

Mariner's Compass Sampler

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Learn to sew a Mariner's Compass block using a specific ruler designed by a quilter from the state of Washington! RobinRuth designs has expanded her patterns and beautiful quilts based on her rulers and techniques. Her instructions are precise and easy to understand, and she backs them up with video support and tutorials. The purchase of her book is necessary for the class – look for it on the Stitchin' Post website. There are two choices to start with – Fat Robin or Skinny Robin - all the blocks shown in my quilt are Skinny Robin (skinny points).

Robin's webpage (www.robinruthdesign.com) has a lot of samples to look though to help with choosing colors and possible patterns. We will be using the 16 point compass pattern to get the hang of the construction - there are 32 point options with a booklet that illustrates the 32 point construction.

We will start with the construction of one block. I recommend starting with a 12" to 16" size block for ease of construction - these sizes are more likely to fit into quilts or table runners...the great big blocks are great, but they can be dominant simply by their size. We will be working with strips of fabric and variation in color and value add to the success of the blocks. I love to make things scrappy, so I would recommend a selection of compatible, pretty fabrics.

Supply List:

The book

The ruler

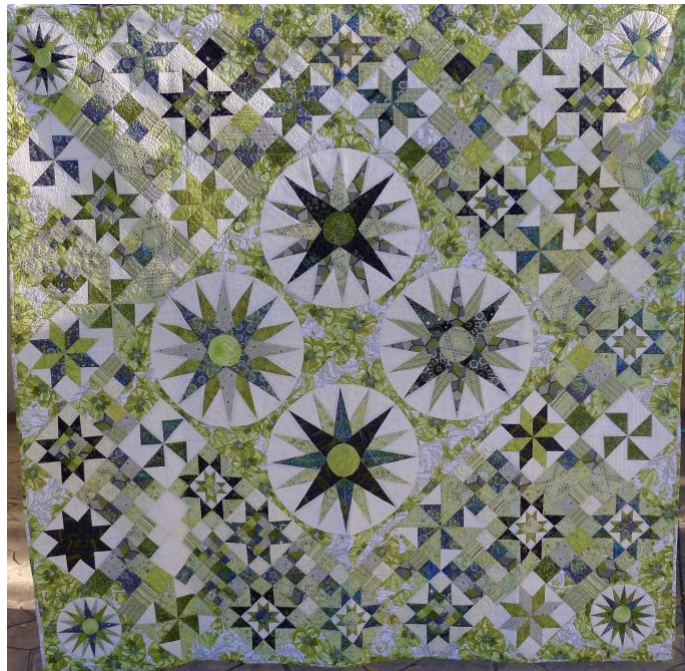
Rotary cutter and mat

Sewing machine

Basic sewing supplies including thread and needles

Fabric required:

I used a dominant print to tie my Sampler blocks together. It is featured around the center Mariner's blocks and in the setting triangles around the outer edge. So if that is preferred start with 1 ½ yards of a featured fabric.



If one background fabric is used for all the compasses and other blocks
2 – 2 ½ yards are needed.

I ended up using several backgrounds to keep the scrappy look throughout the quilt
top.

Yardage for the scrappy blocks can be of smaller amounts, so plan on 20 different
fabrics to really “scrap it up”.

Any questions, be sure and contact me.
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