

PART 1



Christmas Medallion Quilt

Starting in the centre with a Star – so apt for Christmas – this medallion style wall hanging in two parts has a combination of pieced blocks and appliqué. Start now and you may even be finished for Christmas this year!

If you are not feeling Christmassy, this hanging would look equally stunning in a range of blues and greens or even autumnal colours. For a smaller project stop after you have made the sawtooth borders!

MARINER'S COMPASS

1 This is foundation pieced making it easy to create perfect points. From the pattern sheet, trace four each of the two 'pie wedge' foundations onto tissue paper or other foundation. Please note that there are four of one and four are a mirror image.

2 Cut the following strips from the full width of the fabric:

Number	Fabric	Size of strip	Position used
2	C1	2½ in	Between points
1	R1,R2	2in	Primary points
1	G1,G2	2in	Secondary points
1	Y1,Y2	1½ in	Tertiary points
1	PA	14in sq	Setting square

Using foundation piecing and the cut fabric strips make the eight 'pie wedges' needed to complete the compass. Please note that the fabric position on each point stays constant - see colour diagram in Fig 1.

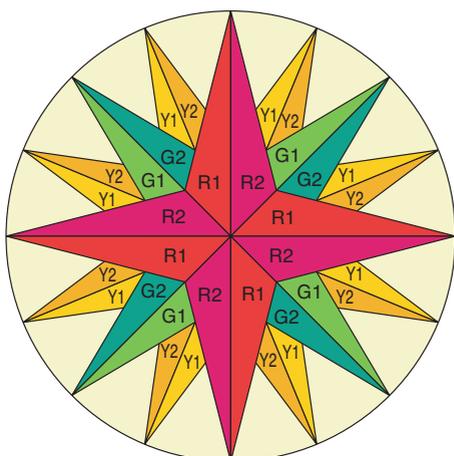


Fig 1 Mariner's Compass colour plan



3 With papers still in place, pin and sew the pie wedges to each other from the outside edge in towards the centre. Sew two halves of the compass, and then stitch the two halves together.

4 Fold the setting square of fabric PA into quarters to find the centre point. Use a compass to mark two concentric circles onto the fabric - the inner circle (cutting line) should have radius of 4¼in, and the outer circle (sewing line) a radius of 4½in. Use scissors to cut along the marked inner circle line. Fold the fabric into eighths and mark the position of the folds on the outer marked circle (these are the main compass points). If preferred, templates could be made, one for the cutting line and the other for the sewing line, which can then be marked with the compass points and used to mark the fabric.

5 Pin the setting square onto the compass at the eight major points. Continue to ease and pin the seam allowance between these first eight pins until pins are no more than ½in apart. Gather fullness of setting square fabric into centre and pin to hold in place.

6 Sew from the paper side along the marked seam line. Remove the papers. Press. Trim finished block to measure 13 ½in square.

Skill level

Finished size

106cm (42in) square

Materials

- ◆ 75cm (7/8yd) of cream sprig 733 Q (C1)
- ◆ 50cm (5/8yd) of red sprig 733 R (R1)
- ◆ 30cm (1/2yd) of red pattern fabric 735 R (R2)
- ◆ 50cm (5/8yd) of 733 G green sprig fabric (G1)
- ◆ 50cm (5/8yd) of 735 G green pattern fabric (G2)
- ◆ 40cm (1/2yd) of 732 Y pale yellow fabric (Y1)
- ◆ 30cm (1/3yd) of 734 Y gold flower fabric (Y2)
- ◆ Fat quarter of 731 M patterned fabric (PA)
- ◆ 75cm (7/8yd) of cream and gold 728 Q (C2)
- ◆ 50cm (5/8yd) of 734 Q cream with red flowers (CF)
- ◆ 40cm (1/2yd) of 608 G stripe pattern (PS)
- ◆ 1.25m (1 3/8yd) of 732 Q cream with small floral for backing
- ◆ Foundation paper
- ◆ Freezer paper

Where to buy

All fabrics are from the Christmas 2006 range by Makower UK. Contact them on 01491 579727 or email info@makoweruk.com for details of your nearest stockist.

Cutting & Sewing

Seam allowance is ¼in. Washing the fabric before cutting is recommended to avoid shrinkage later.

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SAWTOOTH STARS

1 These are again foundation pieced. From the Pattern Sheet, trace four complete foundation sets onto tissue paper. Cut the following fabric strips from the full width of the fabric to make the foundation piecing easier.

Number	Fabric	Size	Position
1	C2	2½ in	Between points
1	C2	1½ in	Either side of the star points
1	R1	2 in	Star points
1	Y1	3 in	Centre

2 Use foundation piecing and the cut fabric strips to make four of the complete sets that make up the star.

3 With papers still in place, pin and sew the small star point section to the large centre square and press seam towards centre. Then attach the two larger star point sections and press seams towards centre.

4 Leave papers in place until the stars are attached to the Nine-Patch border strips. See Fig 2.

NINE-PATCH BORDER

1 These borders are strip pieced. Using ¼ in seam allowance cut the strips the full width of the fabric and sew the strips together into the following sets as shown in Fig 3. Cut into 1 ½ in wide segments

Strips	Fabric	Size
3	C2	1½ in
2	R1	1½ in
1	G1	1½ in
4	C1	1 in

2 Using ¼ in seam allowance, sew the segments together into four borders, each consisting of 13 segments, starting and finishing each border with a segment from set A.

3 Cut the 1 in strips of fabric C1 to yield eight pieces 13½ in long. Sew two of these to each side of the nine-patch border.

handy hint

If you press the seams on the strips away from the cream fabric the segments should mesh together neatly

See pattern sheet for full size templates

Fig 2 Sawtooth star block

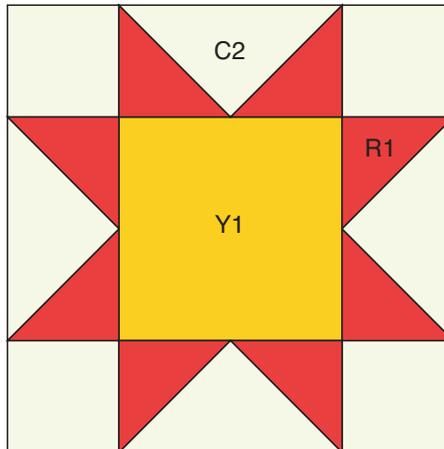
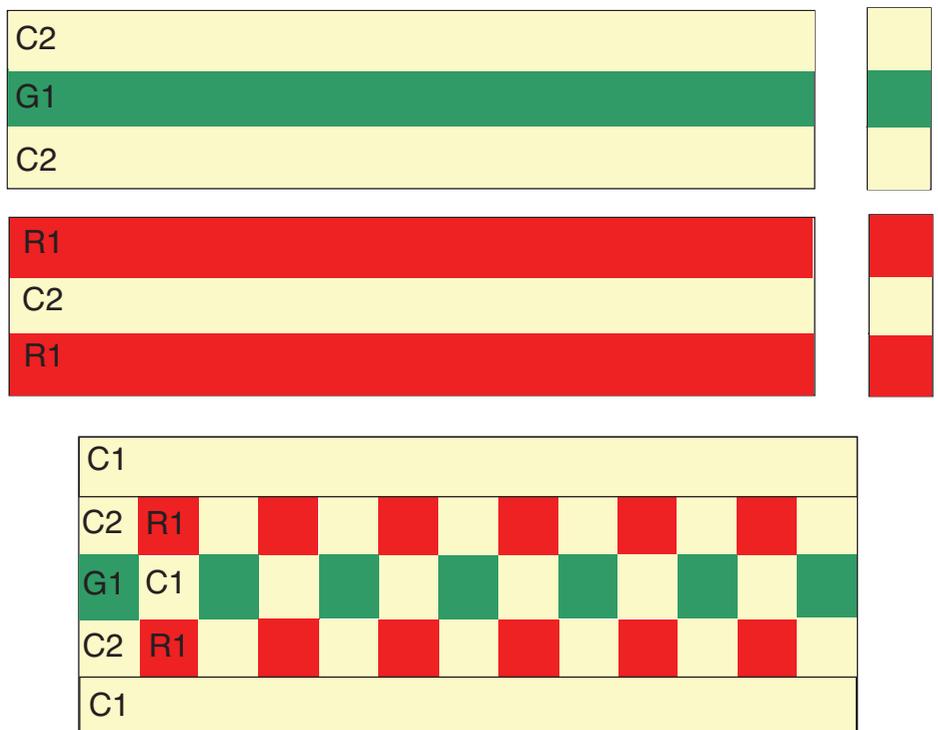


Fig 3 Sewing the nine-patch border



That's all for this issue, next month we will sew the holly leaf border and assemble and quilt the hanging – all in time for Christmas!

