

# Beaded Compass Star

## Description

Don't be afraid of the "d" word! Learn an important, often neglected, quilt skill as Peg walks students step by step through the drafting of Compass Star block. Students will then foundation piece the compass star ring and learn an easy way to set in circles by machine to create their own stunning Compass Star block. Hand beading and embellishing techniques will be demonstrated.

## Supplies

### Fabrics

- One fat quarter background (the circular block is set into this fabric)
- One 9" square of focus fabric-this will be the center circle of the block. A large scale print works well here, the circle is approximately 6" across. If there is a design you wish to place in the block center, be sure it is at least 2" in from all edges of the fabric.
- 1/8<sup>th</sup> yard each of **two** contrasting fabrics (one is for the star points, the second is the background of the circle-the second fabric should also contrast with the background fabric)

### Other supplies

- thread to blend with fabrics
- One yard freezer paper
- Small bottle Elmer's Washable School Glue
- Compass –inexpensive one is fine
- Mechanical pencil or regular pencil and sharpener
- Eraser
- Fabric scissors with sharp points
- Paper scissors with sharp points
- Pins
- Seam ripper (we hope not!)
- 2" x 18" drafting ruler- Inexpensive, usually under \$5.00. Available from art supply stores, and in some fabric stores, usually found with the sewing notions. (If they are not available to you, notify Peg and she will have them available for purchase in class)
- Sewing machine-straight stitch is all that is required
- extension cord
- Iron and pressing surface- these may be shared with 2-3 quilters
- Optional-Rotary cutting supplies-cutter, small mat and ruler
- Any other items to make you a happy quilter