



Mariner's Compass

Pre-Class Instructions

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Please read the instructions completely through at least one time before class. This is a Technique of the Month pattern so is designed as a series of booklets. If you have the Queen extension you will have one additional booklet and set of papers. I organize my patterns into a 3-ring binder. I cut apart each booklet and insert each page into a page protector with dividers between each booklet. In the pre-class workshop I can show you what I have done. This will help keep you organized.

Booklet 1 provides an overview of the pattern and the techniques you will learn in this retreat along with some other important information:

- Page 5 details an index of which units are covered in each booklet
- Page 3 details the number of strips needed for each fabric used in each booklet
- Pages 6-8 provide a place for you to include the fabric swatches for each unit. Fill this out as it will help tremendously to keep you organized
- Page 9 provides an exploded view of the units in the quilt. Note that the outer units are for the queen extension only

If you have completed other Quiltworx projects, feel free to go ahead and have the papers, templates, and fabrics for the entire project cut out, placed in bags, and ready to use in class.

One thing to keep in mind is that I did not piece the spikes nor the outer border pieces (Units C, D, and the units in Booklet 7). If the instructions for this option is not clear to you then don't cut out the fabric for these units prior to class. The pre-class workshop on Thursday, August 2 at 6 p.m. has been set up to help get you started with your cutting. For those coming from out of town, I have set up another pre-class workshop at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8. Having your papers and fabrics cut out will allow you to get started sewing very quickly in the retreat!

One thing you can think about prior to class. The project comes together in wedges. As we begin working on units, we typically will be making groups of 8 (some have a right and left).

You can consider piecing perhaps $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ of the number of required units to allow you to begin assembly on the last day. This will depend how quickly your piecing goes but it is something to consider. If you want to make all 8 of each unit, this works too.

Check the Quiltworx website for pattern corrections before you begin the project. Corrections can be found at this link: <http://www.quiltworx.com/corrections/>

Quiltworx Youtube Videos:

Judy Niemeyer has many videos on Youtube that cover a variety of topics. If you are a very visual person these can be an invaluable resource to give you some additional background or refresh your memory after class on a topic or even to get you started. A few videos you may find useful are noted below. Simply search on the title.

- The Basics of Foundation Papers
- Tools for Paper Pieced Quilting with Judy Niemeyer
- Paperwork First: Prepare for Cutting a Quiltworx Project

Fabric Selection:

A kit is available for this project based on the model in the classroom. I have another model in the long arm studio that has a very different look. Feel free to select your own fabrics as well.

Foundation Papers:

Follow the cutting instructions under the heading, "Foundation Papers, Templates and Templates Layout Sheets" at the start of each booklet. This provides the details of which newsprint pages have the necessary templates and foundation papers that you will need to cut out for this booklet. After cutting out the pieces place them into the appropriate labeled bags.

Fabric Cutting Instructions:

Before cutting your fabric, fill out the fabric swatch tables in Booklet 1. This will help keep you organized as you complete the cutting. Simply put a small piece of each fabric in the column title "Fabric Swatch". I like to use double sided tape to this or use a dab of glue. The instructions will guide you through the cutting process, first cutting strips and then using the template layout sheets to cut the pieces needed for foundation piecing for each of the groups. We will work through this in the pre-class workshop as needed.

If you have any questions regarding the class preparation, please contact me directly at: 208-570-3290.