Playing With Dresden Plate

There are many forms and styles of the Dresden Plate block. In this workshop you will learn several different techniques to get different effects. You can then start to work on your own project or carry on making different samples to use at home. This workshop is quicker with a sewing machine but can be done by hand - it's just slower! Dresden Plate blocks can be made into quilts, wall hangings, bags and cushion covers.

Requirements

- * Selection of fabrics to make the blades of the 'plates'. These can be as coordinated/contrasting as you like!
- Template plastic
- Fine permanent marker
- Fabric marker
- Fabric scissors
- Paper scissors
- ** Dresden Plate template *if* you have one - don't buy especially
- Sewing machine and all the bits and pieces, including the manual. A 1/4" foot would be useful
- Thread, either to match your fabrics or a mid-value grey or brown
- Pins and needles

Optional requirements

- Fabric for background if you want to start on a project
- Chunky ric rac - I've used this for flower stems on one of the wall hangings

- It's difficult to say *how* much fabric as it depends how many different samples you want to try but four fat quarters would give a good start if buying fabric especially for the workshop. More fabric is always better than less!!

** Dresden Plates can be made from varying numbers of blades. If you have a template then bring it with you but I will have templates for you to copy for the various styles