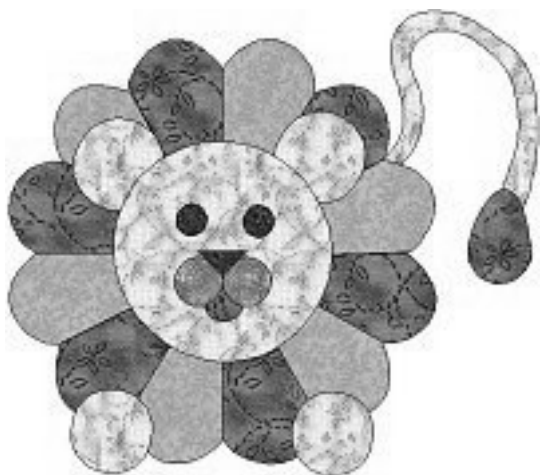


Dresden Lions

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This is the perky little guy you have chosen to make.

For the entire baby quilt you will need,

- 9 - 12 1/2 base blocks
- 108 - Dresden mane parts
- 9 - faces
- 18 - ears
- 18 - feet
- 18 - cheeks
- 18 - eyes (could be buttons for an older child)
- 9 - noses
- 9 - mouths
- 9 - tails
- 9 - tail ends
- 24 - 12 1/2 x 2 1/2 sashing strips
- 16 - 2 1/2 squares for sashing
- 4 - 50 x 2 strips for inner border, extra is allowed here in case you want to miter.
- 4 - 60 x 3 strips for outer border, extra is allowed in case you want to miter.

Hello there! I am so happy you have chosen to make the Dresden Lion baby quilt. I hope you have fun making it...and of course that your little one loves it when finished. I will take it for granted that you understand the basics in quilting and applique. If not there are many wonderful books and web sites on the subject...still...even a very basic beginner should have no trouble with this guy.

There are two ways to go about making the mane section. You can either piece them the traditional way...or be lazy (like me) and use a light fusible...such as Heat Bond Lite. No matter which way you choose general assembly is the same.

Step 1

Take your base blocks and gently fold it into quarters, this will help you in placing the parts. Lay your mane sections down, arranging them into a circle. Slightly overlap the edges to make the applique easier. This is definitely the trickiest part of the job. Be patient and they will end up where you want them. Tuck the tail section under the mane and iron everything down. Just follow the instructions for the fusible you used.





Step 2

Now, lay the face onto the mane. Tuck the edge of each ear under it. Place the feet on the bottom edge of the mane. Iron these down. Now add on the tuft for the tail, eyes, cheeks, nose and chin. Iron these down.

Step 3

Using a light weight stabilizer...you will be much happier with your end results by doing this...machine satin stitch your lions down. Then peel away the stabilizer from the back. Iron them once more. Your blocks are done!!!

Now it is time to assemble them into a top. Taking your blocks by threes sew them into rows using the connecting sash strips. You will then need to make 4 long sashing rows to connect the block rows to each other. Press often with dark fabrics towards the seam. This will help when aligning seams. Add your borders and you are all set. I normally start on one side and work my way around the top log cabin style...you of course may do borders anyway you wish to 😊

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