

# 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.

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