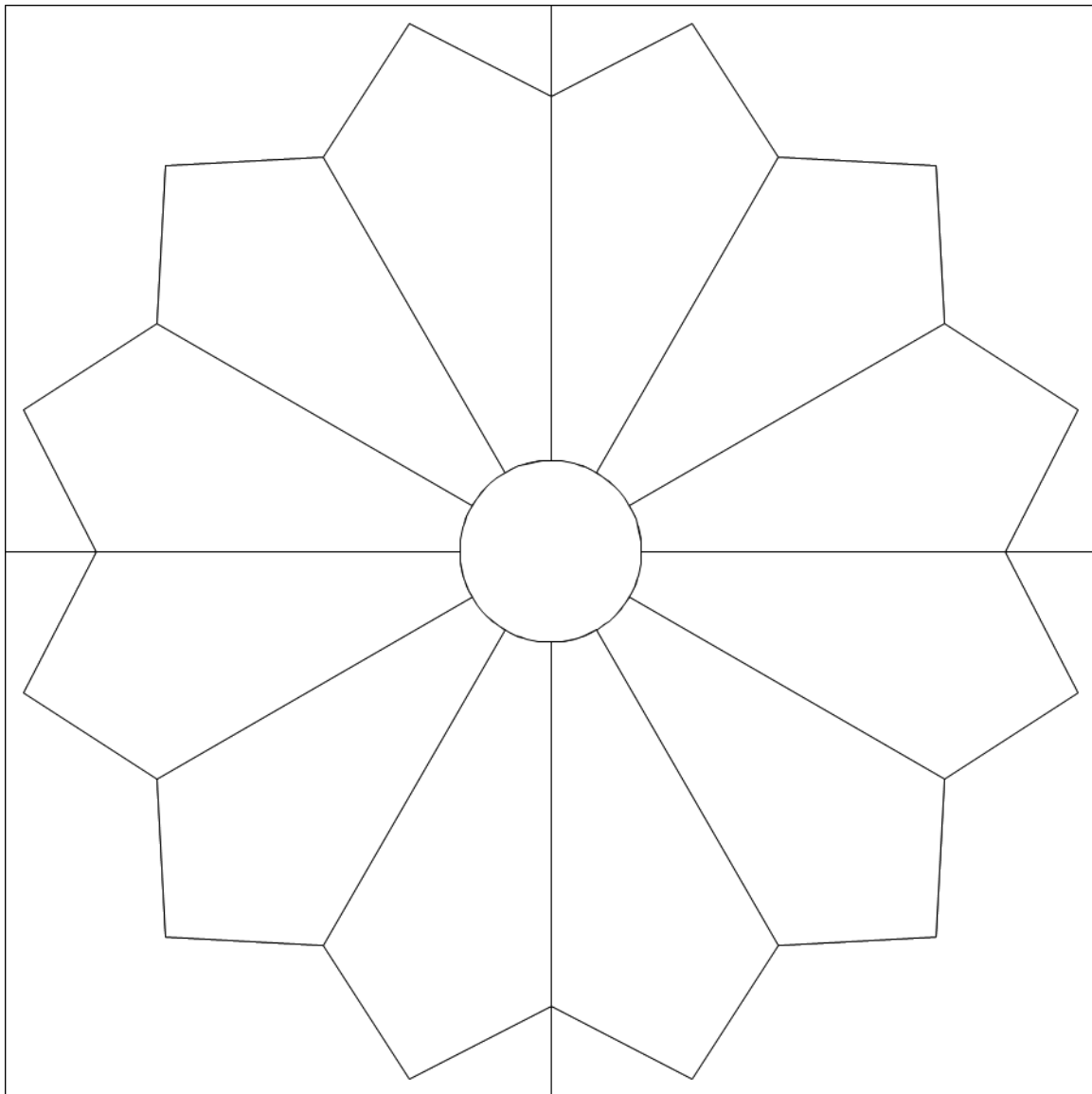
Have fun designing your Dresden Plate quilt.
Jan P



Dresden Plate – 12 blade circle

This is a 6" finished block:

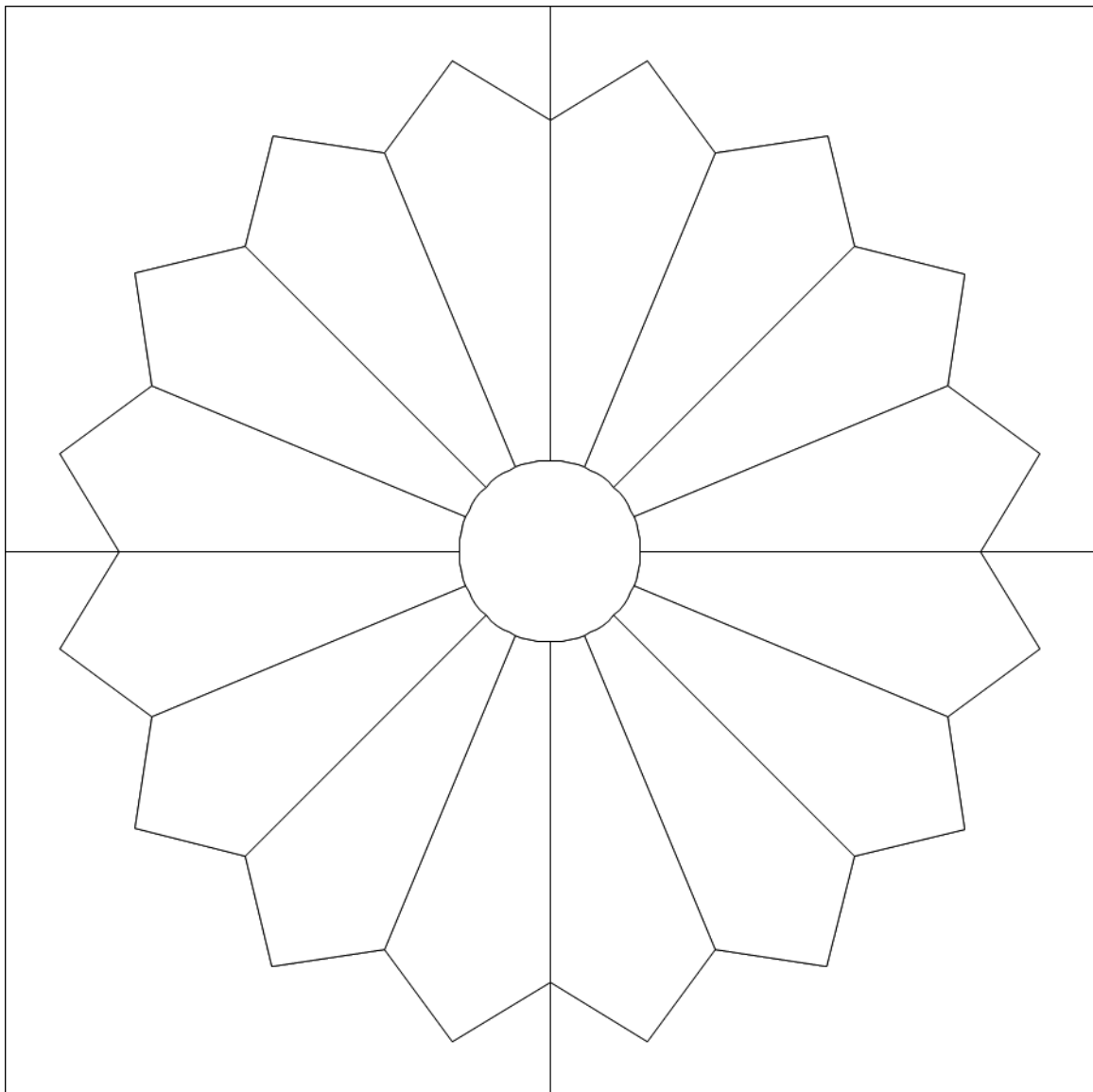
— copy to 150% for a 9" block or 200% for a 12" block



Dresden Plate — 16 blade circle

This is a 6" finished block:

— copy to 150% for a 9" block or 200% for a 12" block



Dresden Plate – 20 blade circle

This is a 6" finished block:

– copy to 150% for a 9" block or 200% for a 12" block

