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# DRESDEN CHRISTMAS TREE SKIRT

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DRESDEN PLATE & FAN COLLECTION

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Create a dazzling patchwork Christmas tree skirt. As part of the Dresden Plate & Fan Collection, create a fan of colors and patterns. You'll have a dramatic patchwork masterpiece.

## SUPPLIES

Trace 'n Create Quilt Template Dresden Plate & Fan Collection (Art. No. 9514)  
5/8 yd. green cotton quilting print  
5/8 yd. red cotton quilting print  
1 package double fold bias tape  
1-1/2 yd. felt

## STEPS

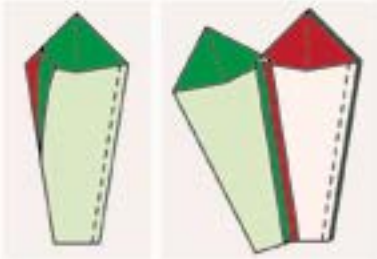
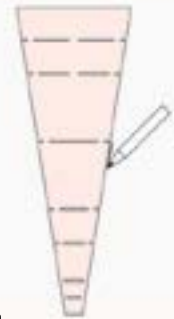
(Note: all seam allowances are 1/4")

### I. ASSEMBLE TREE SKIRT

Follow the Trace 'n Create Quilt Template Dresden Plate & Fan Collection instructions. Trace, cut, and stitch one 40" Dresden Plate Block.

Template A: Trace and cut nine green-fabric wedges and nine red-fabric wedges. Following the instructions included with the template, fold and stitch the top of each wedge; turn right side out and press.

Template A



Align one red wedge and one green wedge right sides together. Begin stitching at the wide end of the wedges, matching top edges; stitch. Press seams open. Repeat creating nine wedge pairs.

Note: Template B, the circle template, is not used for this project.

Stitch wedge pairs together, alternating greens and reds, until you have 18 wedges stitched together into an open Dresden Plate.

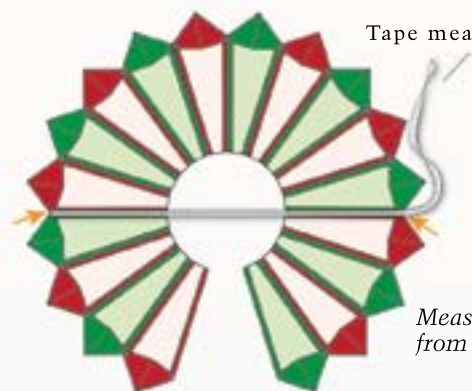
Note: The Dresden wedges will be assembled into a partial plate of 18. (A traditional Dresden Plate design would have 20 wedges.)

Press under 1/4" on long edge of both unfinished wedges.



# SKIRT

s Tree Skirt with one super-sized quilt block. Using the Trace 'n Create Quilt Template a 40" Dresden Plate, minus two wedges. Add a felt backing and binding ties, and centerpiece for your holiday enjoyment!



## 2. FELT BACKING

Measure the finished diameter of the block from the wrong side between the inner portions of the wedges; diameter should measure between 33-1/2"-34". Subtract 1/2" from the diameter measurement; cut a circle this size from the felt.

*Measurement taken across diameter from inner edges of wedges.*

Layer the felt circle to the wrong side of the Dresden Plate; securely pin. Trim felt from center section. Also trim felt from opening. Hand stitch outer edges of felt to Dresden design.

*Optional: Stitch-in-the-ditch, stitching in the well of the seams to quilt the two layers.*



## NOTE FROM NANCY



I like to use felt as a backing when making a tree skirt. The felt gives the tree skirt a quilt-like appearance without the unneeded loft of batting/fleece and backing.

## 3. BINDING TIES

Cut 54" length of the double fold bias tape. Center binding to inner circle opening. Use your favorite binding technique, stitch binding to circle opening. Stitch edges of double fold bias tape together in tie areas.

## NOTE FROM NANCY

If you have extra fabric left over from making the Christmas Tree Skirt. Use Clover's 1" Bias Tape Maker (Art. No. 464/25) and 2" bias strips of fabric to create matching bias trim!



"The new Trace 'n Create Quilt Template collections make the patchwork painless."

- Nancy Zieman



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Art. No. 9514

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