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Folding and cutting instructions

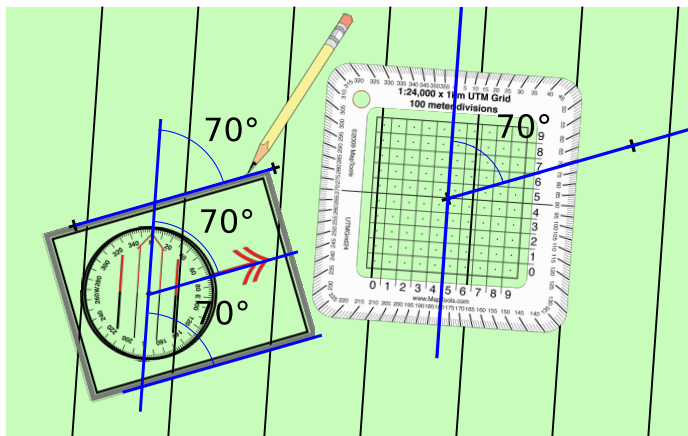
#1 Turn the sheet over, fold in half on the dotted line, so the letter "A's" touch.

#2 Fold the sheet in half again on the #2 fold line, so the letter "B's" touch.

#3 Cut the sheet using the marks at the #3 cut line.

#4 Cut the sheet using the marks at the #4 cut line.

#2 fold



- Rotate the compass dial so that 70° is at the index line.
- We're not using the magnetic needle in our compass.
- Instead we are aligning the parallel lines, in the compass capsule, with the Grid North reference lines on the map.

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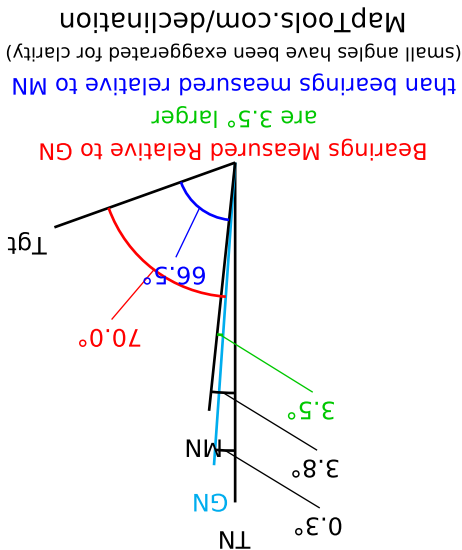


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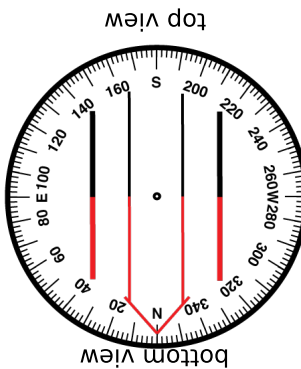
Example of Plotting or Measuring Bearings on the Map Using Grid North as the North Reference In this example the bearing is 70° Grid

Setting Up your Compass
With a 0.0° Offset
to Measure Relative
to Magnetic North

Declination Reference Card for
N 39.8° W 98.6°
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Custom Declination Reference Cards

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Free Customized Declination Reference Sheet

N 39.8° W 98.6° North Refs: Up=T, Plot=G, Compass=M

Compass and Map Plotting use different north references. Conversion is required.

Compass (M) to Map (G)
 $\text{Grid} = \text{Compass (M)} + 3.5^\circ$

Map (G) to Compass (M)
 $\text{Compass (M)} = \text{Grid} - 3.5^\circ$

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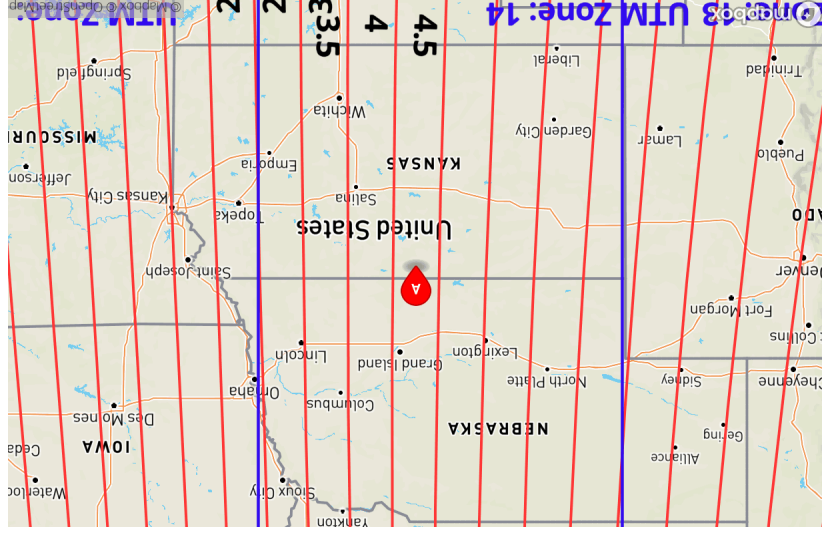
Local Magnetic Anomalies

In some areas there may be significant localized magnetic fields typically caused by magnetic rock deposits such as iron ore or lava flows. 3-4 degrees of anomalous declination is common near these areas. In extreme cases a compass may be rendered useless.

It is a good idea to confirm the local declination by comparing compass sighted and map plotted bearings between two known points.

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Red lines show Magnetic -> Grid variation



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