

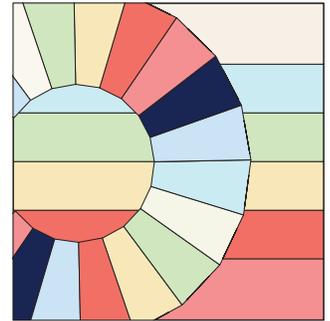
When I think of quilting I automatically go to a very happy place in my mind and heart. It's all about the wonderful community I have become a part of. My dear friend Darlene Zimmerman first showed me how to use the Dresden template over 12 years ago at my first quilt show in Paducah. I was so excited I had to go buy fabric and find a sewing machine vendor that would let me sew my first Dresden plate together. Later that plate became a lily pad in my first art quilt which still hangs on the wall of my studio. It reminds me every day that this group of quilters that I belong to are truly a very special 'Circle of Friends'. So my little block could only be a sweet little Dresden circle.

Circle of Friendship

for the Splendid Sampler™

Michele Muska

Finished Block Size 6" x 6"



Requirements

✂ 21 different fabrics

Cutting

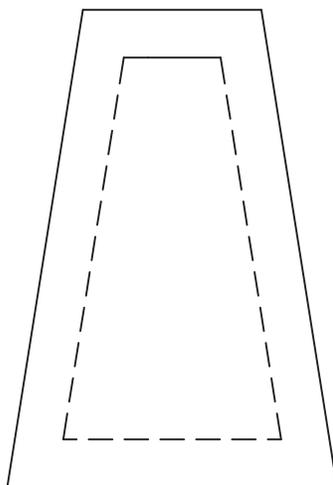
Background:

✂ Cut 5 - 1 1/2" by 6 1/2" strips (different prints)

✂ Cut 1 - 2" by 6 1/2" strips (one more additional print)

Dresden ring:

✂ Cut 16 - 2 1/2" Dresden wedge shapes from template

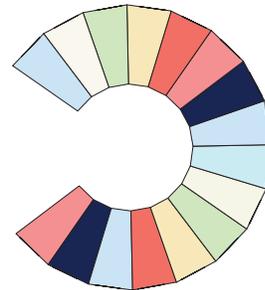


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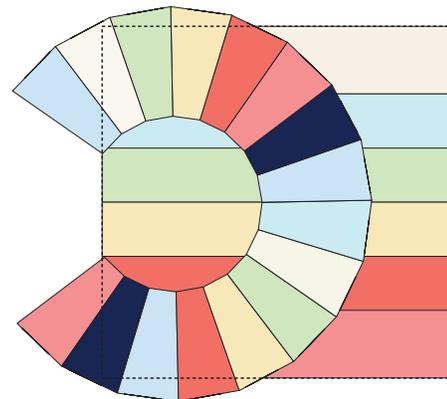
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Block Assembly

1. Sew the 16 wedge pieces together in a circular fashion (you will not have enough to close the circle) with a 1/4" seam

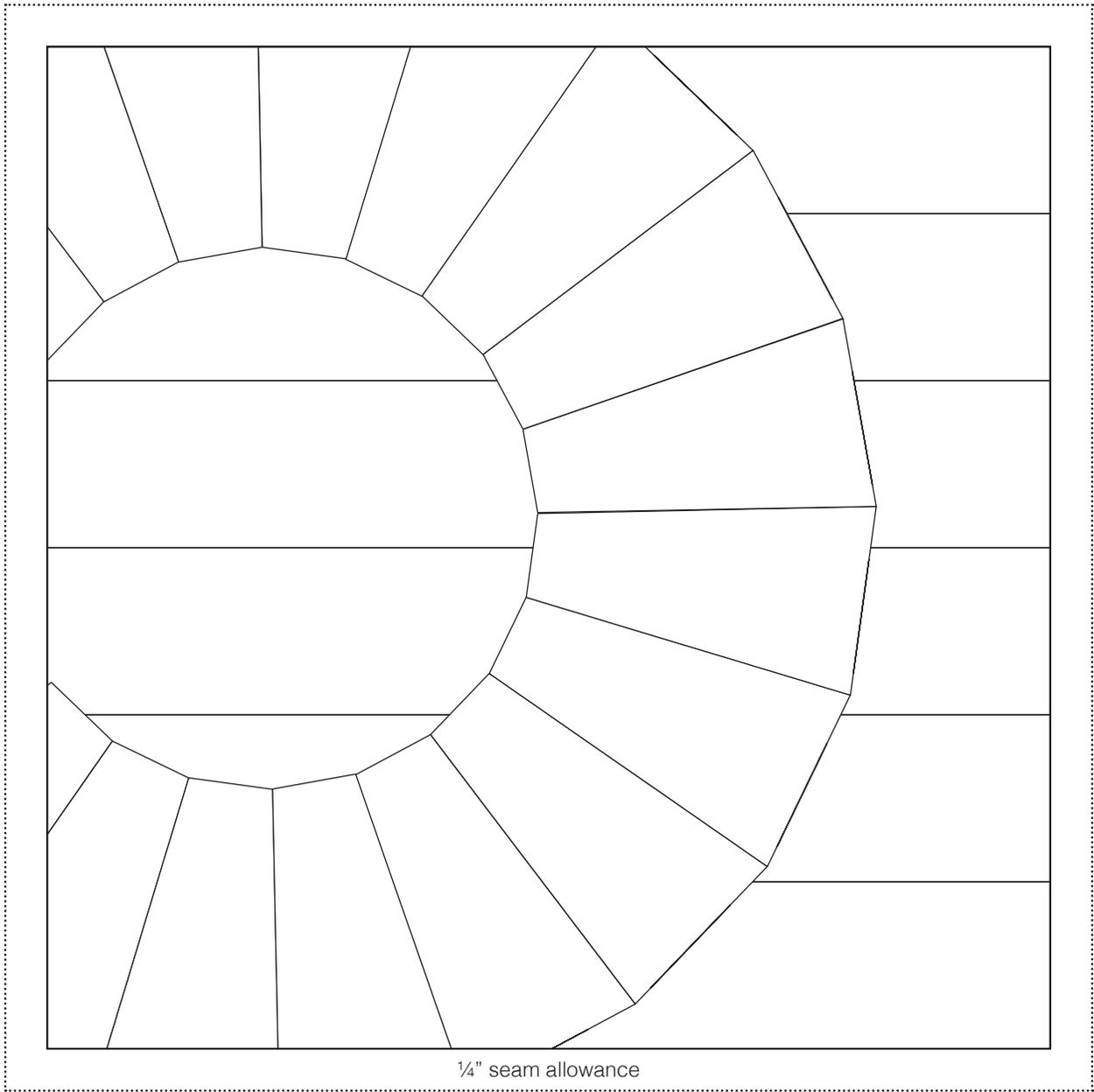


2. Sew together the strips for the background.
3. Place the Dresden circle onto the background and trim off excess fabric.



4. Fold under the outer and inner raw edges of the Dresden circle 1/4" and pin in place.
5. Appliqué Dresden circle to background.

Optional : quilt as you go (QAYG). Layer block with batting and backing and use a 12wt cotton and large running stitch and quilt through all layers by stitching around inner and outer edge of Dresden circle.



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