

Scalloped Dresden Bag

This bag features a Dresden flap complete with scalloped edges. It is fully lined with a magnetic snap. The body is shaped with several darts. The strap is worn across the body.

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Supplies:

1/2 yard exterior fabric (linen or home dec. weight recommended)1/2 yard lining fabric1/2 yard medium to heavy weight iron on interfacingmagnetic snap kitassorted scraps

All seam allowances are 1/4"

Approximate finished dimensions: 10 ¹/₂" wide, 8" high

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1. Begin by choosing scraps for your Dresden. Cut 11 Dresden blades (Pattern Piece A) and apply interfacing to the wrong side of each blade. Arrange as desired and sew blades together to create an arch. Press.



2. Choose a scrap for the center of your Dresden. Cut one piece of interfacing using Pattern Piece B. Apply it to the wrong side of a fabric scrap. Cut about a ¹/₄" extra around the outer edge, clip to the interfacing and iron under for a smooth center.



3. It's up to you how you attach the center to your Dresden. You can use a zig zag machine stitch. You can use a straight stitch on the machine. Or, you can hand sew it using blind stitches as I did. I have seen many a Dresden ruined by a messy center so this is my preferred method!



4. Using this completed flap as your pattern, cut one flap out of your lining material. Cut 2 each of interfacing, exterior material and lining material using Pattern Piece C.



5. Apply interfacing to the wrong side of both exterior body pieces. Mark darts with pencil on the wrong side of each exterior and lining piece.



6. With right sides together, stitch along each dart line on both exterior and lining pieces. Iron darts toward each other as shown below.



7. Take one lining and one exterior piece and pin across top edge, right sides together. Stitch, turn and topstitch along upper edge.



8. Place your lining flap and remaining lining body piece and pin with right sides together along the upper edge. Stitch, press seams. Now apply your magnetic snaps, following the manufacturer's directions. The female side of the snap should be centered 3 5/8" down on the exterior front (fold the lining piece aside). The male side of the snap should be positioned 3 5/8" from the seam and centered on the right side of the lining flap.



9. With right sides together, pin exterior Dresden flap to exterior body back. Stitch, press.



10. Place your lining piece right side up with the bag front on top of it, also right side up. Match all three layers of dart seams and pin. Stitch 1/8" around edge.



11. Place exterior body piece right side down on top of the unit you just completed and pin around the edges, carefully matching the dart seams and Dresden blades.



Stitch around perimeter leaving a 4" wide opening for turning in the side seam (see pic on right).

12. Clip curves of Dresden blades.



13. Turn bag and press. Topstitch along scalloped edge.



14. Cut a piece of exterior fabric and interfacing 4" wide by the length you require for your strap (mine was 44 ¹/₂" long). Apply interfacing to the wrong side of the strap. Fold in half length wise, wrong sides together and iron. Fold outer edges in to meet the fold and iron again. Top stitch around all four sides of your strap.

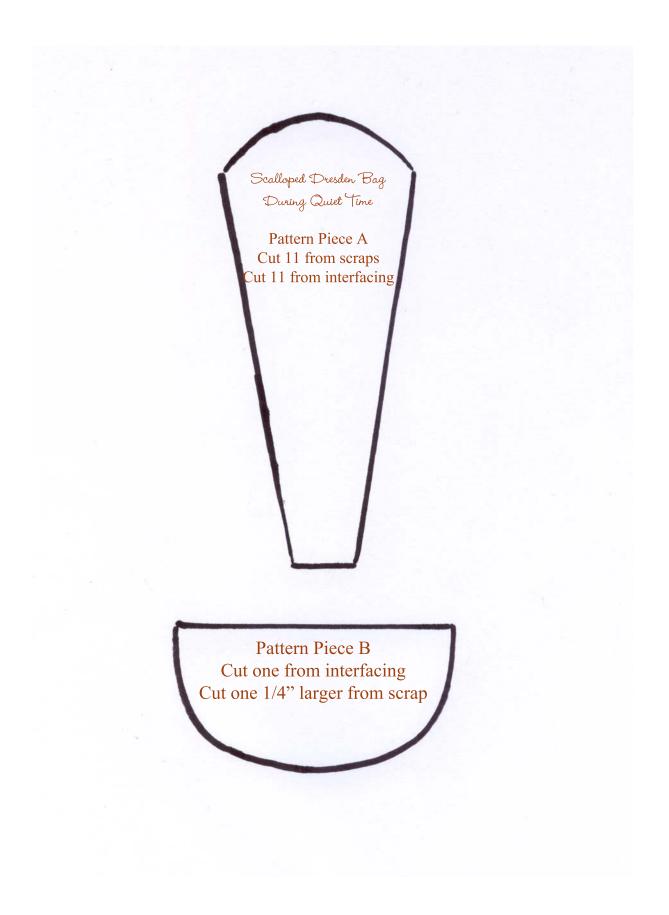


15. Attach strap to bag, with one inch of overlap on the exterior.



Fill it on up and enjoy! You have completed your Scalloped Dresden Bag. Carry it with pride!





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Pattern Piece C Cut on Fold Cut 2 from exterior fabric Cut 2 from lining fabric Cut 2 from interfacing