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Cutting Instructions. All strips cut from full width of fabric and based on 42" fabric width.



Background  
2 strips x 2 3/4"

Point 1  
2 strips x 2"

Point 2  
2 strips x 2 3/4"

Point 3  
2 strips x 2 3/4"

Point 3 - Half Compass Strips  
2 strips x 2 1/2"  
(Specific instructions on Page 16 of the **Mariner's Compass Chapter** for making Half Compass blocks)



Centers  
5 Flowers prepared for appliqué  
About 1/2 yd.

Basket Background - 2 pieces  
6 1/2" x 54 1/2"  
5 1/2" x 54 1/2"

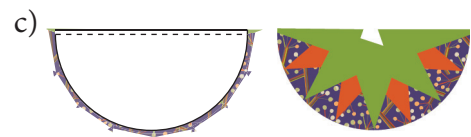
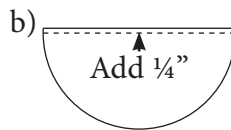
Checkered Border  
2 strips x 2 1/2" of each fabric

Binding  
4 Strips x 2 1/2"

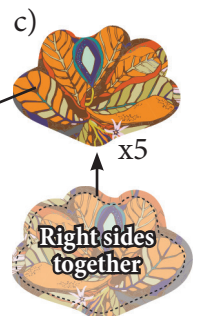
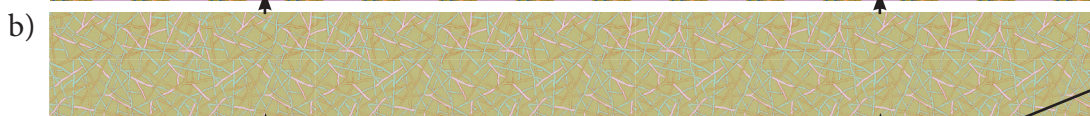
Backing  
18" x 63"

## Construction Instructions

- 1 Make five 10" Half Compass Blocks following the instructions from the Fat Robin 16-Point Mariner's Compass Book. a) Use the instructions from Page 16 of the **Mariner's Compass Chapter** for making Half Compass blocks. b) Cut a 10" half circle freezer paper template using template sheet that comes with your instruction booklet (make sure to add 1/4" to the long edge) and use to prepare the blocks for appliqué. Press freezer paper on back side of block with curved edge at stitching x's and press edge to back. Further instructions for appliqué can be found on Page 7 of the **Finishing Chapter** of your instruction book. c) Pin turned under edges until next step. No need to make a half circle center as we will use appliqué flowers in the next step.



- 2 a) Evenly space and pin the five prepared Half Compass blocks on the 6 1/2" x 54 1/2" Basket Background strip, matching the top raw edge. Appliqué (by hand or machine) the Half Compass blocks onto the strip. b) Sew the 5 1/2" x 54 1/2" strip onto the top of the Half Compass strip and press seam toward added strip. c) Appliqué flowers (by hand or machine) on to the Half Compass 'baskets'. I faced my flowers - technique in **Finishing Chapter**, Page 4, same as Faced Circle Centers. d) Sew Checkered Border strips together alternating colors, then cut apart and piece together again to make two checkered strips as shown below. Sew on top and bottom of basket band. e) Use yardage shown above for backing and binding. Quilt, bind, and finish as desired.



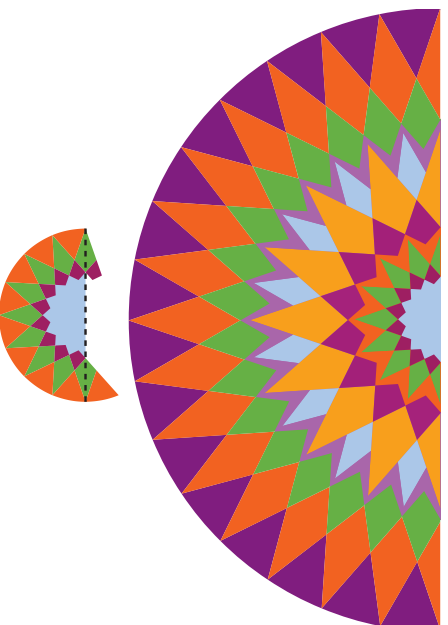
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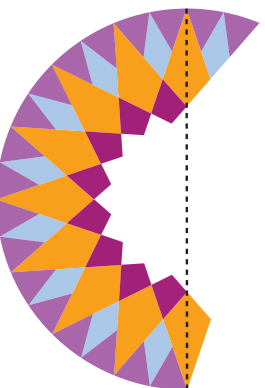
The 'basket' for this inspiration quilt was made up of the three nested compass blocks illustrated below.

**You could make any 36" compass variation - 16-point, 32-point, or a combination of both to make any kind of basket you like. Be creative and fill your basket with any appliqué flowers you choose!**

36" Basket ready for blooms!



10" Fat Robin 16-Point 'Round' Sunflower-



22" Fat Robin 32-Point  
Compass Sunflower Version 2



Keep in mind that you are actually just making half of a block. You may need more than half of the pieces it would take to make a whole block. Units that make up this basket are illustrated to the left and the dashed line indicates where the block would be cut in half (don't forget to leave a seam allowance so you can finish this block into your project). For my quilt, I prepared the whole block for appliqué turning under the curved edge as well as the top straight edge. This was appliquéd onto a  $42\frac{1}{2}'' \times 54\frac{1}{2}''$  background, then I got creative adding flowers and stems to create a beautiful bouquet. To finish out the quilt top, I simply added two of the runners (instructions on the opposite page) to the top and bottom.

## Basket of Blooms

Quilt ideas and Basket of Blooms Runner Instructions



Featuring "Seeds and Stems" collection by Kathy Doughy for FreeSpirit  
54" x 70"