

Dresden Plate cushion cover/wallhanging (20" x 20")



Fabric requirements (included in kit):

- 3.5" strip of 10 different coordinating fabrics – fabrics used in the photograph are from the Moda Summer Breeze collection.
- 0.25yd matching fabric for binding
- 1.25yd contrasting fabric for quilt backing, cushion back, background and centre circle, fabric used in the photograph is Makower Essentials white on white leaves (if making the wallhanging you only need 0.75yd)
- 21" square wadding

Other requirements (not included):

- Thread for piecing and quilting – we used pale yellow throughout.
- 20" cushion pad

Quilt construction (0.25" seam allowance assumed throughout)

1. Cut 2 3.5"x8" rectangles from each of the patterned fabrics.
2. Cut petals from each fabric – we used a Dresden plate template (**fig. 1**), if you don't have one of these you can use the printed shape included at the end of this pattern to make a template. Note: the petals should have a straight edge at the wide end.
3. Fold each petal in half lengthways, right sides together, and stitch across the wide end 0.25" from the end (**fig.2**).



Figure 1

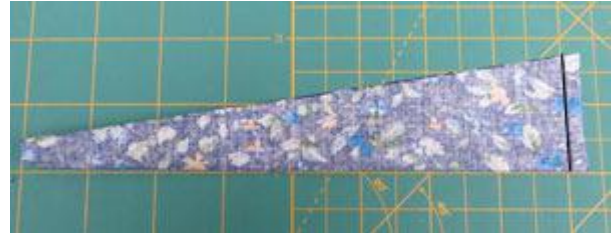


Figure 2

4. Turn the fabric right side out, lining up the seam with the centre fold to create a pointed end, and press. Repeat for all 20 petals.
5. Sew petals together in the order shown in the main photograph. To avoid distortion, sew the petals together in groups of 5 as shown and press the seams open (**fig 3**). Join the 4 quarters to form the Dresden plate and press (**fig. 4**).



Figure 3



Figure 4

6. For the centre circle, cut a 4" diameter circle template from freezer paper or card (we used freezer paper so the template could be ironed on and would not move). Cut a circle of white fabric 4.75" in diameter. Fix the template to the centre of the fabric circle, then tack all the way around leaving long tails of thread (**fig. 5**). Pull gently on the tails to gather the fabric around the template and press to form a smooth circle. Remove the template.



Figure 5

7. Cut a 20.5" square of the white fabric for the background. Fold the square in half horizontally and vertically to mark the centre lines. Using the lines as a guide, use fabric glue or pins to fix the Dresden plate and centre circle in place. Sew around the the centre circle 0.25" from the border to fix in place – you may want to cut away the excess dark fabrics in the centre to prevent them showing through the white fabric. Sew around the outside border of the Dresden plate 0.25" from the edge to fix in place.
8. Layer the top, wadding and backing together and baste. Quilt as desired – we quilted in straight lines through the centre of each petal to the quilt border to create a star pattern.
9. Trim and square up all edges. If making a wallhanging skip steps 10 and 11 .
10. Cut 2 rectangles of the white fabric to 20.5" x 17". Fold the long edge over ½", then fold again so no raw edges are showing. Stitch 2 lines down this edge for a sturdy seam. These two panels overlapping will form an envelope style cushion cover back.
11. Layer the front and back panels wrong sides together and pin.
12. Cut 3 strips of binding fabric to 2.25" x WOF. Join the 3 strips with 45 degree seams and press the seams open. Fold the binding in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press.
13. Starting halfway down one side, pin or clip the binding to the panel, raw edges touching, and sew 1/4in from the edge all the way around (**fig. 6**). Leave a couple of inches unstitched at the start so that you can overlap the edges to finish the binding.



Figure 6

1. Pull the binding folded edge over to the rear side of the cushion and whip stitch in place - the cushion cover/wallhanging is now finished!

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact us at Peleenna Patchworks!

Dresden plate template:

