

Compass Capers

6-hour workshop

Draft a traditional Mariner's Compass using only a pencil and ruler, then sew directly on the pattern using foundation piecing techniques and NO TEMPLATES! Compasses can be made any shape and any size once the technique is learned.

Supply List

1. Basic Sewing Supplies (pins, paper & fabric scissors, ripper, name tag, etc.)
2. Sewing machine
3. Bring one of the following: small iron & ironing surface, wooden finger iron, or small wall paper seam roller
4. Rotary cutter, mat and ruler (6"x24")
5. Add-a-quarter ruler (optional)
6. Mechanical pencil
7. Color pencils
8. Transparant tape
9. Fabric:
 1. 1 yard "border" – this is the fabric the compass will be placed on. A multicolor print works well here.
 2. 1/2 yard light background (behind points)
 3. 1/4 yard each of a light and dark value of three different colors (6 fabrics total). These fabrics will make up the points of the compass. The light and dark value of each of the colors gives the points a 3-dimensional look. Pull these colors from the multicolor border fabric.
 4. I will provide paper for drafting the compass.