



Quilter's Patch

2025 Saturday Sampler

Quilter's Corner at Ben Franklin Monroe

April 5, 2025

Step 1

Pick out your fabrics. 2 yellows, some greens and a center for your sunflower. I didn't like how my center looked with the yellows so I will be picking a new one this week and putting it on. Don't judge my naked sunflowers 😊

Step 2

Cut your fabrics and label.



Your Dresdens will have to be cut from a template and then cut from your strips.



I cut a template from template plastic and set it on my fabric. I placed my acrylic ruler right next to it, moved my template and made the cut with the acrylic ruler. You can also trace it and cut with scissors.



Step 3

To make your petals, take one of your yellow fabrics. Fold it in half lengthwise right sides together.

Stitch along the top edge of the folded fabric.



Clip the folded corner off. Don't cut into your seam. You are just trying to reduce bulk on your point.

Step 4

Using your index finger, separate the sides of your seam allowance. I put my index finger on the middle of the seam allowance, and my thumb inside the petal. You are finger pressing that seam open and then turn your petal right side out. You can then use a point turner to gently poke the seam so it is pointy. Once your point is centered on press with the iron.



Repeat for all of the petal pieces.

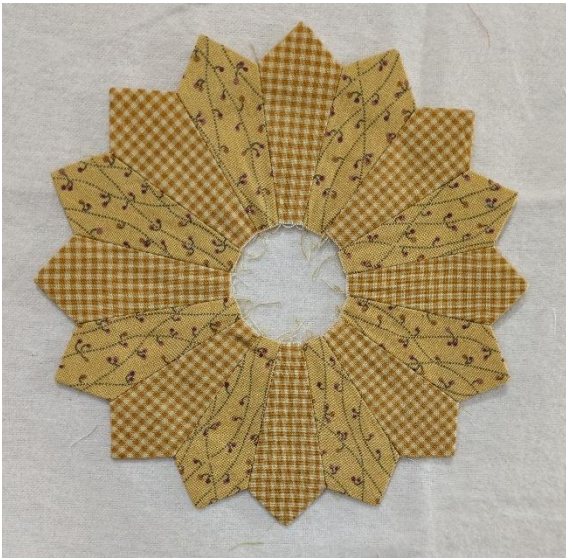
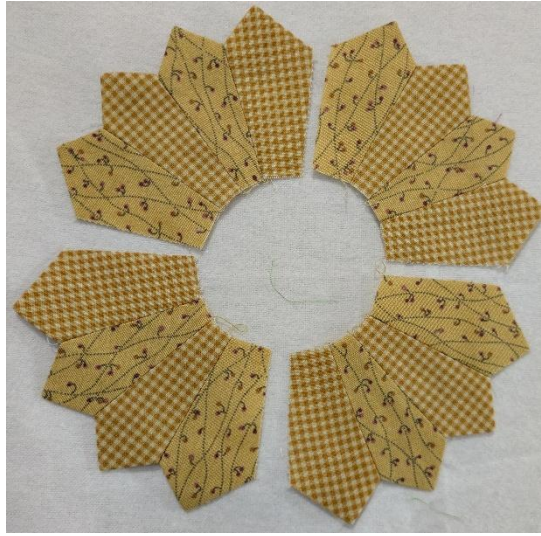
Step 5

Start sewing your petal pieces together in pairs right sides together starting from the base of your petal. I like to sew to the edge of the petals and then reverse a couple of stitches to reinforce the pointy part of the Dresden. Press the seam open



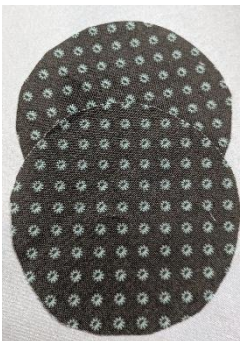
Step 6

Arrange your pairs in a circle. You will have 8 pairs per flower. I start sewing each pair to another pair. To make quarters. Press that seam open. Sew your quarters into halves and press open. Sew your halves together.



If it seems like your circle is wrinkly or wonky you might have to go and tighten up a couple of seams. I had to do that to both of my flowers. Look at the back and see if any of the seam allowances are a little small. If they are just run another seam line of stitches closer in to narrow that piece a bit. Press well.

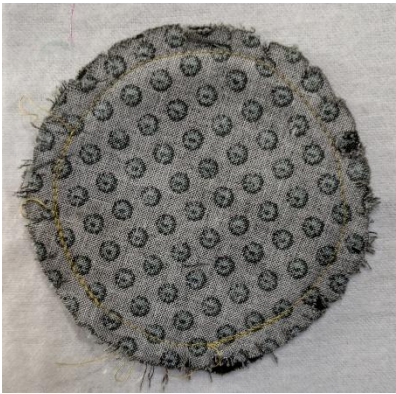
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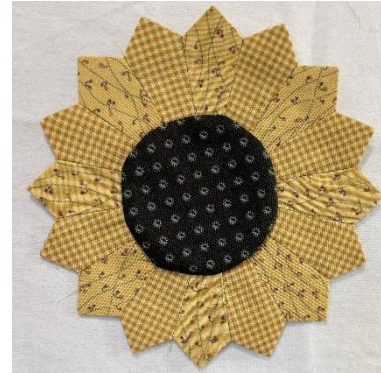
I recommend turning your sunflower centers prior to appliqueing them on. I cut 2 circles for each sunflower.

Step 8

With right sides together sew a 1/4 " seam all the way around your circles.



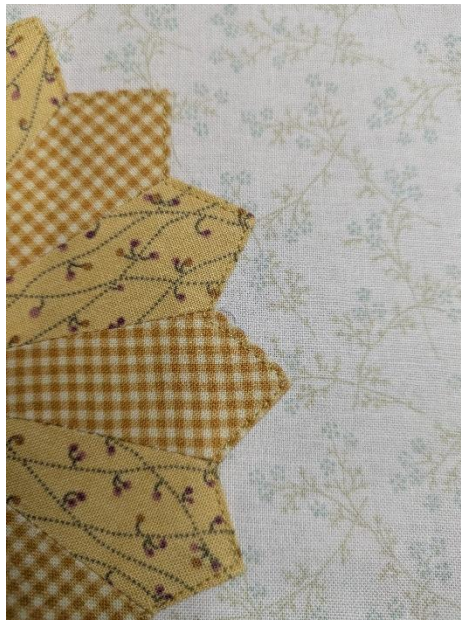
Cut a slit in one side of your circle and turn it inside out. Place it on your flower and stitch around the circle with the applique stitch of your choice. I like to straight stitch just inside the edge of the circle.



Step 9

Make your leaves and background. We have done this in the previous blocks. I am not showing each step here 😊 Place your sunflower on your background. I used a temporary glue pen to keep the flower in place while I stitched it on. I used a straight stitch on the flower.





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