

Materials Required 39"x 39"

This quilt is made with Everything But the Kitchen Sink 2011 by RJR Fabrics.

- 1 Precut (Twice the Charm) from Everything But the Kitchen Sink
- OR assorted fat quarters/fat eighths from 30's line
- 1/3 yard RJR Cotton Supreme Whip Cream
- 12" from Chef Panels
- 1/2 yard for border and binding
- 1 1/4 yard for backing
- 1 button for center of Dresden Plate (3/4" or 1" size)
- 4 1/2 yards jumbo yellow rick rack (2" wide or more)

Cutting:

- Trim 4 Chef Panel blocks to 10 1/2"
- 31 Dresden Flower Petals from wedge template
- (4) 4 1/2" squares from Whip Cream
- (4) 6" x 10 1/2" rectangles from Whip Cream
- (1) 10 1/2" square from Whip Cream
- (4) 5 x 10 1/2" rectangles from prints for baskets
- (4) 4 1/2" squares from matching print to each basket
- (2) 4 1/2" x 30 1/2" strips of border fabric for side borders
- (2) 4 1/2" x 38 1/2" strips of border fabric for top and bottom

The Chef's Table Topper made with Chef Panels and Everything But the Kitchen Sink 2011 by RJR Fabric is a fun and easy project for any level quilter and is a great size to machine quilt with any standard sewing machine. The vintage flavor of the fabric and the retro chef will perk up a kitchen table and remind of simpler times. Everyone would love a chef like this in their kitchen.



Chef's Table Topper®

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39"X39"



Construction: All seams are 1/4" Press seams to one side.

Baskets and Dresden Block:

The basket petals and center are Dresden petals. Finger press petal in half lengthwise with right sides together. Stitch along top straight edge of Dresden petal. Turn right side out and press petal into a point. Repeat for all Dresden petals. Make 31.
See sketch below:



For the 4 baskets stitch petals together matching side seams and joining the 5 petals into a fan shape. Press seams to one side or the other. For the center Dresden block stitch together 11 Dresden petals and join together into a circle.



Pin the Dresden fan to the 6"x 10 1/2" rectangle cut from Whip Cream fabric placing the wrong side of the Dresden fan on the right side of the neutral fabric matching up the bottom edge of the fan to the lower edge of the neutral rectangle as below. Top stitch attaching the fan points to the neutral rectangle stitching right next to the edge of the 5 points. For the center Dresden Plate block, center the 11 Petals sewn together onto the 10 1/2" Whip Cream square. Pin and then top stitch the points in place. Cover center with button and stitch in place. Press and set aside.



Now construct the base of the basket. Using the 4 cut 4 1/2" squares (1 each from Whip Cream and 1 each from the basket base fabric) place right sided together and draw a line crosswise from point to point with a pencil. Stitch 1/4" on either side of the drawn line as shown in the photo below.



Cut along the drawn line.



Press open. This makes half square triangles.



Lay the half square triangles on each lower edge of the basket positioned as in the photo below. Draw a pencil line to use as a stitch guide that intersects stitching line and will make an x in the half square triangle block. This is called a "quick corner" method.



Trim ¼" next to the stitching line you just completed. Press each side open.

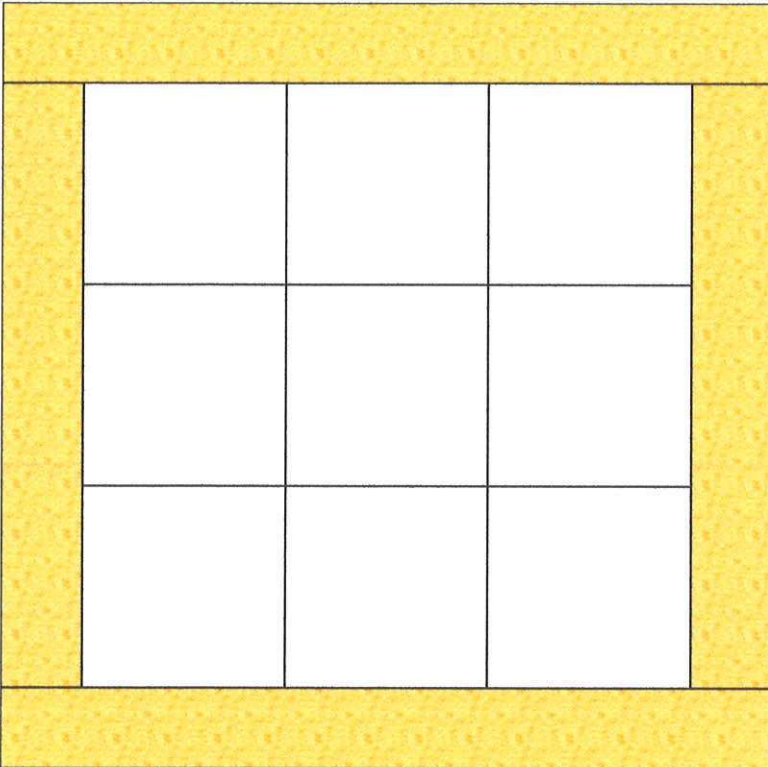


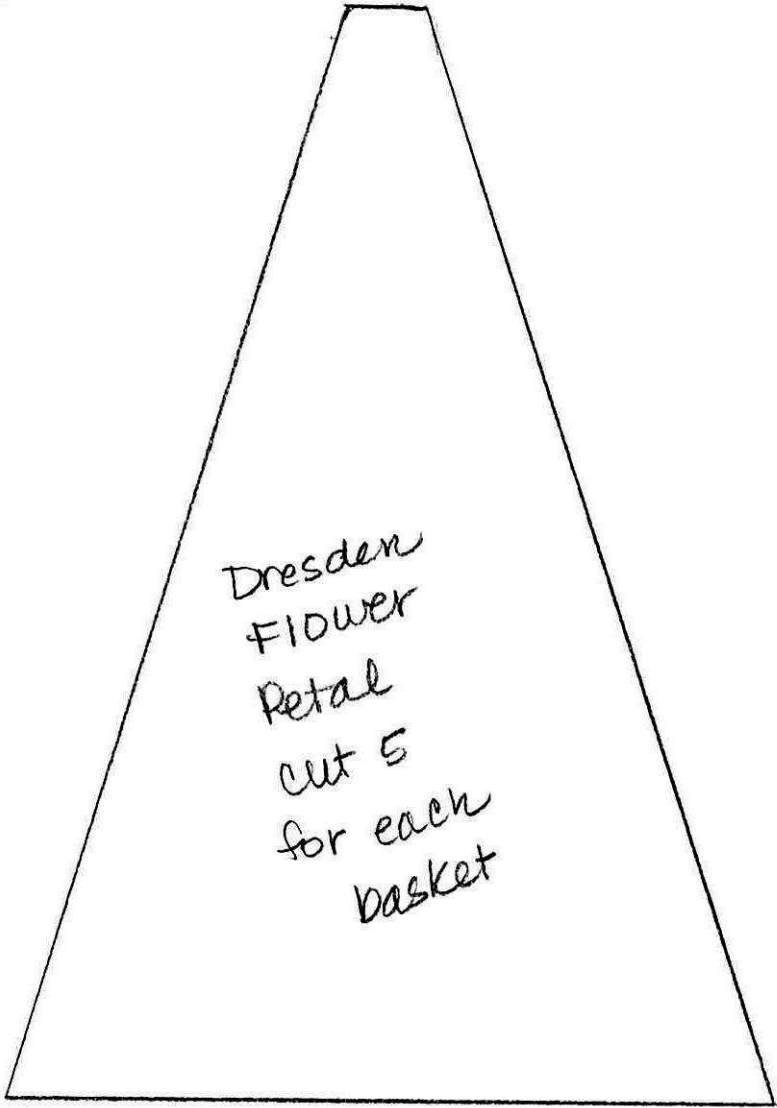
Now attach the Dresden petal fan top to the basket bottom to complete the basket block. Press. Complete now for other 3 baskets.



Join the blocks together using the photo of the quilt and layout diagram as guides. There are 3 rows of 3 blocks. You can position the chefs and baskets to suit your kitchen. This can also be made into a wall hanging. The baskets are in the 4 corners of the quilt and the Dresden plate is the very center block. The chef panels go in between. Join the blocks together and then join the rows together. Stitch the side borders to the quilt first and then stitch the top and bottom borders. Make a finish press.

This would be a manageable size to machine quilt yourself. You Tube has many tutorials on machine quilting. Or you can take the topper to a machine quilter or hand quilt. After the quilting is complete then stitch the jumbo rick rack around the edges on all 4 sides. Binding is stitched over top of the seam line of the rick rack.





Cut 5 for each basket and cut 11 for Dresden plate