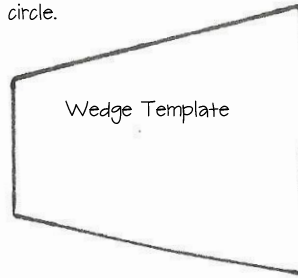# ❧ Prairie Dresden Pincushion ❧

This pincushion features many of the beautiful fabrics from my _Prairie Gathering_ collection by **Marcus Fabrics**!

Supply List:

- ♥ (14) 2″ squares of assorted red prints for the Dresden wedge plate points.
- ♥ (1) 2″ square medium red print for the plate center circle.
- ♥ (1) 4½″ square light print for block background.
- ♥ (4) 1″ x 6″ strips of red print for block borders.
- ♥ (1) 5½″ square red print for backing.
- ♥ Template plastic.
- ♥ Roxanne's Glue Baste-It.
- ♥ Smoke color mono-filament thread.
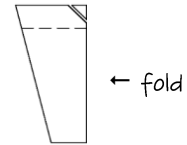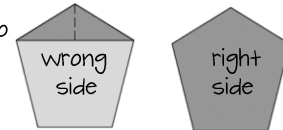- ♥ Ground walnut shells.

Wedge Template

Directions:

*Using the wedge template above, make one from template plastic. (Templates <u>include</u> the seam allowances!) Trace wedge onto the wrong side of (14) assorted red print fabrics. **Cut them out on the line.**

<u>Hint:</u> increase the stitches per inch when sewing the top of the wedge, and when sewing the wedges together! Using a matching color thread is also recommended.
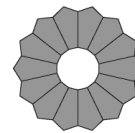
*Fold the wedges in half, lengthwise, right sides together. Beginning with the folded side, sew ¼″ seam along the top of the wedge, backstitching at the beginning and the end to reinforce the seam. Trim the seam allowance to about ⅛″, and clip the corner by the fold to reduce bulk.
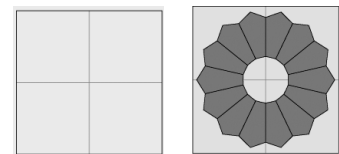
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*Turn the wedge right side out. Gently push the point out with the top of a bamboo stick, stuffing tool, or small crochet hook, etc. Looking at the wrong side of the wedge, position the seam in the center of the wedge, and the seam allowance so it is laying flat to one side; press. Make (14) assorted Dresden Plate wedges.

wrong side   right side

*Sew the (14) wedges together, backstitching at the beginning and the end of each seam. (Remember to increase the stitches per inch!) Press all seams in one direction. Don't worry if your plate seems to ripple a wee bit as that is normal. If it seems like a lot, check your seam allowances, and re-sew if need be. Then, give it a good steam press. Dresden Plate unit should measure approximately 3½″ finished.
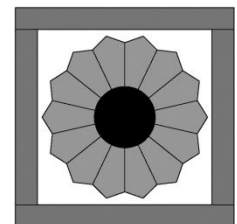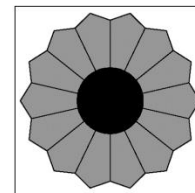
*Cut the background square 4½″. Fold in half twice, and finger press to mark the centers.   Position the Dresden Plate on the background, matching the centers of the plate to the midline folds of the background. I used Roxanne's Glue-Baste-It to glue my plate to the background. You can also baste stitch or pin if you like.

*Prepare the center circle applique using your favorite applique method, and glue, or baste over the center of the Dresden Plate. Applique the Dresden plate and the center circle by hand or by machine (using smoke color mono-filament thread if by machine.)

* Sew the 1″ x 6″ red border strips to the sides of the quilt block; trim even with the block. Sew the top and bottom strips in the same manner.

*Cut a 5½″ square of red print backing fabric. Sew around all four sides leaving an opening for turning. Fill with walnut shells, then stitch opening closed.

Center Template

Prairie Dresden Pincushion measures 5″ x 5″ finished.