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Due to safety concerns and contractual obligations, you are NOT permitted to use any machine other than the machines provided by Pfaff.

The following supply list may state that you need to bring your own sewing machine. THIS IS NOT CORRECT. Please do not bring your own sewing machine to this class.





Robin Ruth Design Strip-Pieced Mariner's Compass Basics Technique Class - 2 Day Class Skill Level - Intermediate

(Students should have completed a couple of previous quilt projects. Good rotary cutting skills and accurate sewing are a plus for this class.)

Class Description

Have you ever wanted to make a Mariner's Compass block but were too intimidated? Not a fan of paper piecing or using tedious templates? You'll love this class for learning how to make 16-point compass blocks in 16 different sizes using Robin Ruth Design's rulers and strip-piecing method! Join Robin and learn all the compass basics for making either Skinny Robin or Fat Robin mariner's compass blocks and variations.

Once you learn how to use my rulers and strip-piecing technique, you will be free to move on to one of the many patterns and projects made using this ruler system!

Students get to choose which kind of compass blocks and variations they will make - Skinny Robin (pictured left) or Fat Robin(pictured right). On **Day 1** we will make a 12" compass block and finish it into a block using my No Circle Finishing OctaCompass Method. On **Day 2** we will make the Compass Companion blocks including a Compass Sunflower and a Sunflower block.

Students will also learn different techniques for finishing the centers of their compass block and also traditional circle techniques for finishing the compass block into the background (appliqué or sewing the circle block into your background square). I will share tons of tips for learning this revolutionary new strip-piecing method for making mariner's compass blocks!

Skinny Robin Blocks

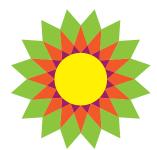






Fat Robin Blocks







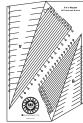


Required for class (10% discount given on all products during my visit)

Skinny Robin 16-Point Mariner's Compass
Book & Ruler Combo
(or the previous Skinny Robin 45° Mariner's Compass
Ruler/Book and Skinny Robin Companion Booklet)

Fat Robin 16-Point Mariner's Compass Book & Ruler Combo (or the previous Fat Robin 60° Mariner's Compass Ruler/Book and Fat Robin Companion Booklet)







\$49.95

Supply List

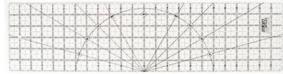
Students get to choose which kind of compass blocks they will make - Skinny Robin (pictured left) or Fat Robin (pictured right).

This is a technique class and an introduction to my strip-piecing method. You will learn different techniques for finishing the centers of your compass block and for making all 16 sizes of Compass blocks. I will share tons of tips for learning this revolutionary new strip-piecing method for making mariner's compass blocks!

Checklist

- Skinny Robin 16-Point Mariner's Compass Book/Ruler OR Fat Robin 16-Point Mariner's Compass Book/ Ruler - see previous page for more info about books and rulers needed Regular sewing supplies (sewing machine, cutting mat and rotary cutter, thread, scissors) Straight edge ruler with 45° angle for Skinny Robin and 60° angle for Fat Robin. Most straight edge rulers come with these angles located on the ends of the ruler. These rulers will work, but it will be a little easier if you have a ruler with the angles in the middle. Try my new Angle Ruler or Olfa makes one that you might already have. Rulers with the angles on the end will still work, but sometimes are a little more difficult to use - can be unweildly.
 - Robin Ruth Design Angle Ruler 6"x14" (\$19.95 - purchase optional)

Olfa Rulers 6"x12" 6"x24"



- Freezer paper squares see cutting instructions for individual blocks below and on next page
- ☐ 12½" Square-Up Ruler if you already own one optional
- Please have the following cut for class. Full width fabric strips (42") in high contrast fabrics your choice of fabric. This is a good way to use up some leftover strips from another project. The colors listed in parantheses are so you can see where they will appear in your blocks. (You may bring an extra set of strips to work on a second block, time permitting, but this is optional.)

Cutting for Day 1 OctaCompass Block - Please have your strips cut prior to class.



12" Skinny Robin OctaCompass

-Background fabric (gray) 3½"* (bring two strips)

-Point 1 fabric (red) 2" (bring two strips)

-Point 2 fabric (light blue) 21/4"

-Point 3 fabric (dark blue) 2¾"

-Two 4" squares for center (yellow)

-Two 4¾" squares (light blue) for making triangles to

finish - see info at bottom of Page 3

-Freezer paper - an exact 12½" square, and a 4" square (for making the center)



12" Fat Robin OctaCompass

-Background fabric (green) 3½"*

-Point 1 fabric (orange) 2¹/₄"

-Point 2 fabric (purple) 3"

-Point 3 fabric (pink) 4"

-Two 6" squares for center (yellow)

-Two 4¾" squares (purple) for making triangles to

finish - see info at bottom of Page 3

-Freezer paper - an exact 121/2" square, and a 6" square (for making the center)

*Note that these strip widths are different than what are listed in the Skinny Robin or Fat Robin 16-Point Mariner's Compass Books for traditional finishing. This width is for an OctaCompass finish.

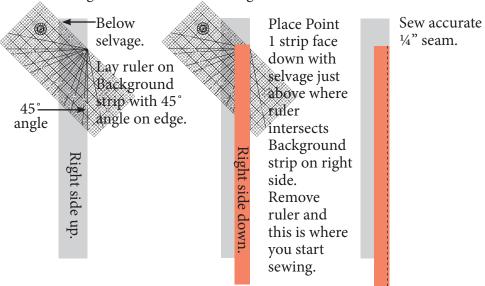
Homework for Day 1

Please sew your Background and Point 1 strips together following the instructions on Page 4 of this supply list (from the Mariner's Compass Chapter - the first chapter - of your Skinny Robin or Fat Robin 16-Point Mariner's Compass) as shown in **Step 3 only**. You will offset your strips and then sew the strips together using a true (not scant) quarter inch seam. Please **DO NOT PRESS** the strip sets as shown in Step 4 as I would like to go over that in class.

Cut the freezer paper circle template for your style block (Skinny Robin or Fat Robin) on Page 4.

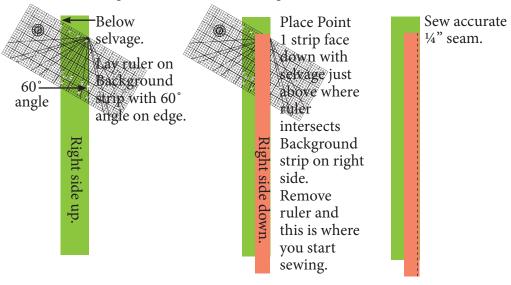
Homework Instructions for Skinny Robin

3 Sew Point 1 strip(s) onto the **Background** strip(s), right sides together, offsetting by 45°, and using a ¼" seam allowance. Offsetting the strips allows you to get more units out of a strip set, and the amount that has been figured in the above cutting table.



Homework Instructions for Fat Robin

3 Sew Point 1 strip(s) onto the **Background** strip(s), right sides together, offsetting by 60°, and using a ¼" seam allowance. Offsetting the strips allows you to get more units out of a strip set, and the amount that has been figured in the above cutting table.



Cutting for Day 2

The second day of class we will move on to make the Companion Blocks. Please have your strips cut prior to class.



12" Skinny Robin Compass Sunflower Block

-Background fabric (gray) 3¼"
-Point 1 fabric (red) 2"
-Point 2 fabric (light blue) Two strips - 2¼"
-Inside Point 3 fabric (orange) 2"
-Two 4" Squares for center (yellow)
-16" Background Square (red) - see info at bottom of Page 3
-Freezer paper - an 18" square (doesn't need to be exact)



12" Fat Robin Compass Sunflower Block

-Background fabric (green) 3¼"
-Point 1 fabric (orange) 2¼"
-Point 2 fabric (purple) Two strips - 3"
-Inside Point 3 fabric dark purple) 2¼"
-Two 6" Squares for center (yellow)
-16" Background Square (purple) - see info at bottom of Page 3
-Freezer paper - an 18" square (doesn't need to be exact)



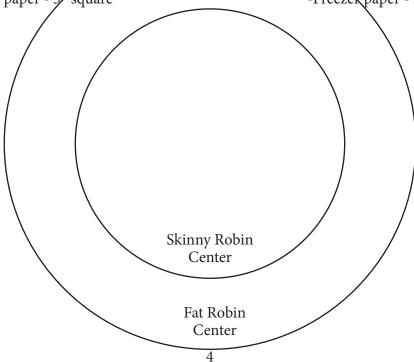


12" Skinny Robin Raw Edge Appliqué Sunflower Block

-Background fabric (gray) Two strips 3"
-Point 1 fabric (red) Two strips 2"
-Inside Point 2 fabric (light blue) 1½"
-Two 5" Squares for center (yellow)
-Freezer paper - 5" square

12" Fat Robin Raw Edge Appliqué Sunflower Block

-Background fabric (green) Two strips 3"
-Point 1 fabric (orange) Two strips 2¼"
-Inside Point 2 fabric (purple) 1¾"
-Two 7" Squares for center (yellow)
-Freezer paper - 5" square











Tip: If you make the corner triangles (the $4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares listed on the supply list) the same color as your Background fabric strip, your points will 'float' into the background and you won't see the octagon shape.









Tip: If you make the Background Square (the 16" square listed on the supply list) the same color as your Background fabric strip, your points will 'float' into the background and you won't see the circle shape of the block.

A few tips for a successful class!

This class is jampacked with information and moves along at a quick pace. You should have several piecing projects under your belt before taking this class. This technique is not difficult, but different than traditional square and triangle projects, so having a little more experience is helpful. If you have good rotary cutting skills and can sew an accurate ¼" seam, you will have a great time!

- -Please get to class in time to set up and **be ready to sew** at the advertised time.
- -Have all of your strips and squares cut **before** class and do the **Homework** listed on the Supply List.
- -Make sure your machine is in **good working order**. Sew a couple of seams and make sure everything is working properly before you pack it up for class. Then sew a little again after you unpack at class to make sure all of your settings are correct. Don't forget to make sure you have a **full bobbin**.
- -Please take some time before you get to class to make sure you have the proper machine set up to make accurate ¼" seams I recommend a true ¼" seam rather than a scant. To get accurate sized blocks, it is imperative that you sew with an accurate ¼" seam allowance and it will save you much time and energy if you already have this figured out. I will also work with you during class to make sure your seams will help you achieve accurate finished blocks.
- -I **encourage** you to go to my website at www.robinruthdesign.com and watch some of the video tutorials to get yourself more familiar with the techniques. You can see some video shorts (animated overviews of the process) at my Intro Video tab, and real time video tutorials (sit with me and we make a block together in real time) at my Video Tutorials tab.
- -All of my videos tutorials are accessible on my **FREE app** search *Robin Ruth Design* at the App Store. There is also a **block design feature** on my app where you can preview color combinations for your block.
- -Come ready to learn lots and have some fun doing it!