

MARINER'S COMPASS SUPPLY LIST

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You will need, for class:

- **Sewing machine in good working order.** If you do not know how to set the stitch length to a shorter stitch, please bring the manual for your machine.
- An **appliqué presser foot** (not a quarter-inch foot with the flange on the side). You need a presser foot that lets you see the lines you will be sewing on. Personally, I use an open-toed applique foot, but any foot that lets you see where the needle is going will work.
- A **1/4-inch presser foot** for joining the block sections
- **Brenda Henning's REACH FOR THE STARS** (either the book or the Companion CD. If the CD, please print out the basic instructions from the beginning)
- A **neutral thread**, such as a medium gray, is preferred, unless you are doing very light fabrics, in which case a cream thread is best. The thread should be 100% cotton.
- **Sewing machine needle: 80/12 Microtex sharp** is preferred.,
- A **ruler (12 inches or less)**. If you have one of the rulers with the 1/4 inch lip down the side (Add-A-Quarter ruler), that would work very well.
- A **"folding tool"** - a piece of template plastic with a straight edge works best, although an index card also works
- A pair of **sharp scissors** that can cut both fabric and paper.
- **Straight pins.** I recommend flat-headed pins.
- If you wear reading glasses, bring them, please.
- If you prefer a rotary cutter to do the rough cuts of fabrics into usable pieces for paperpiecing, bring a rotary cutter. We have plenty of mats, so you don't need to bring a mat unless you want to.
- Template plastic.
- **Seam ripper.**

I will provide the pre-printed paperpiecing papers for 3 different blocks for you to pick from for class plus the background template. You will need a piece of template plastic to cut the background pieces.

During the first class, you will select fabrics, if you haven't already picked them. (You will need a fat quarter each of 3 or 4 fabrics for the compass and a half yard

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for the background. The snowflake block requires a half yard each of two fabrics, the snowflake and the background.) You will rough-cut fabrics to make one wedge of the compass and make at least one wedge.

HOMEWORK: Between class one and class two, you should finish all of the wedges and cut out your background pieces using the templates supplied.

In class two, you will assemble the completed compass, including background pieces. You may not finish in class, but you will know what you need to finish on your own.