

## Compass Capers – Virtual

### Compass Capers - virtual half-day workshop

Traditional mariner's compass quilts are beautiful, but the long thin points can be challenging to piece, and using a purchased pattern means you are restricted as to size and overall shape. That's about to change! With my innovative drafting and piecing techniques no templates or “degree in math” are required, and the size and shape of your compass is almost limitless.

In this half day, virtual class, you will learn to draft a small, round mariner's compass using only a pencil, ruler and paper folding techniques.

Next you'll learn to paper piece the compass via an online demo, which will be saved to the internet so you can watch it, step-by-step, as you stitch your very own compass after the class.

My website contains a page to order my books as well as access to my blog which has numerous posts on the fun I'm having with Mariner's Compass. Please go to: <https://www.chrisquilts.net/> and read all about it! You may also email me with any questions: [clkquilt@gmail.com](mailto:clkquilt@gmail.com).

Each week I post topics of interest to quilters on my blog. If you'd like to be put on my email list to receive a Sunday email linking you to my “topic of the week” post, please send me an email and let me know ☺.

### Supply List

For your first attempt I recommend drafting the compass as a small circle, using fabric from your stash (since most of us do not do our best work the first time we try something new ☺). Once you've learned the technique, buy the perfect fabrics and make it to hang in the living room (or wherever you like).

1. Foundation for paper piecing - We will be stitching the fabric onto the paper and tearing it away, so freezer paper will not work. **Computer printer paper or newsprint** (available at craft stores) both work well for me. Tissue paper is too flimsy. I haven't tried using tear-away foundations, but they would be an option. The size of whatever you use will probably determine the size of your compass. To mark the circle on it simply find a plate, pan, or quilting hoop the size you like – anything from an 8” diameter to 12” will work well for our virtual class. Draw around your chosen circle on the paper and cut it out for class.
2. A ruler longer than the diameter of your compass for drafting
3. Add-a-quarter ruler (optional)
4. Mechanical pencil
5. Color pencils
6. Transparant tape

Supplies for paper piecing the compass (not needed for virtual workshop):

1. Basic Sewing Supplies (pins, paper & fabric scissors, ripper, etc.)
2. Sewing machine
3. Iron – choose any of the following: a regular iron without steam (it wrinkles the paper pattern), a wooden finger iron, or a small wall paper seam roller
4. Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
5. Fabric –These amounts are for a 16” diameter compass. If you choose a smaller circle, you’ll have plenty of 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 background (behind points – this should contrast the fabrics for the 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.