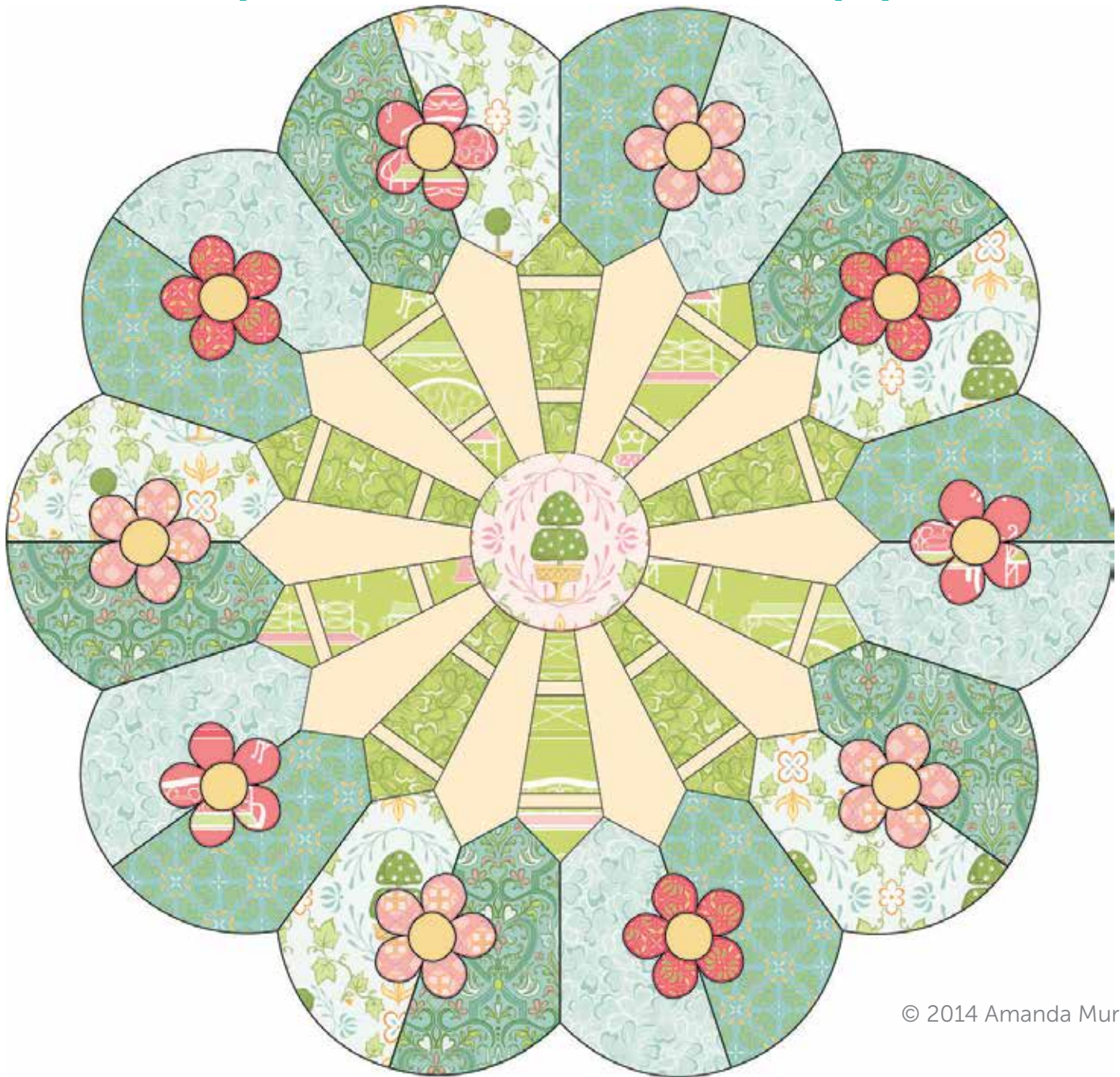# Topiary Table Topper

A complimentary design for the Topiary fabric collection
for Blend Fabrics by Amanda Murphy

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Designed, pieced, and quilted by Amanda Murphy. This table topper measures approximately 25" in diameter. Fabrics shown are Amanda Murphy for Blend Fabrics.

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Note: *Make sure to print all templates at 100%; do not use the "Fit to Page" setting. (You can tell it correct if the small Dresden Template print 6" in height and the large prints 10" in height.)*

Materials

- **Outer circle blue fabrics ("Sky"):** 1/3 yard each of 4 prints (115.104.01.2 Arbor Walk Light Blue, 115.104.03.2 Espalier Blue, 115.104.05.2 Everbloom Light Blue, 115.104.06.2 Orchard Blue)

- **Inner circle cream fabric ("Garden Gate"):** 1/4 yard (115.104.05.1 Everbloom Ivory)

- **Inner circle green fabric ("Grass"):** 1/4 yard each of two prints (115.104.04.1 Gazebo Green, 115.104.05.3 Everbloom Green)

- **Flowers:** small pieces of pink prints in Topiary collection for all flower petals (115.104.02.1 Knot Garden Pink, 115.104.04.3 Gazebo Pink , 115.104.06.3 Orchard Pink) and a contrasting print for flower centers (115.104.05.1 Everbloom Ivory)

- **Dresden Center:** 1 (5") square (115.104.01.1 Arbor Walk Light Pink)

- Paper-backed fusible web

- Tear-away stabilizer

- 28. wt. Aurifil thread for appliqué and 50 wt. for piecing

- Warm and Natural batting

- 30'' square Backing fabric (anything from the Topiary line)

- 30'' square Facing fabric (anything from the Topiary line)

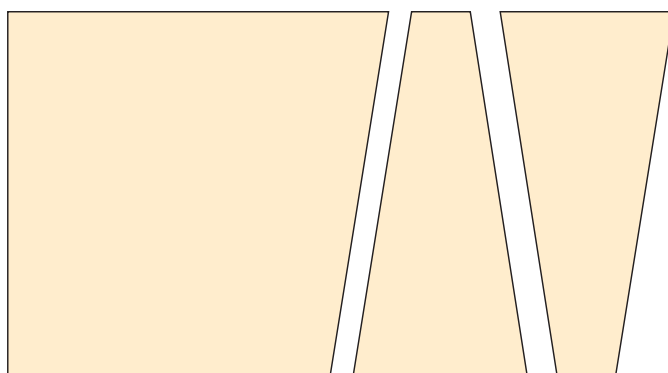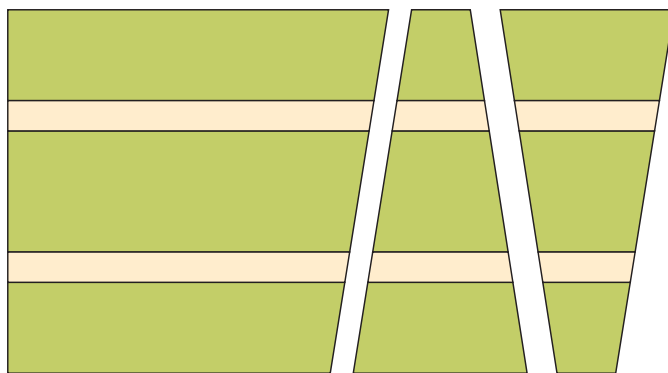- Clover Small, light green Yo-yo Maker *(optional)*

Cutting Instructions

Cut a 10" strip from each of the 4 blue Sky fabrics. Subcut each strip into 5 Large Dresden Template shapes. (Note that you might not want to flip the template when cutting directional prints so that motifs lie the same way on the runner.)

Cut 2 (1" x WOF) strip and 1 (6") strip from the cream Garden Gate fabric. Cut (1" x WOF) strip in half to yield a rectangle approximately 1" x 20".
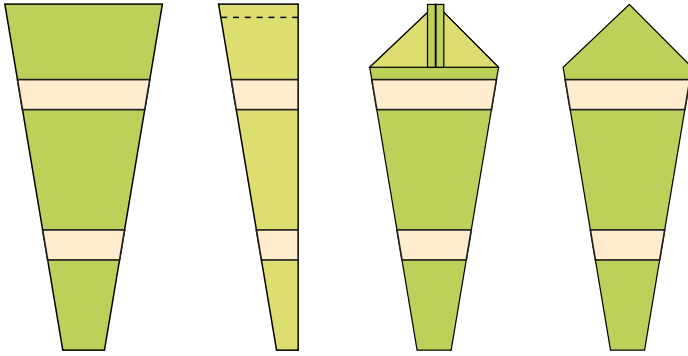
Cut 1 (1-¾" x WOF) and 1 (2-½" X WOF) from each Grass fabric. Cut each strip in half to yield strips that are approximately 20" in length. Discard one of the (2-1/2'' x 20") strips.

Dresden Plates

Join a (2" x WOF) Garden Gate fabric strip onto the top and bottom of the (2-½" x WOF) Grass strip. Press seams open. Join a (1-¾" x WOF) matching grass strip onto the top and bottom of this unit. Press seams open. Repeat with other Grass strips and remaining Garden Gate strips. Cut 5 small Dresden Plates from each of these strips sets and 10 small Dresden Plates from the cream Garden Gate (6") strip.
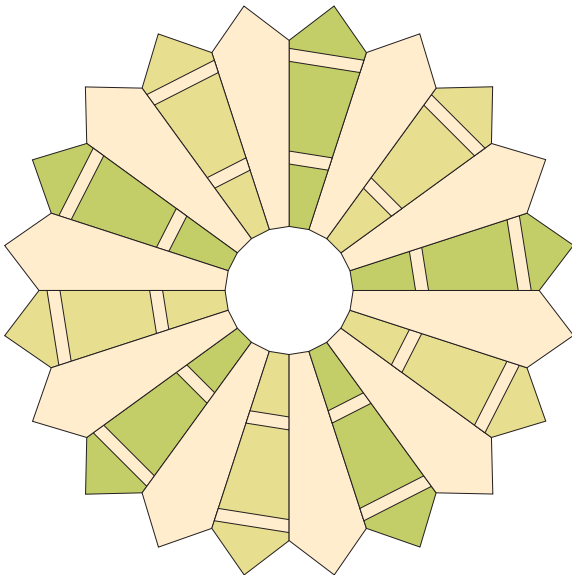
Form the outer points of the Grass and Garden Gate Dresden Plates in the following manner: Fold the plates in half lengthwise, right sides together, and sew across the wider end of the blade, using a 1/4" seam allowance and backstitching on both ends of the seam. Clip the seam allowance of the folded corner to reduce bulk. Finger press the seam open and turn right side out, press. Repeat to make 10 Dresden Plates from each fabric.
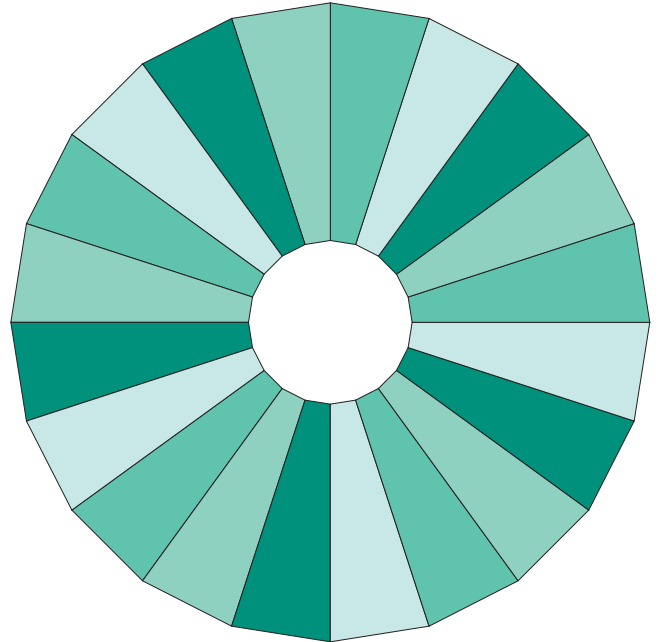
Join Sky plates. (These plates will just have raw edges, rather than finished points, at the tips.)

Dresden Assembly

Join Grass and Garden Gate plates.

Fuse small pieces of paper-backed fusible web, or fusible tape, to the back outside edges of the Garden Gate unit. Remove paper, exposing the fusible.

Center Garden Gate unit on top of Sky unit, matching seams and following diagram on the following page. Fuse to secure. Attach using an invisible hem stitch. Cut away excess Sky fabric, being careful to not to clip Garden Gate.

Trace the scallop template onto every two Dresden Plates using a water-soluble pen, aligning the center line and edges with the seams of the table topper.   Adjust lines if need to achieve the edge you would like.

Appliqué

Trace 8 Flower Petal and 8 Flower Center shapes onto the smooth side of paper-backed fusible web. Fuse to the wrong side of a variety of Flower fabrics and Flower Center fabrics. (You can use yo-yos for the flower centers if you prefer. I used the Clover Small, light green Yo-yo Maker to make mine.)

Trace the Dresden Center shape onto the fusible web and fuse to the wrong side of the Dresden Center fabric.

Cut out and fuse appliqué pieces onto table topper following quilt assembly diagram. Back with tear-away stabilizer and secure using a blanket stitch in 28 wt. thread for a nice finish.

Finishing

Layer your Topiary Table Topper on top of backing and batting. Pin. Secure edge by quilting along the scallop lines. Quilt Table Topper as desired.

Trim quilt top along scallop lines.

Fold the 30'' square of Facing fabric in half both way, pressing lightly, to find the center.

Using that center mark, draw an 18" circle in the center of the fabric square. Stay stitch on the circle line.

Cut out the center of the circle, 1/4'' away from the stay stitching. Clip the seam allowance right up to the stitching line at 1/4'' intervals. Press the seam back along the line. Use steam! The better your pressing line, the easier it will be to finish.

Layer the facing on top of the Topiary Table Topper right sides together, centering the design inside the cut out area. Pin.
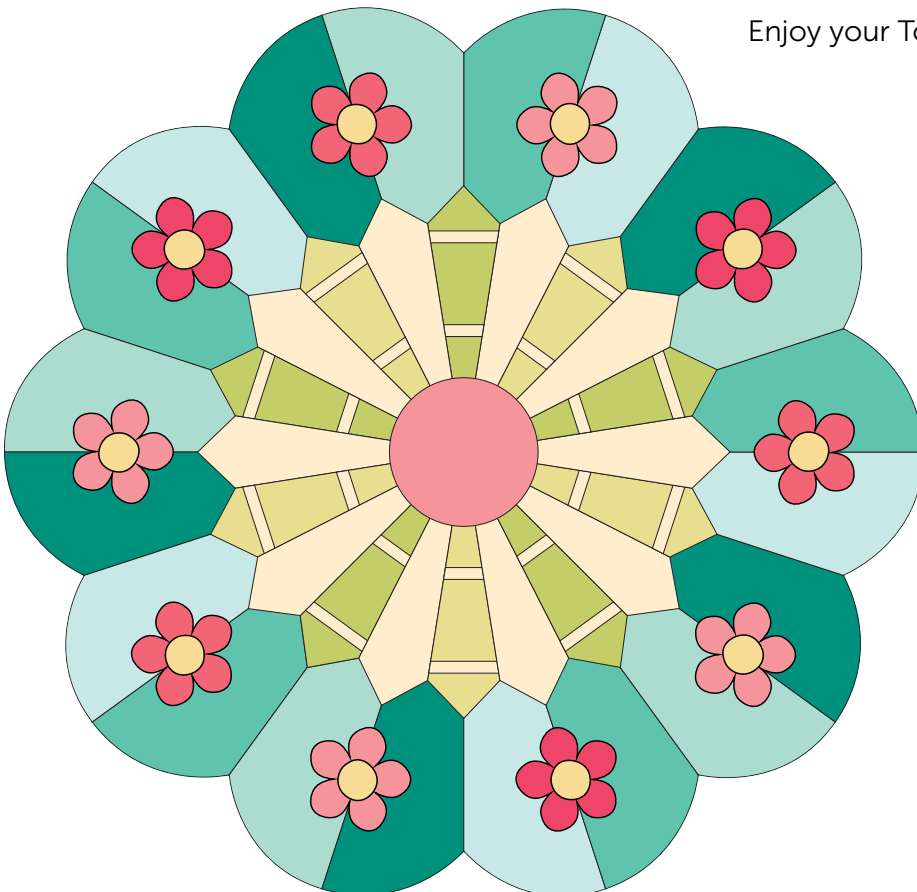
Turn the entire unit over and sew all the way around the piece, through all layers, using a 1/4'' seam allowance and your walking foot.
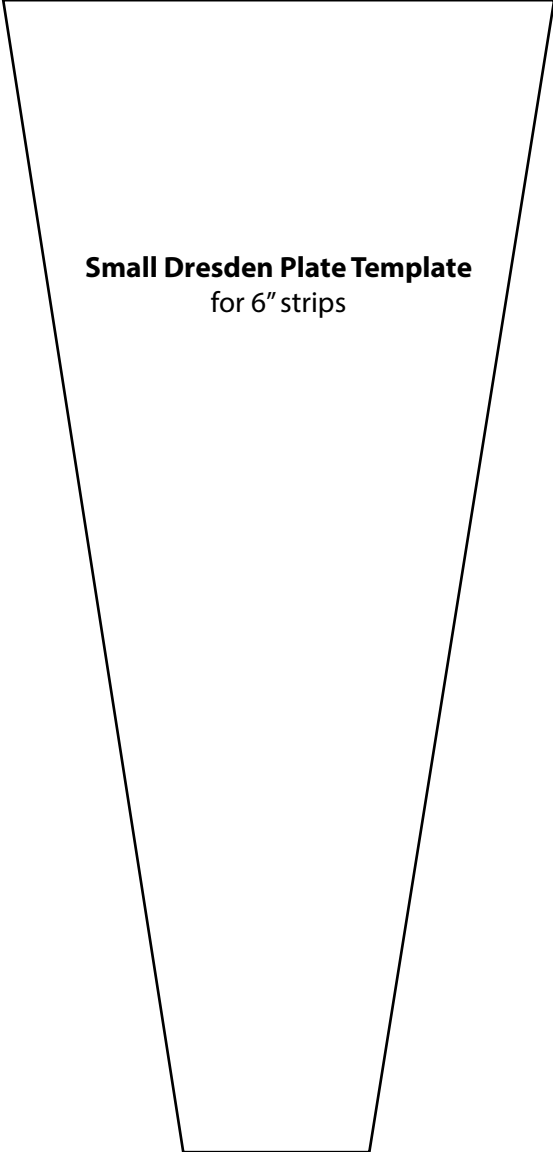
Trim off extra facing fabric. Clip the 1/4'' seam allowance every 1/4'', right up to - but not through - the seam line. Clip through all layers - including the batting! You might have to clip a little extra at the internal corners where the scallops meet.

Turn the facing to the back. Press. (If it doesn't turn well, you might have to turn it back inside out and clip the seam a few more times.)
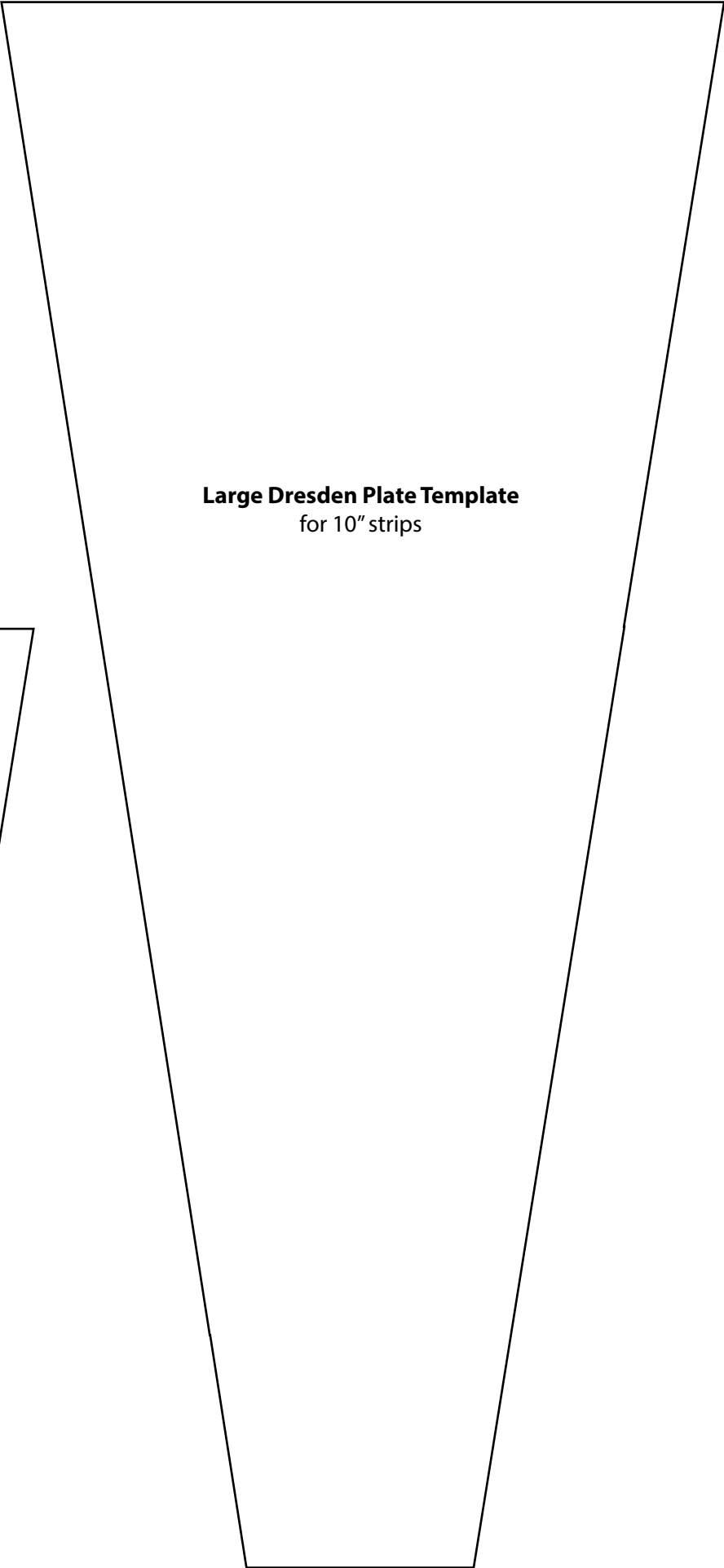
Slipstitch the facing to the back of the Table Topper, all the way around your circle. While doing so insert a label, if desired.
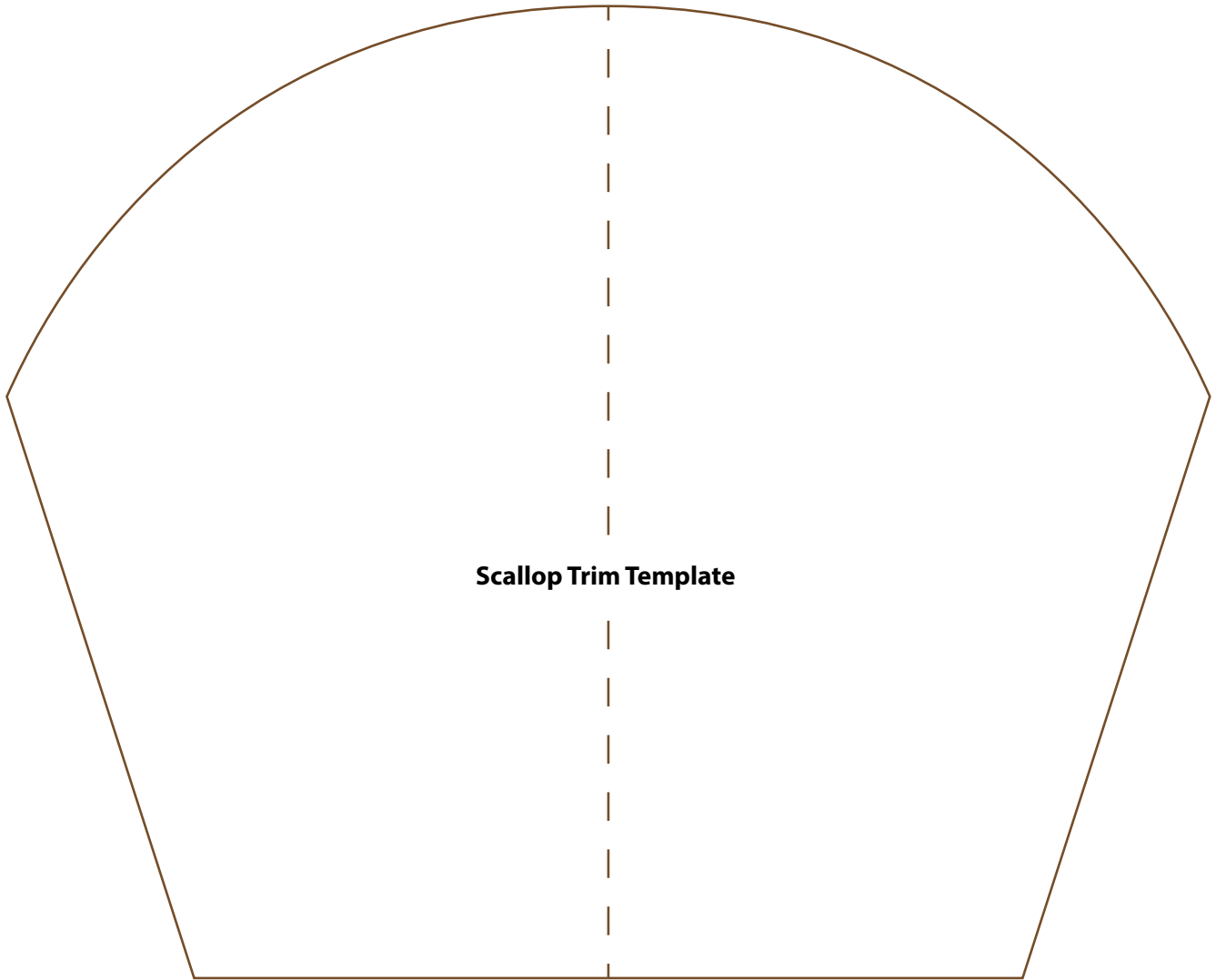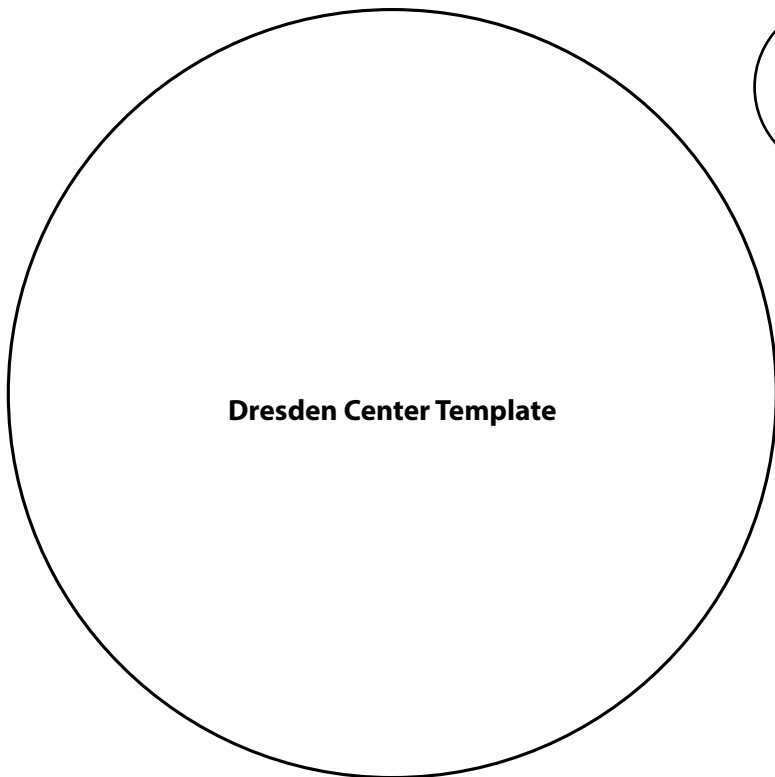
Enjoy your Topiary Table Topper!

Large Dresden Plate Template
for 10" strips

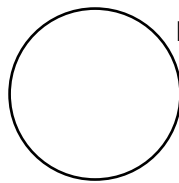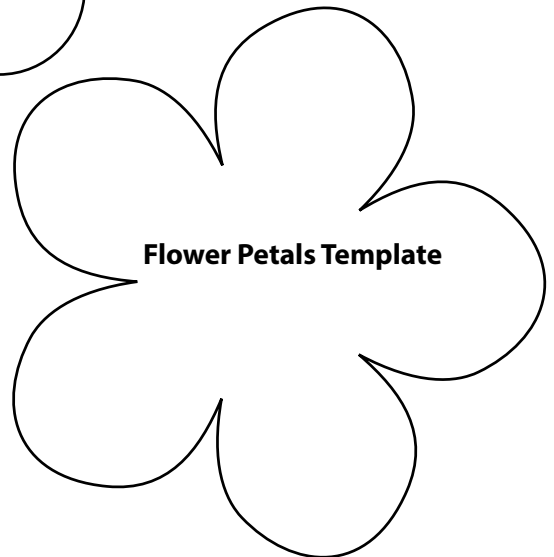**Small Dresden Plate Template**
for 6" strips

Scallop Trim Template

Dresden Center Template

Flower Center Template
(or use a yo-yo!)

Flower Petals Template