

Class supply list for **Wonky Dresden Neighborhood**

Montavilla Lake Oswego

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Create your own delightfully wonky Dresden Neighborhood using a Dresden blade ruler, the *Dresden Neighborhood* pattern by Persimon Dreams, and my tips and suggestions. The height of the buildings, shape of the roofs, and custom doors and windows are all up to you – *you* are the architect, contractor, and builder! Your choices of fabrics and color also go a long way toward customizing your neighborhood.

The mini quilt was designed to finish at 24" square but you can make yours bigger to incorporate other elements.

Skill level: confident beginner.

Required

- Dresden Quilt Ruler by EZ Quilting (makes wedges up to 8" tall)
- *Dresden Neighborhood* pattern by Persimon Dreams (<https://kimlapacek.com/product/dresden-neighborhood-mini-quilt-pattern>)
- ½ yard each lightweight and heavyweight double-sided fusible (Heat n Bond brand highly recommended)

All available at Montavilla Lake Oswego or order online. Please call Montavilla at 503-635-1353 to see if products are in stock.

Sewing supplies

Sewing machine with assorted feet, including ¼" foot or other open toed foot and walking foot

Standard sewing supplies (scissors, straight pins, measuring tape, seam ripper, etc.)

Colored threads for decorative stitching around buildings and roofs

Optional: travel iron with ironing pad

Press cloth (an 18" square of unbleached muslin works great)

Fabric requirements

Background

The pattern calls for ⅔ yard fabric from which you cut a 24½" square. (Note that ⅔ yard is only 24" in length, however!) Before you buy (or cut) background fabric, consider:

1. Your fabric will draw up somewhat depending on how much quilting you do, and you may need to square up your block before binding it. I recommend that you cut your background a minimum of 26" square if you plan to have a project that finishes at 24½" square.

2. You'll need a larger background if you want to add other elements to your neighborhood, such as a sleigh flying overhead for a Christmas version or goblins rising from the buildings for a Halloween version (see examples on Pinterest and Instagram).

Buildings

Select a minimum of 20 scraps at least 4" x 9" for the houses. Look for fabrics that go well together and differ in value (light/medium/dark). Bring a few scraps of other fabrics in case you change your mind and want to make substitutions when you start arranging wedges in class.

Roofs

Roofs can be made from the same fabrics as your houses or in a family of like colors. They can be solid or printed for a textured look – totally up to you! Keep in mind the need for contrast between the roofs and your Dresden blades as well as between the roofs and your background fabric. You'll need a total of 20 scraps at least 2½" x 4½". If you're using the same fabric for more than one roof, you can use larger scraps.

Doors and Windows

These are also made from scraps. Scraps for the doors need to be at least 1" x 3"; scraps for windows need to be at least 1½" x 2½". First Light Designs tip: Don't cut doors and windows until after you've made your houses and roofs. Your fabric choices might change based on how your wonky Dresden Neighborhood comes together.

Center Circle

You'll need (2) 5" squares of fabric or (1) 5" square of fabric and (1) 5" square of lightweight fusible interfacing depending on your method of making a circle. Because the center circle is the last element added, I suggest you wait till your neighborhood is complete before making a final decision on your fabric.

What to do before class meets

If possible, purchase ruler and pattern ahead of time.

Choose 20 fabrics for Dresden plates. If desired, cut into 4" x 9" scraps.

Choose fabrics for roofs. If desired, cut into 2½" x 4½" scraps.

Audition fabrics for center circle.

If desired, use the ruler to cut wedges from your building scraps.

Please do not do any other cutting or sewing before class, as I have some special tips for you.

Questions? Call me at 503-232-3089 or email me (preferred) at dawnwhitepdx@gmail.com.