



Sewing Machines for this class are provided by Pfaff and Pollard's Sew Creative.

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.

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Robin Ruth Design Strip-Pieced Mariner's Compass Basics Technique Class (Quilt inspiration for class - see pics on Page 3)

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.)

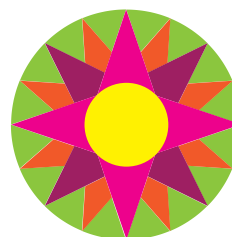
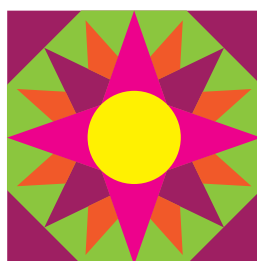
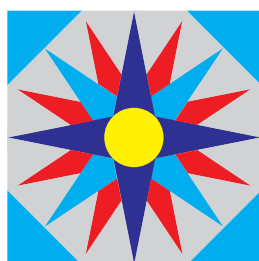
Class Description

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 a Skinny Robin or Fat Robin mariner's compass block.

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 they will make - Skinny Robin (pictured left) or Fat Robin (pictured right). We will make a 12" compass block and finish it into a block using my No Circle Finishing OctaCompass Method.

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!



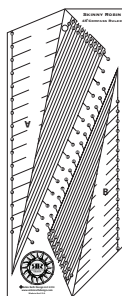
**For class you will need either the
Skinny Robin 16-Point Mariner's Compass
Book & Ruler Combo**

**(or the previous Skinny Robin 45° Mariner's Compass
Ruler/Book)**

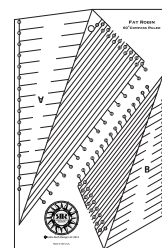
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**Fat Robin 16-Point Mariner's Compass
Book & Ruler Combo**

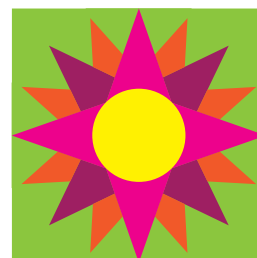
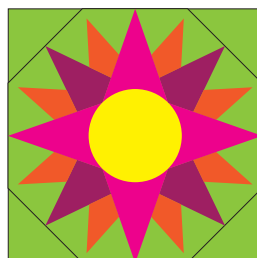
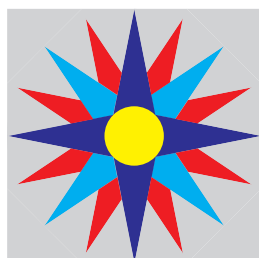
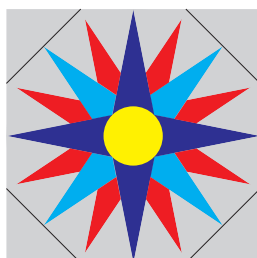
**(or the previous Fat Robin 60° Mariner's Compass
Ruler/Book)**



**Skinny Robin
\$49.95**



**Fat Robin
\$49.95**



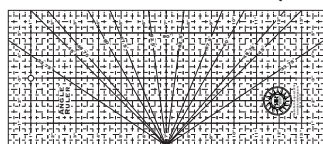
Tip: If you make the corner triangles (the $4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares listed on the supply list) the same color as your Background fabric strip, your points will 'float' into the background and you won't see the octagon shape.

Supply List

Students get to choose which kind of compass they will make - Skinny Robin (pictured below left) or Fat Robin (pictured below right). We will make a 12" OctaCompass block and then finish the center and into a 12½" square. 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

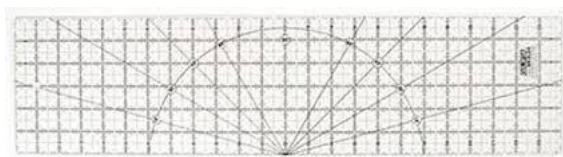
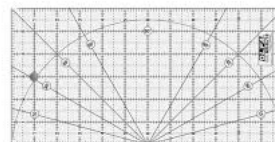
- ☐ Skinny Robin Mariner's Compass Book/Ruler OR Fat Robin Mariner's Compass Book/Ruler
- ☐ Regular sewing supplies (sewing machine, cutting mat and rotary cutter, thread, scissors)
- ☐ Straight edge ruler with 45° angle for Skinny Robin and 60° angle for Fat Robin. Most straight edge rulers come with 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 unwieldy.



Robin Ruth Design
Angle Ruler
6"x14"

(purchase optional)

Olfa Rulers
6"x12"
6"x24"

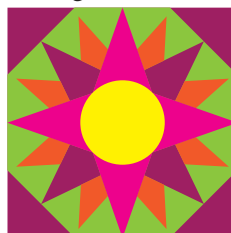


- ☐ Pins
- ☐ Freezer paper square - an exact 12½" square
- ☐ 12½" Square-Up Ruler if you already own one - optional
- ☐ Please have the following cut for class. **Full width** fabric strips (42") in high contrast fabrics - **your choice of fabric (see below)**. This is a good way to use up some leftover 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.)



12" Skinny Robin OctaCompass

- Background fabric (gray) 3½"* (bring 2 strips)
- Point 1 fabric (red) 2" (bring 2 strips)
- Point 2 fabric (light blue) 2¼"
- Point 3 fabric (dark blue) 2¾"
- Two 4" squares for center (yellow)
- Two 4¾" squares (light blue) for making triangles to finish - see box at bottom of Page 1



12" Fat Robin OctaCompass

- Background fabric (lime green) 3½"*
- Point 1 fabric (orange) 2¼"
- Point 2 fabric (dark purple) 3"
- Point 3 fabric (pink) 4"
- Two 6" squares for center (yellow)
- Two 4¾" squares (dark purple) for making triangles to finish - see box at bottom of Page 1

*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

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.

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams** - **I recommend a true $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam rather than a scant**. To get accurate sized blocks, it is imperative that you sew with an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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.

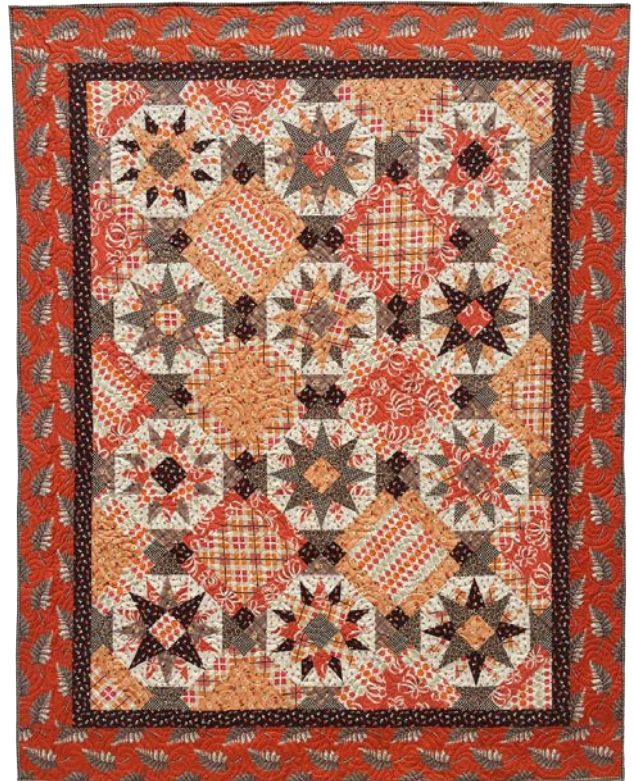
-I **encourage** you to go to my website at www.robinruthdesign.com and watch some of the video tutorials to get yourself more familiar with the techniques. You can see some video shorts (animated overviews of the process) at my Intro Video tab, and real time video tutorials (sit with me and we make a block together in real time) at my Video Tutorials tab.

-All of my videos 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!

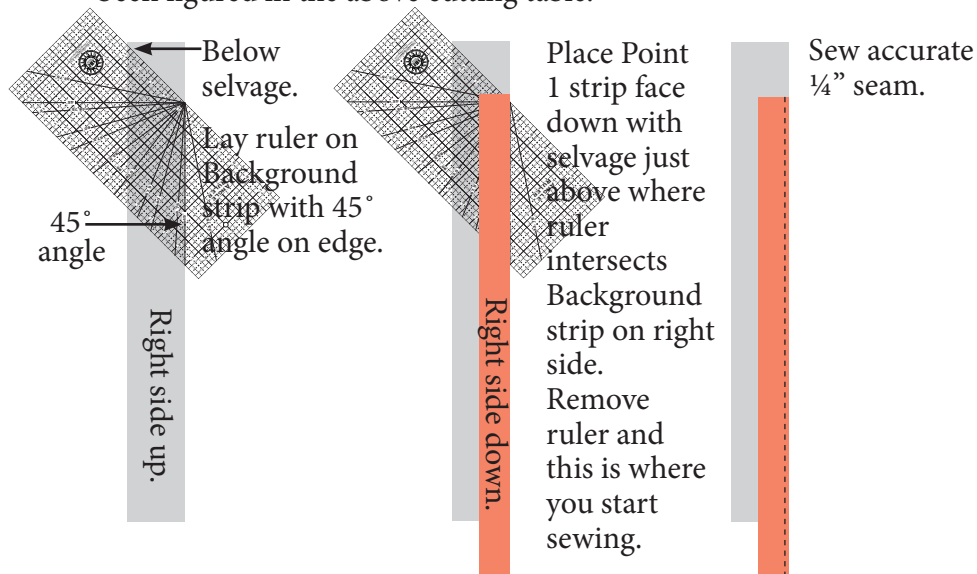
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Pictured below are the Skinny Robin (left) and Fat Robin (right) OctaCompass quilts that are shown in the Skinny Robin and Fat Robin 16-Point Books respectively along with instructions for making them.
See more quilt photos on my website under the Quilt Gallery tab.



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 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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.

