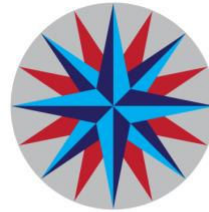


Class: 15
Skill Level: Intermediate
Class Title: Split Compass
Cost: \$75
Instructor: Robin Long
Room: North 1A
Maximum Students: 18
Date: Tuesday, June 10
Time: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Email: robinruth@rocketmail.com



Class Description

So you've seen and heard about the Robin Ruth Design rulers for strip pieced compasses, but did you know you can also make split compass blocks using her method? In this technique class, you'll learn the basics of making either a Skinny Robin or Fat Robin Split Compass block and use her rulers in a little different way to get these wonderful split points. These blocks can be finished using the traditional round finishing instructions that are also found in your instruction book.

The Split Compass block instructions are contained in a separate pattern that Robin will make available for you in class, and then you may purchase this pattern after class if you want to move forward with this method.

We will make a 12" Split Compass block in class. Robin will also share other info for traditional round finishing, creative ideas and samples of compass projects, and tons of tips to help you be successful! There are supplemental video tutorials and projects for this block that students can also access before and after class

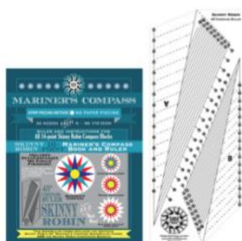


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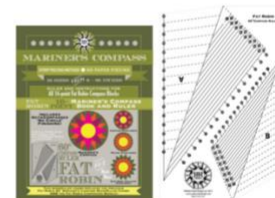
12" 16-Point Skinny Robin Split Compass Block

12" 16-Point Fat Robin Split Compass Block



Skinny Robin
\$49.95

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



Fat Robin
\$49.95

You can wait for class to purchase your above ruler combo.
All the instructions you need to prepare for class
are contained in this Supply List.

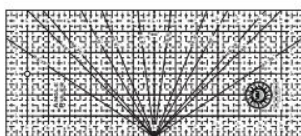
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Supply List

Students get to choose which kind of Split Compass they will make - Skinny Robin (pictured below left) or Fat Robin (pictured below right). We will make a 12" Split Compass blockin class. This is a technique class and an introduction to my strip-piecing method.

Checklist

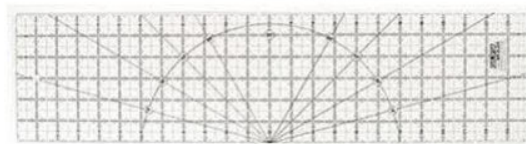
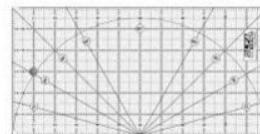
- Skinny Robin 16-Point Mariner's Compass Book/Ruler OR Fat Robin 16-Point Mariner's Compass Book/Ruler
- Regular sewing supplies (sewing machine, cutting mat and rotary cutter, thread, scissors, pins, ironing station - if allowed)
- Straight edge ruler with 45° angle for Skinny Robin and 60° angle for 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 Angle Ruler of Olfa makes one that you might already have. Rulers with the angles on the end will still work, but sometimes a little more difficult to use.



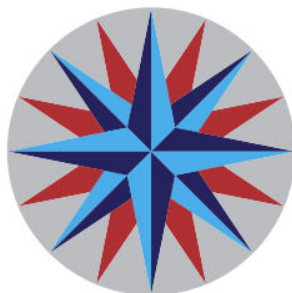
Robin Ruth Design
Angle Ruler
6"x14" \$22.95

(purchase optional but highly recommended)

Olfa Rulers
6"x12"
6"x24"

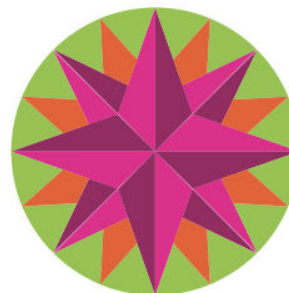


- Please have the following cut for class. **Full width** fabric strips (42") in high contrast fabrics - **feel free to choose your own fabrics** - the colors listed below are so you can see where the strips will end up in your block. This is a good way to use up some leftover strips from another project.



12" Skinny Robin Split Compass

- Background fabric (gray) 1 strip x 3 1/4"*
- Point 1 fabric (red) 1 strip x 2"
- Point 2 fabric - right (light blue) 1 strip x 1 3/4"
- Point 2 fabric - left (navy) 1 strip x 1 3/4"
- Point 3 fabric - right (light blue) 1 strip x 2"
- Point 3 fabric - left (navy) 1 strip x 2"



12" Fat Robin Split Compass

- Background fabric (green) 1 strip x 3 1/4"*
- Point 1 fabric (orange) 1 strip x 2 1/4"
- Point 2 fabric - right (purple) 1 strip x 2"
- Point 2 fabric - left (pink) 1 strip x 2"
- Point 3 fabric - right (purple) 1 strip x 2 3/4"
- Point 3 fabric - left (pink) 1 strip x 2 3/4"

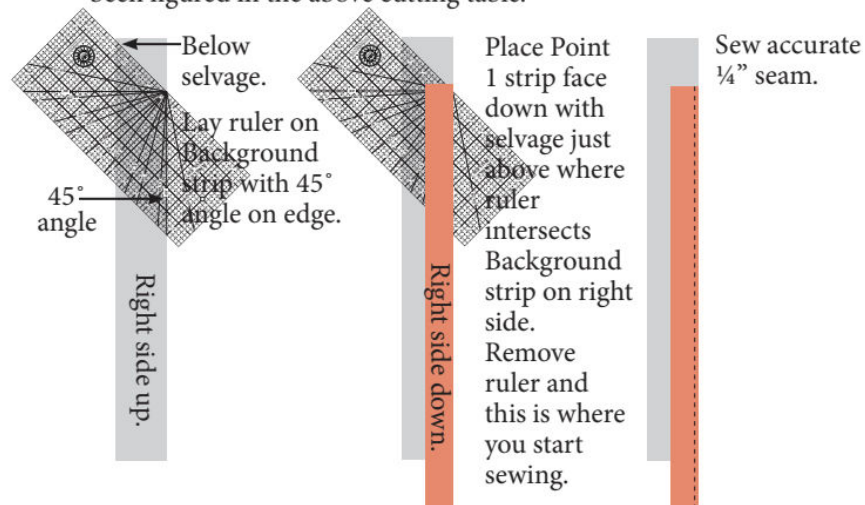
Homework

So we can get off to a running start, please sew your Background and Point 1 strips together **following the instructions found on Page 3 of this Supply list** (or, if you already have your instruction book, 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- will talk more about this in class and note that this first seam has no bearing on the success of your block) quarter inch seam. **Please wait to press your strip sets until class.**

Instructions below found in the **Skinny Robin** and **Fat Robin** books on **Page 4 of the Mariner's Compass (1st) chapter.**
The instructions below are shown so you won't need to have your book/ ruler combo until class.

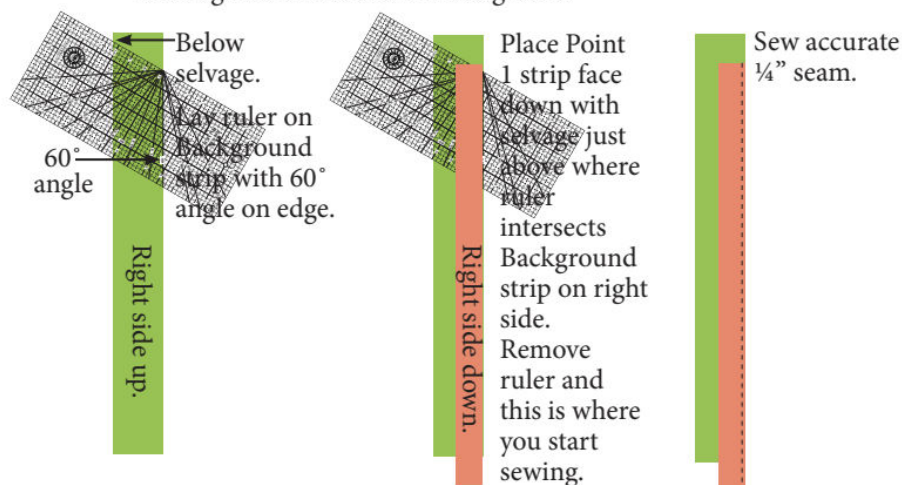
Homework Instructions for Skinny Robin

- 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.



A few tips for a successful class!

This class is jam-packed with information and moves along at a quick pace. You should have piecing experience for working with various triangles projects, angles, and bias before taking this class. Accurate rotary cutting and consistent sewing skills are a must. This technique is not difficult, but different than traditional square and triangle projects, so having a little more experience is helpful.

-Please **be ready to sew** at the advertised time.

-Have all of your strips cut **before** class, and do the **Homework** listed on the Supply List.

-For this first block, try to choose some high contrast fabrics so that your points will really pop. I recommend that your Background Strip contrast with all three of your Point 1, Point 2, and Point 3 strips. Note on this Supply List that I use color to help you see where your fabrics will end up in your block. I don't recommend using black or a very dark fabric for this first block as it will make it more difficult to see the lines on your rulers. You can also use my web app (see info below) to help you figure out colors.

-Make sure your **machine is in good working order**. Sew a couple of seams and make sure everything is working properly before class. Don't forget to make sure you have a **full bobbin**.

-Please take some time before 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 be correct for you to 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. **You can watch my video tutorials if you want to see videos of Step 3 and Step 4 for your homework. Cue up the Skinny Robin Compass Video at :58 to 4:34 and Fat Robin Compass Video from 1:00 to 4:37.**

-All of my videos are accessible on my **FREE Web App** - type app.robinruthdesign.com into any computer or mobile device browser for access to all my blocks, videos, a block design feature, and a strips calculator.

-Come ready to learn lots and have some fun doing it!

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