

Dresden Pincushion

By Anelie's Quiltworks

Approx 6"



The Dresden block is transformed into a whimsical pincushion which will delight every quilter. It is easy to make in a day and a great gift for your fellow quilting buddies.

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Thoroughly Modern Dresden.

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Yardage and Cutting Directions

Amount	Placement	First Strip Cut	Sub Cut
4 fabrics at least 3" by 7" each	Dresden Blades	Cut 1 strip of each fabric 3" wide	Use Blade Template or fast2cut ruler (mini blade) to cut 5 blades from each of the 4 fabrics to total 20 blades See template page for additional cutting info
2 pieces of fabric at least 3" by 3"	Front and Back Center Circles		Use Center Circle template to cut one circle Note: Add 1/4" seam allowance when cutting
1 piece of felt or fabric at least 8" by 8"	Pincushion Back		Use Pincushion Circle template to cut one Circle Note: add 1/4" seam allowance when cutting
Ric - Rack	Around front circle		At least 9" long
Stuffing			

Other supplies needed:

- Thread to match fabric colors
- Rotary cutting tools, board, rulers, cutter
- Fast2cut ruler (Optional)
- Sewing supplies such as straight pins, seam ripper, scissors, etc
- Sewing machine
- Starch and paint brush

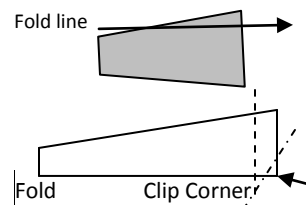


Making the Blades

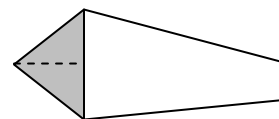
1. Fold the blades with right sides together along the length of the blade.
2. Stitch across the top of the blade (Wide edge) using **1/2"** seam Allowance.

Clip the corner of the seam at fold. Finger press seam open.

Turn right side out.



3. Press, assuring sides and top are straight.
Compare sewn blade to pressing template to check accuracy.
This can be done by drawing the template shape onto a pressing cloth.
Lay the blade on top and press so the top of the blades shape is aligned to the drawn template shape.

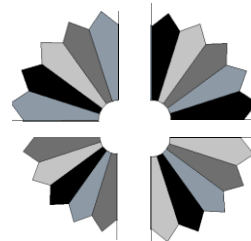


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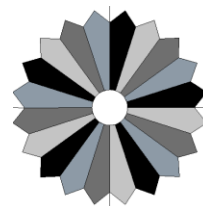


Sewing the Blades together

1. Determine in which order the blades will be sewn.
Sew the blades together in sets of 5 to make 4 units.
Use a ¼" seam.
Press seams open.
Note: Back tack stitches at beginning and end of seam to secure.

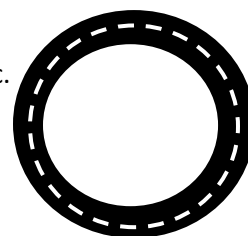


2. Sew the 4 units together to make a whole circle.
Use a ¼" seam.
Press seams open.
Note: Back tack stitches at beginning and end of seam to secure.

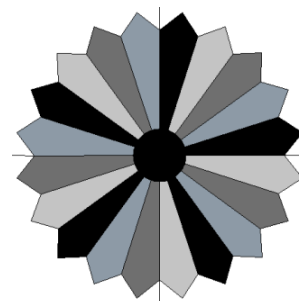


Preparing and sewing on the Center circle

1. Make a pressing template from center circle template from freezer paper.
Trace center circle template onto the paper side of the freezer paper.
Iron a second piece of freezer paper to this. This will make the template more durable.
Putting the shiny side of the traced paper against the paper side of the second paper.
Iron together. Cut the template out.
2. Press the shiny side of the template to the wrong side of the center circle fabric.
Trim the fabric so edges have ¼" of fabric longer than the template.
3. Use a needle and thread to run a basting stitch along the edge of the fabric.
The stitches should be large enough that when you pull on the thread the fabric will fold over the paper circle.



4. Using the liquid starch and a paintbrush, paint a little bit of starch onto the seam allowance and press. Once pressed the paper circle can be removed.
5. The center circle is then placed in position on the center of the Dresden.
It can be stitched down using the hand or machine appliqué stitch of your choice.
This can be done with Invisible appliqué stitch, Buttonhole or blanket stitch or topstitched.
6. Pin ric-rack around the outer edge of the circle and hand stitch in place.



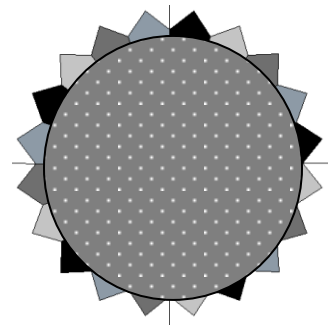
Make the back of the pincushion in the same manner.

Use the Pincushion Back template. The circle should be large enough to go to the lower edges of the blades.
Note: if using felt you can cut the felt the same size as the template. No seam allowance is needed.



Sewing Pincushion together

- Place the Pincushion back with wrong side of fabric to the wrong side of the pincushion Dresden.
- The edge of the Pincushion back should come to the lower edges of the Dresden Blades.
- Pin in place all around the cushion. The more pins the better.
- Sew from the back around the entire circle.
Sew as close to the edge of the circle as possible.



To Stuff the Pincushion

- Cut a small slash in the center of the back of the pincushion.
- Using a stuffing tool such as the end of a pencil, stuff the pincushion as tight as you can.
The firmer it is the better.
- To cover the hole in the back, place the back center circle over the hole and stitch down by hand.



Cutting and Pressing Templates for Blades

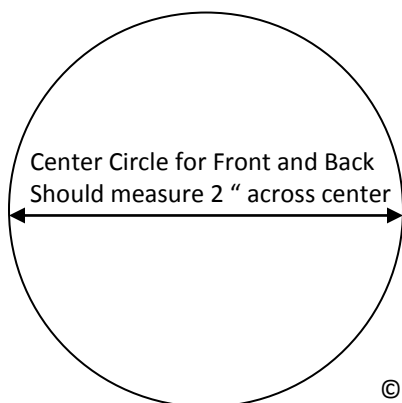
- Use the **cutting template** to cut out the blades. The cutting templates have the seam allowance included. Make template from template plastic. Place Blades on strip so shorter sides are at each edge of the 5 1/4" strip. Cut longer sides, then flip the template to repeat.



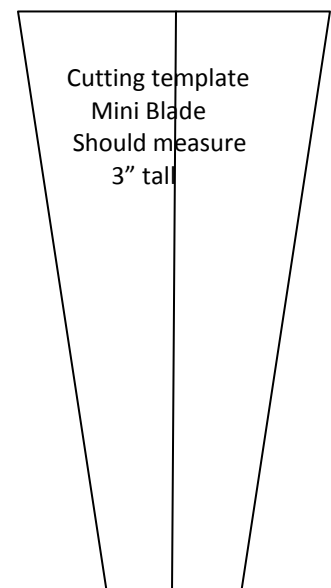
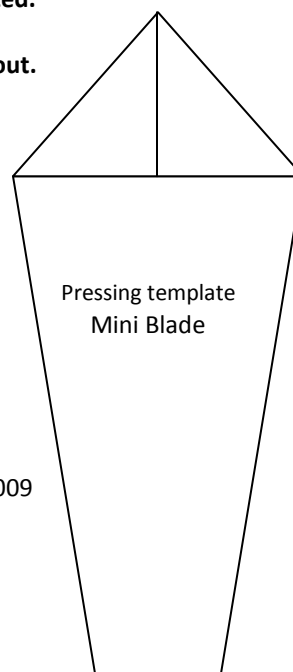
Tip For a more accurate cut use the small size cut on the Dresden Ruler by fast2cut.
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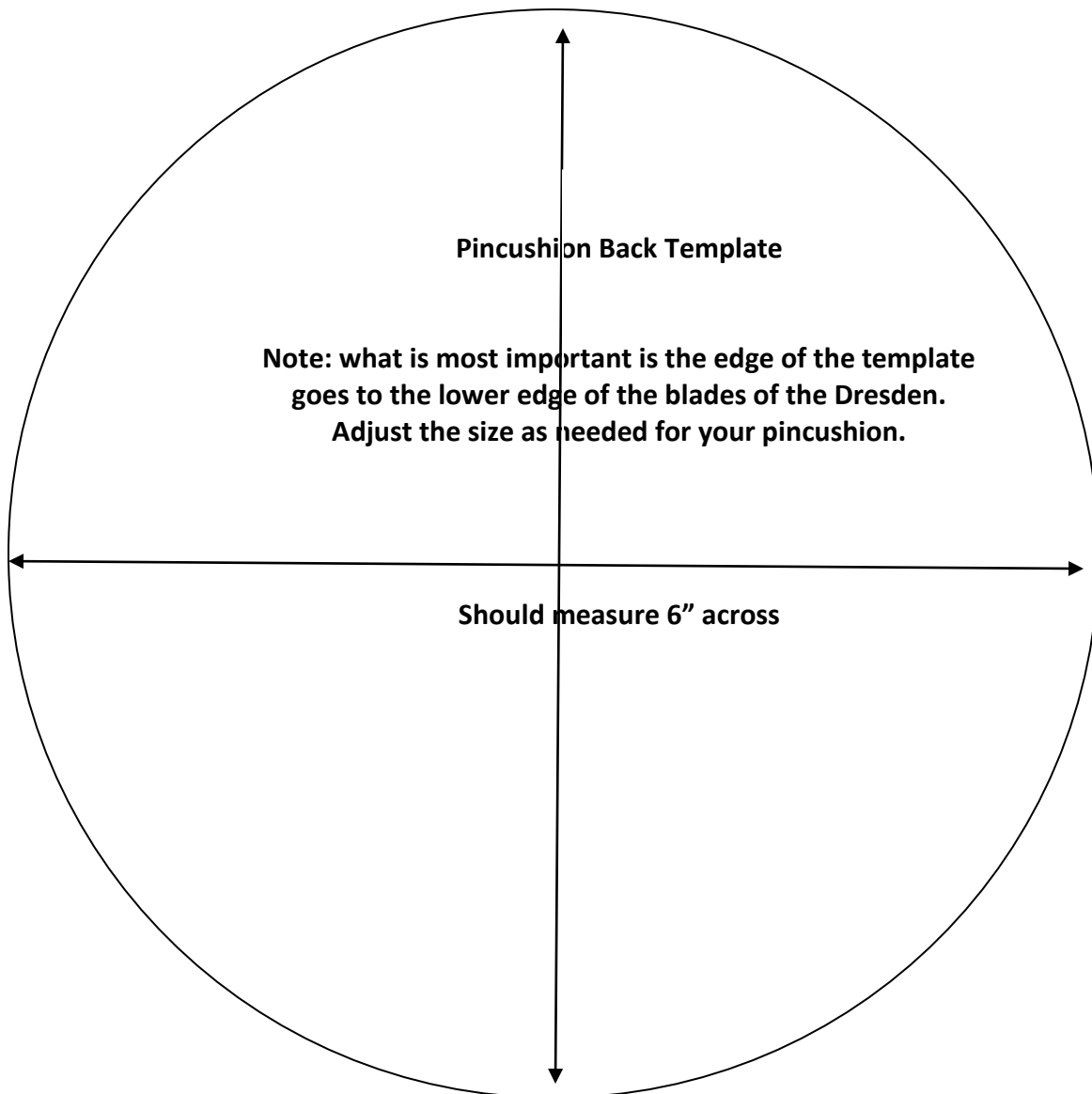
- Use the **Pressing Template** to assure an accurate pressed edge for the blades. The Pressing templates have seam allowance on the sides, but no seam allowance on the folded edge which is being pressed.

Note: Due to copying or variance of each computer printer and program, the templates may become distorted.
Please see measurements to evaluate the accuracy of the templates you have printed out.



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