

2025 - Whirligig Garden Stitch Along – Week 8

Whirligig Dresden –applique

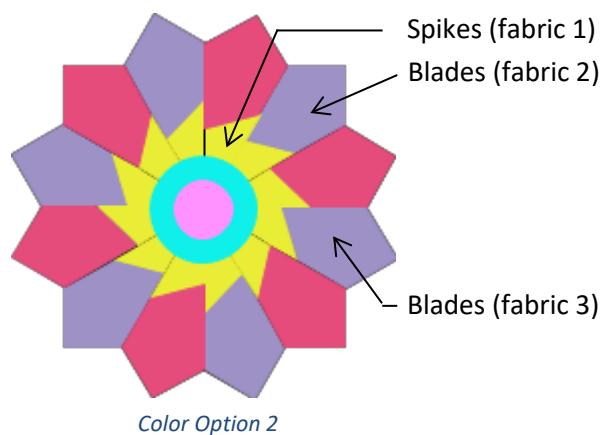
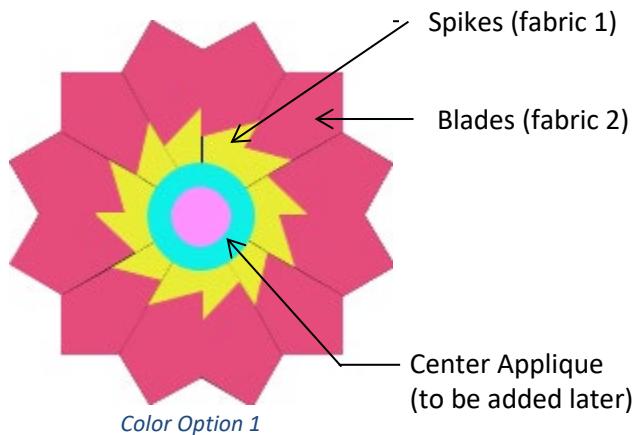
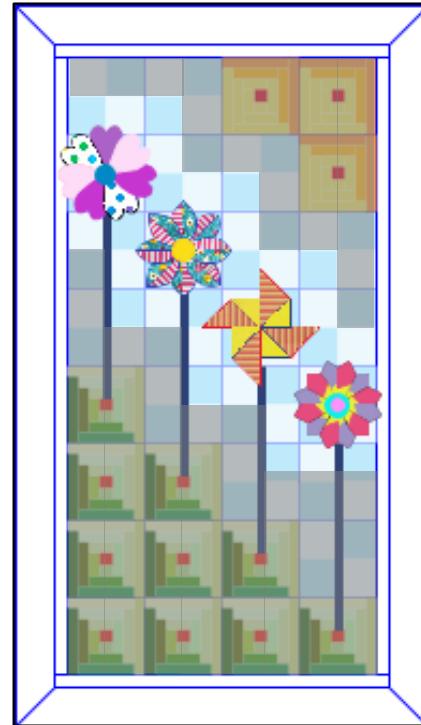
The Dresden plate block is another design from an era long passed. The unique method used to make the points makes it the perfect candidate for applique. Let's think outside the whirligig box and put a bit of a new spin on this old favorite.

Supplies Needed:

- 1/8 yard for center spikes
- ¼ yard of 2 printed fabrics – add a 3rd fabric for even more fun
- Rotary cutter and mat
- 30 Degree Dresden ruler
- Quilters Select Self-Erase Marker
- Spray Starch (highly recommended)
- RNK Embroidery Perfection Tape

Pro Tip:

For detailed information on Dresden construction, download and review the Dresden Workshop pdf from The Official Quilters Select Facebook Group located under the files tab.



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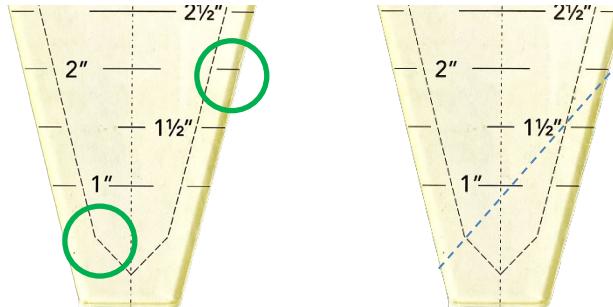
Size A (Large)	Color Option 1	Color Option 2	Size B (Small)	Color Option 1	Color Option 2
Fabric (1) Spikes	Cut 2 strips 1 ½ inch x WOF	Cut (2) strips 1 ½ inch x WOF	Fabric (1) Spikes	Cut 1 strip 1 ½ inch x WOF	Cut 2 strips 1 ½ inch x WOF
Fabric (2) Blades	Cut 2 strips 4 inch x WOF	Cut 1 strip 4 inch x WOF	Fabric (2)	Cut 1 strip 3 inch x WOF	Cut 1 strip 3 inch x WOF
Fabric (3)	n/a	Cut 1 strip 4 inch x WOF	Fabric (3)	n/a	Cut 1 strip 3 inch x WOF
Sub-Cut	5 x 5 inches		Sub-Cut	3 x 4 inches	

Cut – Making strip sets

- Select the pattern size and color option you are stitching from the chart above and cut the necessary strips.

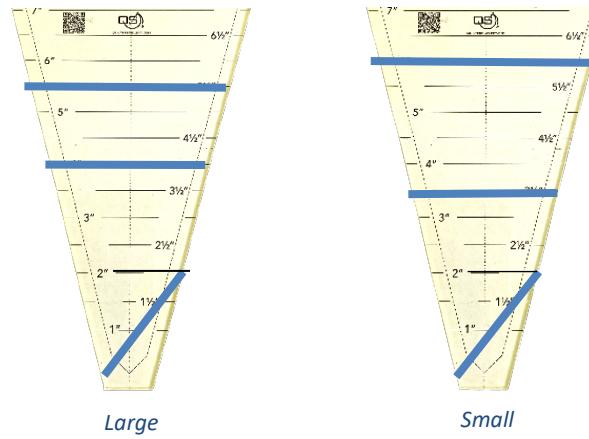
Stitch strip sets

- Place a spike Fabric (1) Strip and a Blade Fabric (2) for Option 1 and stitch RST along the long edge.
- For Color Option 2, stitch a Fabric 1/2/3 together to create strip set.
- Press seams open.
- Continue making strip sets until you've used all strips.
- Sub-cut the strip sets into rectangles using the chart above for sizing.



Ruler Preparation

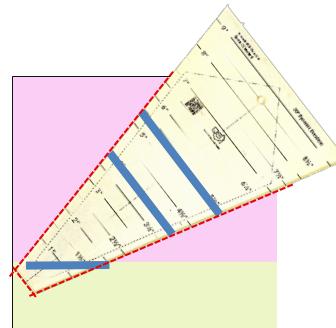
- Use Embroidery Perfection Tape to add temporary reference lines to your ruler to make finding the markings easy. Locate the 2" mark at the far right edge of the ruler and the dashed line toward the bottom left.
- Place masking tape from point to point
- Large Quilt: Place tape below the 4 inch line and the 5 ½ inch line.
- Small Quilt: Place tape below the 3 ½ inch line and the 6 inch line.



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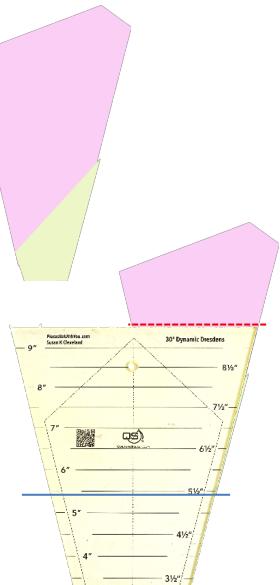
Cut – Dresden wedges

- Place fabric right side up with ruler on top.
- Align tape with seam line as shown.
- Cut the 2 sides and the narrow bottom of the wedge.
- Remove excess fabric and reposition ruler by aligning the narrow bottom edge of the fabric with the $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch line (Large) or 6 inch line (Small). Trim top.
- Cut 12 wedges.



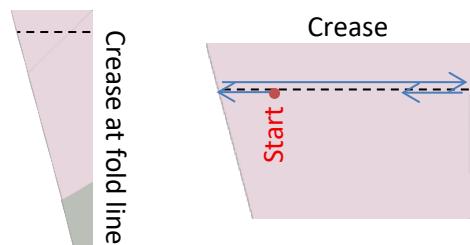
Pro Tip:

A generous amount of spray starch applied to fabric before cutting will

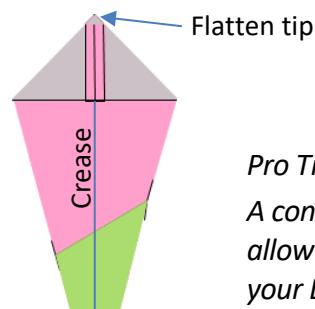


Sew – Dresden wedges

- Fold wedges lengthwise right sides together and stitch across the wide end with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance and 1.5 mm stitch length. Leave thread tails.
- Finger press the fold. The starch helps to keep the crease in.
- Finger press seams open and align seam line; flatten the triangle at the point.
- Turn right side out and use a point turner to create a sharp point. Press flat.
- Stitch wedges right sides together back-stitching at beginning and end.
- Small size only: use a $\frac{3}{8}$ inch seam allowance.
- Sew into a Dresden ring and press seams to one side



Start at the red dot and reverse to the edge. Stitch forward to the next edge and reverse



Pro Tip:

A consistent seam allowance will ensure your Dresden lays flat