

MINI DRESDEN PINNIE TUTORIAL

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Dresden measures approximately 4.5 inches across

Finished pinnie measures 5.5 x 5.5 inches across

Supplies Needed:

- 18 small scraps, 1.5 x 2 inches for Dresden blades
- 3 inch square block for cutting Dresden center
- 6.5 inch square of fabric for background
- 6.5 inch square of batting
- 4, 6 x 1.5 inch rectangles of fabric for sides
- 6 inch square of fabric for back
- Polyfil or crushed walnuts for filling
- Basting spray
- Frixion or water soluble pen
- Turning tool or chopstick
- Spray starch

Throughout tutorial:

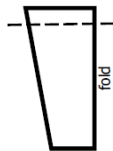
RST: Right Sides Together
RSU: Right Side Up
RSD: Right Side Down

Use a ¼ inch seam allowance for all seams

Build your Dresden Block

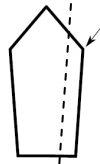
1. Print out templates on page 4 onto cardstock and cut out. Be sure that you choose “no scaling,” or ensure that “fit to page” is not checked. Check to be sure template printed at correct size by measuring 1 inch square.
2. Trace the Dresden blade onto 18 small 1.5 x 2 inch scraps using the Frixion pen and cut out.
3. Fold each blade in half down the center, lengthwise, RST. (See figure 1) Sew by machine, along the top edge, chain piecing the blades. You will have 18 tiny blades strung together. Use scissors to carefully clip the threads between each one, or use the thread cutter on your sewing machine to carefully separate them.

Fig. 1



4. Flip each blade right side out. Use a turning tool or chopstick to carefully ease out the point of the blade. Press well RSD, centering the seam on each blade as you go.
5. Arrange the blades to determine your layout, and then sew together in sets of two, RST, matching the top right edge of each blade. (See figure 2) It isn't as critical that the bottom edges match up. Then sew sets of two into three sets of six, always RST. Sew each of these three sets together until you have one continuous circle.

Fig. 2



6. Press all the seams carefully in one direction, encouraging the Dresden to lay as flat as possible.
7. Appliqué your Dresden around the outer edge to the 6 ½ inch background square, using the method of your choice. This could be done by hand or machine.
8. Prepare the center.
 - a. Using the template, trace the circle onto your fabric. This is a great opportunity to fussy-cut something fun. The template **does not** include a seam allowance. Cut out the fabric circle you traced, adding 3/8 inch seam allowance all the way around.
 - b. Set the stitch length on your machine to 4 and sew around the outside of the circle, between your drawn line and the edge, leaving long tails of thread on each end.
 - c. Center the paper template on the wrong side of the circle, and pull the strings on both ends to tighten the excess fabric around the template. Carefully tug until pulled snugly around the template and knot the threads. Press well, using spray starch to get a nice sturdy circle.
 - d. Carefully slip the paper template out and clip the threads. Press one final time.

9. Center the circle on the appliqued Dresden and appliqué down around the outside of the circle using the method of your choice.
10. Use basting spray to layer assembled Dresden onto the square of batting and quilt using your desired method.
11. Trim completed square to 6x6 inches, carefully centering your Dresden.

Assemble Pincushion

1. Take (4) 1.5 x 6 inch strips to your machine. (Remember to set it back to a regular stitch length.) Sew two of them together on the 1.5 inch end, RST – starting and ending ¼ inch from the top and bottom, backstitching at the beginning and end. Continue adding strips in the same manner, until you have all four sewn together in one long strip. Then sew the two ends together, RST using the same method, giving you a closed loop.
2. Sew this loop to your completed Dresden block first. Set the Dresden square RSU, then lay your loop on top, RSD. Match edges along one long side and sew together, starting and ending ¼ from each end, backstitching at each end and folding other edges out of the way as needed. Continue sewing each edge together in the same manner, until all four sides are sewn to the Dresden square.
3. Now attach the back of the pincushion. Set it RSU and layer assembled Dresden piece RSD on top. Match up seams along one edge and sew together using the same method – starting and beginning ¼ inch from each side, backstitching at the beginning and end. Continue until 3 sides are attached.
4. On the fourth side, attach using the same method, but leave a 2 inch opening in the center for turning. Backstitch at each side of the opening well to prevent it from pulling apart when turning.
5. Turn right side out, using a turner or chopstick to gently push out each of the 8 corners.
6. Press each of the 8 long seams well. *Don't be tempted to skip this step as it is what results in a nice square shape.*
7. Stuff with desired filling.
8. Sew opening closed by hand, using a ladder or slip stitch.

You did it! Happy pinning.

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MINI DRESDEN Templates

Cut templates on outside of thick lines.

