COMPASS POINT
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Again, a paper pieced block, but surprisingly easy to put together. Make a bunch of these foundation templates with your scraps for a happy quilt. Or use only solids for a striking modern version.

FOUNDATION TEMPLATES:
Print or copy at 100% or ‘Actual Size’ to ensure accuracy. 1” square included on each page must measure at 1”. And the seam allowances included on each foundation template must measure at ¼”. Ensure both measures correctly before proceeding.

Please note: For the 12” block, foundation templates are printed across (2) pages. Therefore, the templates will either need to be printed on legal size foundation template paper, or taped together. Use resources on hand. Tape will be removed with the foundation paper after piecing is complete and will not affect the block’s outcome.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:
Please note: This block is shown using (9) colors, including the background fabric. Make this block scrappy using an assortment of low volume background fabrics and prints, or make it match by only using a couple of fabrics. The choice is yours!

(For fabric choices refer to the diagram.)

For 4”, 6”, 8” and 12” blocks:
Use scraps or Fat 8ths for this block. Ensure all scraps and cut fabric pieces extend approximately ½” beyond each neighboring line of it’s assigned place. For example, when trimming a background scrap for A2, the fabric piece should extend ½” beyond the lines between A1 and A2, A2 and A3 and the seam allowance lines making the perimeter of the block. This allows for ample trimming space, and room for accurate seam allowances.

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ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

Foundation Paper Piecing General Instructions:

• Cut out foundation paper templates from all sheets making sure to include the outermost line for the ¼” seam allowance.
• Complete the individual foundation paper templates in order numerically and alphabetically.
• Use ¼” seams and snip threads for a nice finish.
• When trimming each paper pieced unit, be sure that fabric extends to the edge of the paper to secure your block with a ¼” seam.
• Shorten stitch length to approximately 1 – 1.5 depending on your machine. This will make paper removal easier.
• Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam to secure.

Foundation Paper Piecing Instructions using the “A” half of the Compass Point Block:

1. Place the colored/print fabric piece on A1 with the foundation template, wrong sides together. The printed side of paper should be facing up. Ensure that the piece of fabric covers all neighboring printed lines by approximately ½”. (All cut pieces should allow for plenty of trimming room and seam allowances. If your fabric piece is short or seems too small, recut a larger piece.)
2. Once fabric is positioned properly, pin in place with a small pin. You can also use a touch of glue.
3. Begin by trimming the fabric a ¼” away from the printed line between Sections A1 & A2. The trimmed portion of the fabric should hang over the line, and into Section A2.
4. Place the cut background fabric piece for A2, right sides together and edges aligned with the trimmed side of the A1 piece of fabric. Pin in place is necessary. Before sewing, ensure that the background A2 fabric will cover all neighboring lines by at least ½” after being sewn.
6. Continue using these methods to complete a full foundation template. Complete the “A” and “B” halves of the Compass Block separately.
7. Trim sides, making sure not to cut into the ¼” seam allowance. Snip threads.
ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

Foundation Paper Piecing Instructions Continued:

8. Lay out the A and B halves of the block as shown in the diagram. Sew together using the \( \frac{1}{4} \)” seams provided on the foundation templates. Press seams open to reduce bulk.

9. Once sewn, carefully remove the paper from the completed block. Press thoroughly for a nice finish.

10. Trim block using the guide listed below:
   
   a. 4 \( \frac{1}{2} \)” x 4 \( \frac{1}{2} \)” unfinished (4” x 4” finished)
   b. 6 \( \frac{1}{2} \)” x 6 \( \frac{1}{2} \)” unfinished (6” x 6” finished)
   c. 8 \( \frac{1}{2} \)” x 8 \( \frac{1}{2} \)” unfinished (8” x 8” finished)
   d. 12 \( \frac{1}{2} \)” x 12 \( \frac{1}{2} \)” unfinished (12” x 12” finished)

DESIGNER INFO

Tips: Use the 4” block for nice coasters or a pincushion, and three 12” blocks in a row will make for a great table runner!

New Collection: Chill is a Winter collection with a hint of gold, shipping to stores in July And we will have a sequel of the popular Comma collection soon to come!

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