

# SUZAN QUILTS... Another 12 Days of Christmas Day 11



## 2 (more) Tiny Dresden Plate Blocks

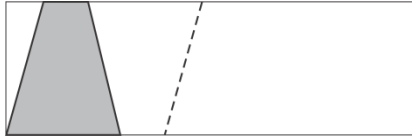
### Cutting

#### For each of 2 petal fabrics

Cut 1 strip 2" x 15".

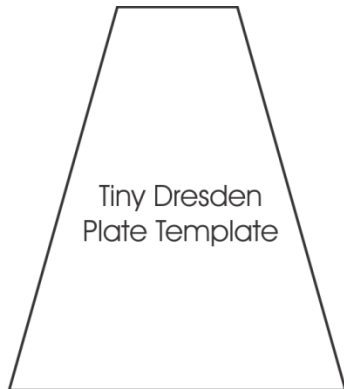
Cut 12 Tiny Dresden petals with template below, or use or use Suzn Quilts' Tiny Dresden template #216.

Rotate template on the strip to cut the petals.



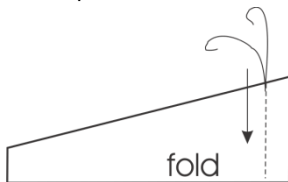
#### Background fabric(s)

Cut 2 squares 5" x 5".

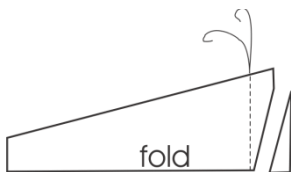


### Sew The Tiny Dresden Petals

Fold each petal in half, right sides together as shown below then stitch, with small stitches, toward the fold. Chain stitch petals to save thread & time.

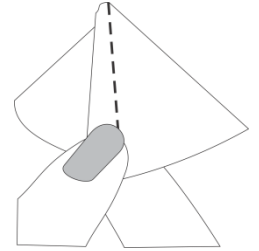


Trim seam allowance away at point.

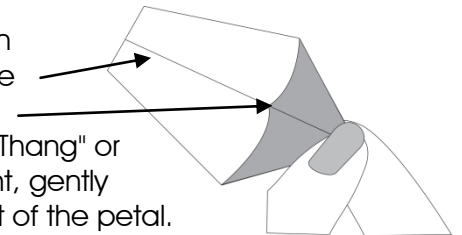


Press the seam flat as sewn then press the entire fold to make crease for aligning purposes later. The Mighty Steam Iron is a great light-weight iron for this task!

While holding the seam allowance to one side, turn the petal right-side-out.

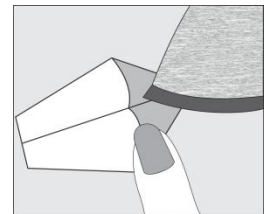


Once turned, align the pressed crease with the seam. Using "That Purple Thang" or another blunt point, gently poke out the point of the petal.



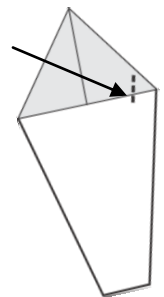
Still aligning the fold line and the seam, finger press the point between your thumbnail and index finger a couple of times until it is flat. This will set the seam.

Keeping the seam aligned with the pressed crease, press with iron. Press out the crease now too.



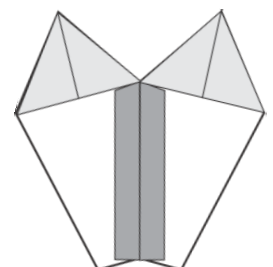
### Make The Tiny Dresden Plates

Sew together 2 petals, starting 3 stitches from edge, backstitch to edge, then sew the entire seam to avoid thread tails on outer edge of plate.



Press each seam flat as sewn, then press it open as shown.

**Don't trim these seams!**

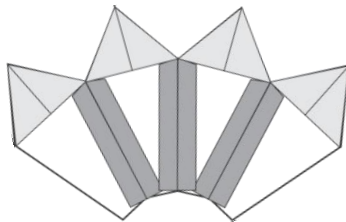


Measure for accuracy by laying pairs of petals over illustration at right to be sure you are sewing accurate scant 1/4" seams.

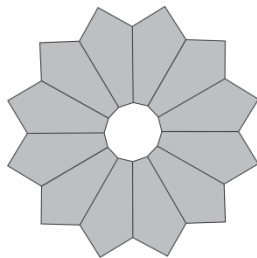


If your petal units are larger, your seam allowance is too small. If your petal units are smaller your seam allowance is too big.

When your seam allowance is just right, sew pairs of petals together. Press again.



Sew 3 sections together to complete the plate.



Give final press with Mary Ellen's Best Press.

Make 2 plates today.

### Make & Appliqué The Tiny Dresden Plate Centers

Using the template below, cut 2, 1" circles from freezer paper. (Do not add seam allowance).

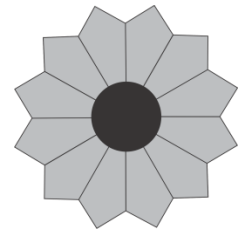
**Note: Stack 6 layers of freezer paper & cut 6 perfect circles at a time with a circle cutter if you have it! (you may need more in these 12 days...)**



Press wax side of circle template to wrong side of fabric leaving at least 1/2" between circles.

Cut out circles with 1/4" seam allowance. With Roxanne™ or other fabric glue, glue seam allowance to paper side of templates. Appliqué Bars make this task much easier!

Align 1" circles on the Tiny Dresden plates gluing edge only to the center of the plates as shown at right.

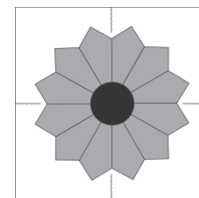


Appliqué the center circles to the plates using thread matching the center circle fabric. I prefer a *tiny* blind hem stitch. Done small enough it resembles hand stitching. Some machines do not allow altering of stitch length or width to make this possible. In that instance I suggest using either a small zigzag or another stitch or hand stitch the centers to the plates.

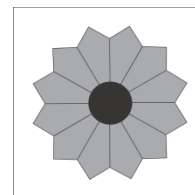
Dampen the center circles. Let them rest a few minutes then remove the paper templates. A slight pull diagonally on the plate will release the paper. Let the plates dry, then press them again with Mary Ellen's Best Press. Pressing wet blocks will distort them!

### Appliqué The Tiny Dresden Plates

Fold each 5" background square in half both directions. Finger press at center edges. Position plate on background square. Glue edge only of plate to background square as shown.



Appliqué the same way the center was stitched with thread matching to petals. Don't trim away the backing, it adds stability.



Make 2.

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