



**Robin Ruth Design**  
**Strip-Pieced Mariner's Compass Basics Class**  
**OctaCompasses - No Circle Finish!**  
**1-Day Class**

**Skill Level - Advanced Beginner to Expert**



Detail images of the "Not a Circle in Sight" quilt pattern included in the OctaCompasses pattern below.

**Class Description**

Have you ever wanted to make a Mariner's Compass block but were too intimidated? Not a fan of paper piecing or using tedious templates? You'll love this class for learning how to make 16-point compass blocks in 16 different sizes using Robin Ruth Design's rulers and strip-piecing method! Join Robin and learn all the compass basics for making either a Skinny Robin or Fat Robin OctaCompass block. These OctaCompass blocks were designed for a "no circle" finish, making them super easy to complete into your own mariner's compass project!

**Required for purchase**

Skinny Robin 45° Mariner's Compass Ruler/Book

OR

the Fat Robin 60° Mariner's Compass Ruler/Book

Class based on "OctaCompasses" Pattern below  
 (Pattern purchase optional)



OctaCompasses  
 Pattern  
 containing  
 "Not a Circle to be  
 Seen" pattern.  
 Skinny version (left)  
 and Fat Version  
 (right).



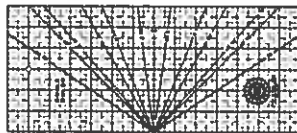
## Supply List

Students get to choose which kind of compass they will make - Skinny Robin (pictured below left) or Fat Robin (pictured below right). We will make a 12" OctaCompass block and then finish the center and into a 12½" square.

This is a technique class and an introduction to my strip-piecing method. You will learn different techniques for finishing the centers of your compass block and for making all 16 sizes of OctaCompass blocks. I will share tons of tips for learning this revolutionary new strip-piecing method for making mariner's compass blocks!

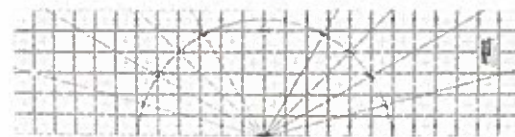
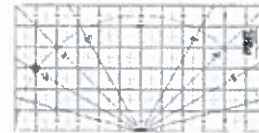
## Checklist

- Skinny Robin 45° Mariner's Compass Book/Ruler OR Fat Robin 60° Mariner's Compass Book/Ruler
- Regular sewing supplies (sewing machine, cutting mat and rotary cutter, thread, scissors)
- Straight edge ruler with 45° angle for Skinny Robin and 60° angle for Fat Robin. Most straight edge rulers come with these angles located on the ends of the ruler. These rulers will work, but it will be a little easier if you have a ruler with the angles in the middle. Try my new Angle Ruler or Olfa makes one that you might already have. Rulers with the angles on the end will still work, but sometimes are a little more difficult to use - can be unweildly.



Robin Ruth Design  
Angle Ruler  
6"x14"

Olfa Rulers  
6"x12"  
6"x24"



- Pins
- Freezer paper squares - 12½", and 4" (for Skinny) or 6" (for Fat)
- Please have the following cut for class. **Full width** fabric strips (42") in high contrast fabrics - your choice of fabric. Bring a couple of each size, either for Skinny Robin or Fat Robin (see below). This is a good way to use up some leftover strips from another project. The colors listed in parantheses are so you can see where they will appear in your blocks.



### Skinny Robin OctaCompass

- Background fabric (white) 3½"\*
- Point 1 fabric (red) 2"
- Point 2 fabric (light blue) 2¼"
- Point 3 fabric (dark blue) 2¾"
- Two 4" squares for center (yellow)  
(can do a square center or bring a fussy cut center with enough light weight heat n bond to apply to the back)
- Two 4¾" squares (light blue) for making triangles to finish OctaCompass block into a square



### Fat Robin Octacompass

- Background fabric (lime green) 3½"\*
- Point 1 fabric (orange) 2¼"
- Point 2 fabric (dark purple) 3"
- Point 3 fabric (pink) 4"
- Two 6" squares for center (yellow)  
(can do a square center or bring a fussy cut center with enough light weight heat n bond to apply to the back)
- Two 4¾" squares (dark purple) for making triangles to finish OctaCompass block into a square

\*Note that these strip widths are different than what are listed in the Skinny Robin 45° or Fat Robin 60° Mariner's Compass Books. This width is for an OctaCompass finish.

## A few tips for a successful class!

This class is jampacked with information and moves along at a quick pace. You should have several piecing projects under your belt before taking this class. This technique is not difficult, but different than traditional square and triangle projects, so having a little more experience is helpful. If you have good rotary cutting skills and can sew an accurate  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, you will have a great time!

-Please get to class in time to set up and **be ready to sew** at the advertised time.

-Have all of your strips and squares cut **before** class.

-Make sure your machine is in **good working order**. Sew a couple of seams and make sure everything is working properly before you pack it up for class. Then sew a little again after you unpack at class to make sure all of your settings are correct. Don't forget to make sure you have a **full bobbin**.

-Please take some time before you get to class to make sure you have the proper machine set up to make **accurate  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams**. To get accurate sized blocks, it is imperative that you sew with an accurate  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and it will save you much time and energy if you already have this figured out. I will also work with you during class to make sure your seams will help you achieve accurate finished blocks.

-I **encourage** you to go to my website at [www.robinruthdesign.com](http://www.robinruthdesign.com) and watch some of the video tutorials to get yourself more familiar with the techniques. You can see some video shorts (animated overviews of the process) at my Intro Video tab, and real time video tutorials (sit with me and we make a block together in real time) at my Video Tutorials tab.

-All of my videos are accessible on my **FREE app** - search *Robin Ruth Design* at the App Store or Google Play. There is also a **block design feature** on my app where you can preview color combinations for your block.

-Come ready to learn lots and have some fun doing it!

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