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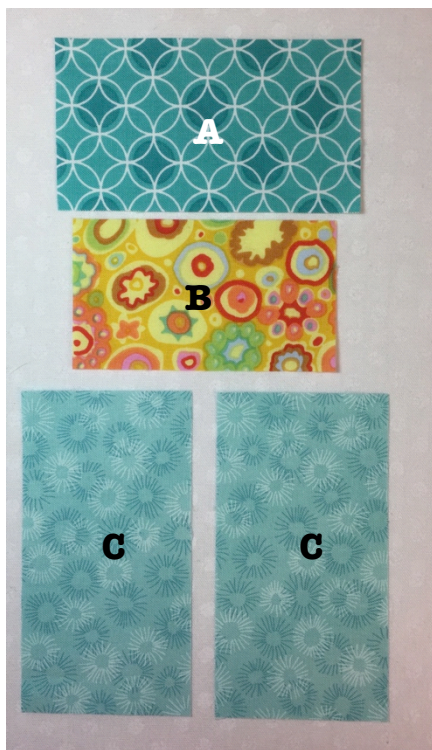
Advance Pre-Piecing for the B1 template
using Block 17 from *Distinctive Dresdens*
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A delightful way to add more distinction and
dimension to *Distinctive Dresdens* blocks



These instructions will guide you through the cutting and Advance Pre-Piecing to
create a new element in your *Distinctive Dresdens* blocks.

All other instructions to complete the blocks are contained in *Distinctive Dresdens*.



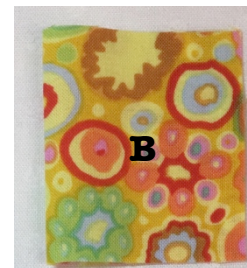
For each B1 template, cut:

- 1 - 4" (h) x 2 1/4" (v) rectangle fabric A
- 1 - 2" (v) x 3 1/2" (h) rectangle fabric B
- 2 - 2 1/4" (h) x 4 1/4" (v) rectangles fabric C

Block 17 has 5 - B1 templates
(h) - horizontal (v) - vertical



Folded Edge ⇓

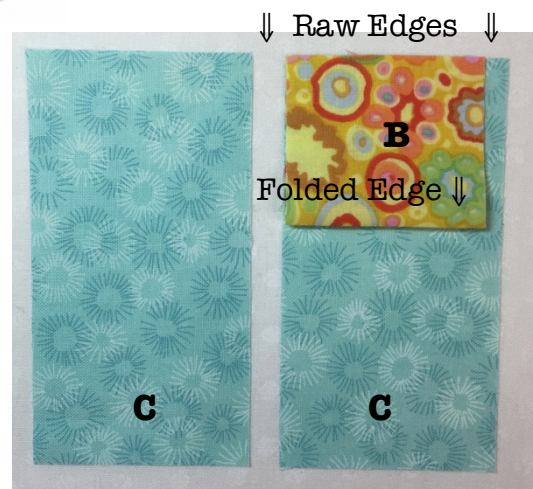


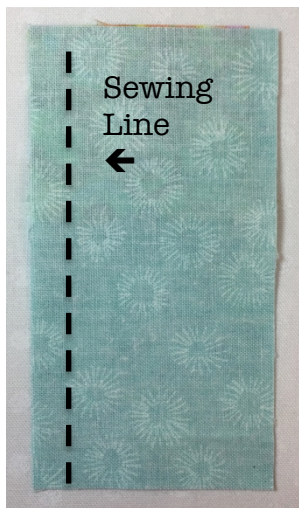
2 x 1 3/4"
while folded

Piecing:

Fold B in half wrong sides together, to measure
2" x 1 3/4" while folded. Finger press a crease
into the fold. Rotate B, a quarter turn counter
clockwise.

Place the rectangle B (already folded in half,
wrong sides together and rotated) on top of
one of the right side up C rectangles with raw
edges aligned as shown.





Place the second C rectangle on top so that the two rectangles are right sides together with raw edges aligned and the folded B rectangle in between.

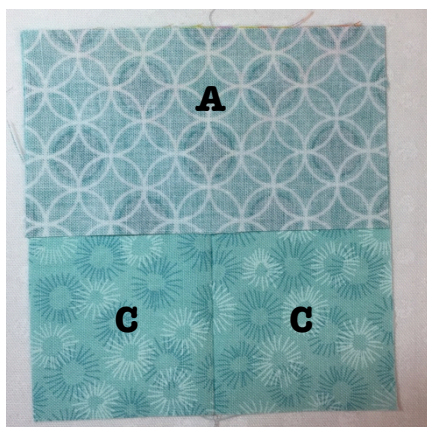
Stitch a 1/4" seam allowance as shown to enclose the folded rectangle B.

On the wrong side of the pieced unit finger press the seam open.

Open up the rectangle B as shown lining up the seam between the C rectangles with the finger pressed crease on rectangle B. Press.



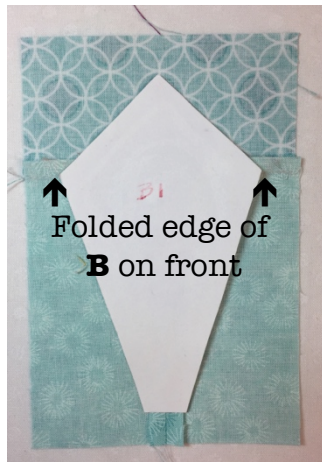
Place a line of glue under the folded edges of rectangle B, to adhere it to the underlying C squares, and to keep them from shifting during glue basting the wedge.



Center and attach rectangle A to the top of the B/C unit as shown.

On the wrong side of the pieced unit mark the center both at the top and bottom. Also mark where the underlying folded edge of B is on the front.





Glue baste wedge B1 template in place as shown, lining up the center top and bottom, and the side points with the marked, underlying folded edge of B. Cut out the fabric including a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance on all sides beyond the edge of the paper template.

I am machine piecing these Advance Pre-Piecing blocks, therefore the top edges of each wedge will be 'Closed Glue Basted' (page 15) and the side edges will be 'Open Glue Basted' (page 14).



Closed Glue Baste the top edges of the wedge as per the instruction on page 15 of *Distinctive Dresdens*.



Cut and prepare the remaining wedges required for Block 17 as shown on page 42 of *Distinctive Dresdens*. Piece together the wedges into facets.



When machine piecing wedges together, stitch about a threads width away from the edge of the papers. Press each seam open after piecing. Piece the number of facets required for the block. In odd (3 or 5) faceted blocks the block may not fold in half exactly and therefore have to be handled gently while piecing the last seam so that the template papers do not release.



Complete the block as per the instructions in *Distinctive Dresdens*.

I've chosen my background fabric to use with my 'Advance Pre-Piecing' blocks and am excited to appliqué the blocks to the background, but I'll wait until they are all done.



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