# All Stars and Stripes Flag Quilt - 40.5" x 26.5" 

Cutting Instructions
All strips cut from full width of fabric and based on 42 " fabric width.
Fabrics used in this quilt are from the Sweet Sixteen and Perfect Union collections designed by Edyta Sitar of Laundry Basket Quilts for Andover Fabrics.


For use with the Skinny Robin 16-Point Book and Ruler Combo



16" OctaCompass


Background and OctaCompass Triangles 2 strips x $4 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime}$
2 squares x 6 " cut diagonally to make 4 triangles A-9594-B

Point 1
2 strips x $2^{1 / 4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$
A-9594-BL
Point 2
1 strip x $23 / 4$ "
A-9584-B
Point 3
1 strip x $31 / 2$ "
A-9585-B
Center - Finished Size 3.75"
1 Square - 43/4"
A-9577-R
Flag Stripes - 1 strip x $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ of each of the following:


## Construction

There are great video tutorials available on my website - www.robinruthdesign.com - under the Video Tutorials tab for constructing a Skinny Robin Compass block and for OctaCompass Finishing. If this is your first project, I recommend making a practice block using some leftover strips from a previous project to get familiar with my method and also for learning how to get your block to size correctly. Make sure to also read Page 1 in both the Mariner's Compass and Finishing chapters for more great tips!
Also check out my FREE web app by typing app.robinruthdesign.com into any desktop or mobile device browser for instant access to all the blocks, video tutorials, block design feature, and a strips calculator!
(1) a) Make the 16" Skinny Robin 16-point OctaCompass block following the instructions in the OctaCompass chapter of the Skinny Robin 16-Point Mariner's Compass Book. OctaCompass blocks are constructed using the same piecing method as a traditional Compass block. The only difference is that the Background Strip has been cut wider so you will have more room around the perimeter of your raw block for trimming it down into an octagon.
b) Make a faced (or technique of your choosing) circle center for the OctaCompass block using the finished size circle template ( $3.75^{\prime \prime}$ ) on the template sheet that came with your book and ruler. Instructions for faced circle centers can be found on Page 4 in the Finishing chapter of the Skinny Robin 16-Point Book and on my website under the TIPS tab. Follow the instructions on Page 2 in the OctaCompass chapter for squaring your block into an octagon.
c) Add the Corner Triangles following the instructions on Page 3 in the OctaCompass chapter and as shown below by centering them on the corners and sewing them on with $1 / 4$ " seam. Make sure not to 'cut off' any of your beautiful points. Press seams to the outside. Once the Corner Triangles are added and pressed out, trim the block to $16^{1} / 2^{\prime \prime}$ using a square up ruler, making sure to keep $1 / 4$ " beyond the $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{S}, \mathrm{E}$, and W points.

(2) Sew the $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips together in the order shown below into two units. Press the seams toward the red stripes. Make sure to check your seam allowance as you go so that your strip set comes out to the correct size - $161 / 2$ " for the top unit and $101 / 2$ " for the bottom unit. Finished stripes should measure 2 ". Trim the units to width $241 / 2 "$ for the top unit and $40^{1} / 2$ " for the bottom unit. Sew the OctaCompass to the top unit, and then sew on the bottom unit to create your flag. Press seams toward striped units. Quilt, bind, and finish as desired.


