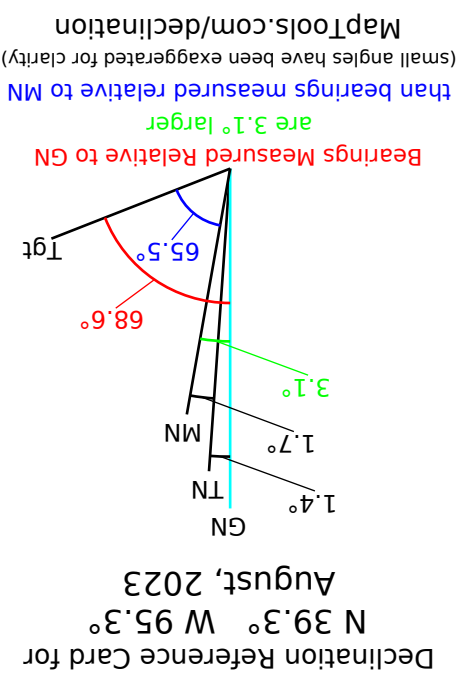
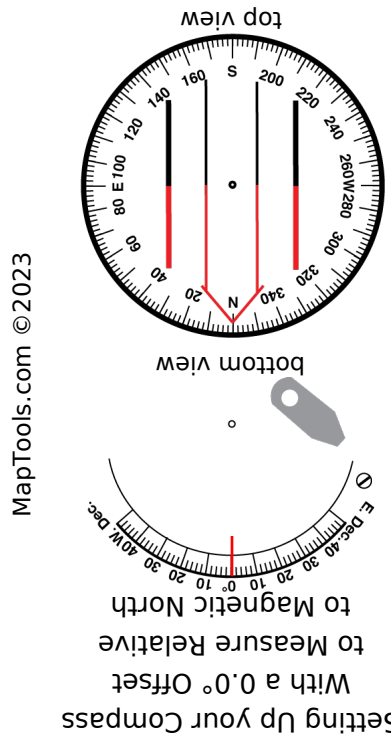
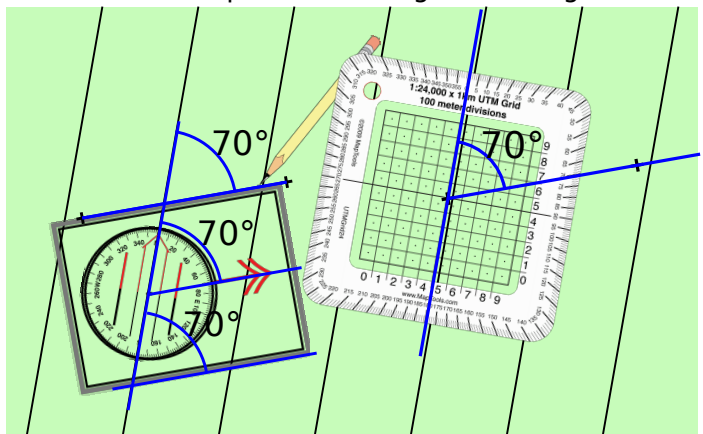


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Example of Plotting or Measuring Bearings on the Map Using Magnetic North as the North Reference
 In this example the bearing is 70° Magnetic



- 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 Magnetic North reference lines on the map. (The Magnetic North angle has been exaggerated for clarity)



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 N 39.3° W 95.3° North Refs: Up=G, Plot=M, Compass=M

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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.
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Compass and Map Plotting both use Magnetic North. No conversion is required.

Magnetic Bearing to Map (G)
Grid = Magnetic Bearing + 3.1°

Map (G) to Magnetic Bearing
Magnetic Bearing = Grid - 3.1°

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.

Red lines show Magnetic Declination (Magnetic - > True)

