

To make compass rose:

1. Be sure you have a ruler, scissors, something to write with, and a small scrap of paper (preferably in a perfect square).
2. Fold paper edge to edge twice and corner to corner twice. Your paper should have 8 folds on it and look sort of like an asterisk.
3. Write the 4 cardinal directions (N, E, S, W) and the 4 ordinal (“intercardinal” or “blended”) directions (NE, SE, SW, NW) at the ends of the folded lines.
(Total: N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW)
4. Using the ruler, trace along the folded lines, up to where the directions are written.
5. Using scissors, cut out the space in between the lines. Cut parallel to the lines but **leave the lines (“legs”) pretty thick!** (If you don’t, they’ll tear off easily.) Cut only about halfway to the center. The center area also should be “thick.” If you want, you can make “points” for the cardinal direction legs. (They don’t automatically have points like the other ordinal directions.)
6. Write your name on the back of the compass rose.
7. Be sure to gather all the little triangle-shaped cutouts and recycle them.