

Austen Manor Dresdens Plates

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using the *Austen Manor* collection
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Finished quilt: 50" x 50" -- Finished block: 14"

Skill Level: Intermediate

Materials:

AMAN 732E 1 yard of tan stripe for block background
AMAN 729E $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of gold for center block background
AMAN 727B $\frac{3}{8}$ yard of blue for Dresden Plate blades
AMAN 731R $\frac{3}{8}$ yard of red for Dresden Plate blades
AMAN 737Z $\frac{3}{8}$ yard of gold for Dresden Plate blades
AMAN 733T $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards of blue for setting triangles, Dresden Plate blades, and binding
AMAN 733R $\frac{5}{8}$ yard of red for inner border and Dresden Plate blades
AMAN 727R $\frac{1}{3}$ yard of red for side setting triangles
AMAN 727Z 1 yard of tan for outer border
AMAN 731B $\frac{1}{8}$ yard of blue for Dresden Plate center circles
Backing $3\frac{1}{3}$ yards of any *Austen Manor* fabric
Heat resistant template plastic
Optional: EZ Dresden ruler (use 5" mark on ruler for cutting).

Dresden Plates

Cutting:

AMAN 732E - Cut (4) 15" squares for block backgrounds
AMAN 729E - Cut (1) 15" square center block background
AMAN 733T, AMAN 733R, AMAN 727B, AMAN 731R, and AMAN 737Z: From *each* fabric, cut (2) strips, 5" x width of fabric (wof) for the Dresden Plate blades. Make a plastic template or use an EZ Dresden ruler to cut (20) blades from each fabric, placing the wide base of the template at the top edge of strip. Rotate the template so the wide base is on the bottom of strip for the next cut; continue rotating the template for each cut to get the most blades from each strip.

Sewing:

1. Fold the wide end of each blade right sides together and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Clip the folded corner in the seam allowance. Turn the point right side out, center the seam on the wedge and press.
2. Using one blade of each print, sew (5) blades together along the side edges to make a quarter-circle unit, starting at the top with a small backstitch and sewing a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press the seam allowances in one direction. Sew (4) quarters-circle units together to make one Dresden Plate. Make (5).
3. Center each Dresden Plate on a 15" background square, pin in place and topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the folded edge of each blade.
4. Cut one circle from the template plastic. Use the plastic template to trace (5) circles on the wrong side of the AMAN 731B print. Cut out the circles adding a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Hand sew a long running stitch around the edge of each fabric circle, insert the plastic template and pull the thread to wrap the fabric around the template. Spray with starch and press until dry. Remove the template and knot the thread. Hand or machine appliqué a circle in the center of each Dresden Plate.
5. Trim each completed Dresden Plate block to measure $14\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Corner and Side Setting Triangles

Cutting:

AMAN 733T - cut (2) 10³/₄" squares, cut once diagonally to yield (4) corner triangles
cut (2) 11¹/₈" squares, cut twice diagonally to yield (8) side triangles
AMAN 727R - cut (1) 7¹/₂" x wof strip, subcut into (4) 7¹/₂" squares

Sewing:

1. Sew (2) side triangles to adjacent sides of each 7¹/₂" square to make a large triangle unit. Make (4) units.
2. Referring to the photo, arrange the Dresden Plate blocks, triangle units, and corner triangles in diagonal rows. Sew the blocks and triangles together in rows; press. Sew the rows together and press. The quilt top center should measure about 40" square.

Borders and Binding

Cutting:

AMAN 733R - cut (5) 1¹/₂" x wof inner-border strips
AMAN 727Z - cut (6) 4¹/₂" x wof outer-border strips
AMAN 733T - cut (6) 2 ¹/₂" x wof binding strips

Sewing:

1. Trim (2) of the 1¹/₂"-wide inner border strips to 40" long and sew them to opposite sides of the quilt top. Sew the remaining inner-border strips together end to end. From the long strip, cut (2) 42"-long strips and sew them to the top and bottom of quilt top.
2. Sew the 4¹/₂" outer-border strips together end to end. From the long strip, cut (2) 42"-long strips and sew them to the sides of the quilt top. From the remaining strip, cut (2) 50"-long strips and sew them to the top and bottom of quilt top.
3. Layer the quilt top with batting and backing; baste. Quilt as desired. Bind the edges to finish. Add a label to the back of your quilt.

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