

Split Compass Block Size: 15"

Supply List

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The Split Compass is based on the traditional Mariner's Compass block, but sewn with octagon wedges and no circles! Learn Quick-Strip Paper Piecing, an assembly-line method where multiple wedges are sewn on strips of fabric. Color your block with just two colors and a background (left) or multiple fabrics for the points (right).



Supplies: Fabrics: (listed below right)

Rotary cutter, mat and ruler

Sewing machine, with extension worktable if you have it; size 80 or 90 needles for paper piecing

Open-toe foot or satin stitch foot if you have it, plus regular foot for 1/4" seams

Neutral sewing thread to blend with your fabrics

Fabric scissors and paper scissors, pins, seam ripper and other basic sewing supplies

Paper grocery bag for your trash and trimmings

Iron and ironing board or surface (optional, can be shared); piece of muslin to protect surface from ink transfer

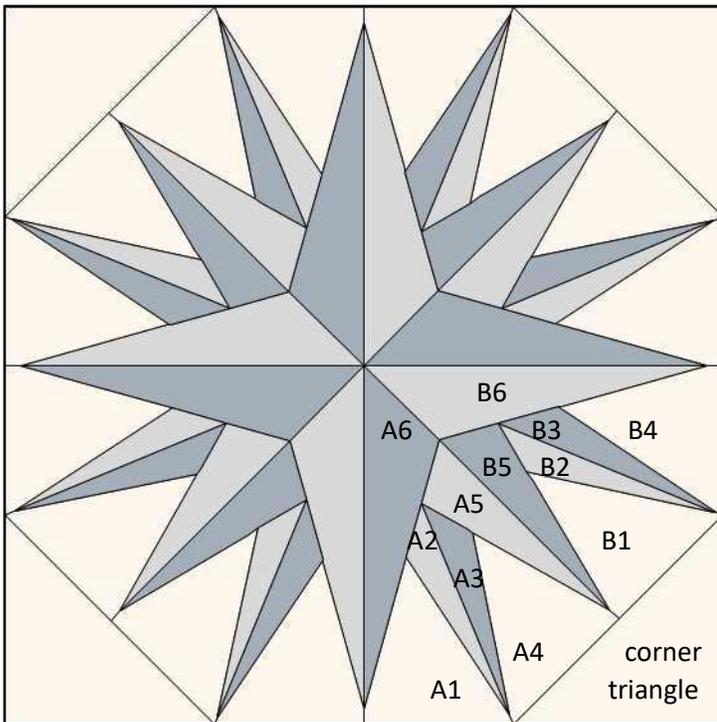
Before class: Spray starch fabrics and cut strips from the chart below to be ready for sewing.

If unsure of your fabric choices, bring a variety of fabrics to class and cut strips during class.

Bring along the leftover yardage of cut fabrics in case you need a little extra.

One-quarter of the block on illustration below is labeled with the corresponding letters and numbers to the pattern. You will make 4 of each pattern, i.e., 4 A wedges and 4 B wedges. Note where the light and dark fabrics fall. Select two strongly contrasting fabrics plus a background for a block like the above left block; or select several different fabrics with light and dark contrast for a block like the one shown above, right.

Note: all strips are cut from selvage to selvage and are approximately 40" long.



Split Compass: Fabrics for one 15" block

Background fabric for either version: 1 yard

Cut 3 strips 3 3/4" total for areas A1, A4, B1, and B4
Cut two 6" squares for corners and cut on the diagonal for 4 corner triangles

3-fabric version (red, white & blue above left):

1/2 yard Light (white) and 1/2 yard dark (blue) fabric

Light fabric: A2 & B2: Cut 2 strips 1 3/4"

A5: Cut 1 strip 2"

B6: Cut 1 strip 2 1/2"

Dark fabric: A3 & B3: Cut 2 strips 1 3/4"

B5: Cut 1 strip 2"

A6: Cut 1 strip 2 1/2"

Multi-fabric version (pink, purple & blue above right):

Color #1 light 1/4 yd: A2 & B2: Cut 2 strips 1 3/4"

Color #1 dark 1/4 yd: A3 & B3: Cut 2 strips 1 3/4"

Color #2 light 1/8 yd: A5: Cut 1 strip 2"

Color #2 dark 1/8 yd: B5: Cut 1 strip 2"

Color #3 light 1/4 yd: B6: Cut 1 strip 2 1/2"

Color #3 dark 1/4 yd: A6: Cut 1 strip 2 1/2"

Setting triangles for 15" block on point: 1/2 yd. Cut two 12" squares and cut on one diagonal, or fussy-cut triangles

Fabric for plain and split-point borders: Background fabric: 1 3/4 yd (includes two inner and outer plain borders; plus pieced point border background); Light point fabric 3/4 yard; Dark point fabric: 3/4 yard

Optional outer border: 1 yard. Coordinating print fabric cut into 6" strips for outer border.

Binding: 1/2 yard for a 48" square quilt