

# Binding Instructions

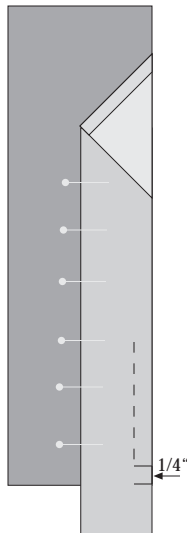
1. Cut the necessary number of 2 1/2" wide straight-grain strips, as stated in your pattern for your quilt project. This strip width will give you a finished binding of 3/8". If you prefer a narrower or wider binding, adjust the width of your binding strips. Piece the binding strips together with 45-degree diagonal seams.

2. Trim the batting and backing even with the raw edge of the quilt top.

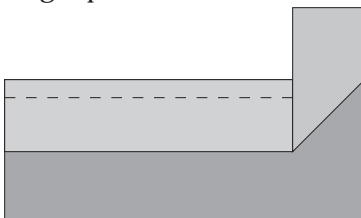
3. Press the pieced binding strip in half lengthwise, with wrong sides together. Trim one end of the binding at a 45-degree angle and turn under a 1/4" hem. Press.



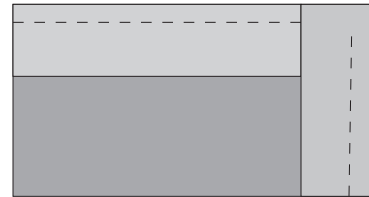
4. With raw edges even, pin the binding to the edge of the quilt, beginning at a considerable distance from a corner. Position the binding strip, so that no strip seams will be placed at any corners. Start sewing several inches from the trimmed binding end, using a 1/4" seam allowance. Stop exactly 1/4" from the edge of the first corner. Backstitch one stitch. Do not sew into the corner's seam allowance.



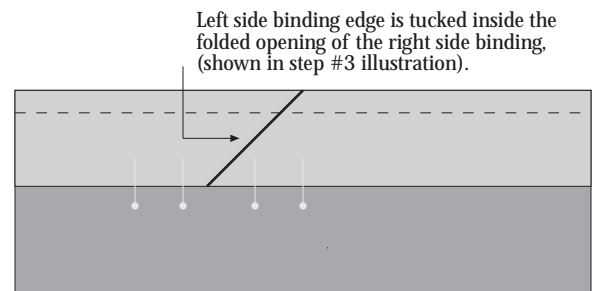
5. Lift the presser foot and needle. Rotate the quilt one-quarter turn. Fold the binding at a 45-degree angle to the corner, extending the strip straight above the quilt. Finger-press the fold.



6. Reposition the binding strip downward, even with the quilt's edge. Use a pin to hold the fold in place. Begin stitching at the folded edge, using a 1/4" seam allowance. Stop 1/4" from the next corner and backstitch one stitch. Repeat in the same manner at all corners.



7. As you approach the binding's starting point, stop and trim the end of the binding so it overlaps the start by about 3". Tuck the trimmed end of the binding inside the folded end, making certain the join is smooth. Pin and finish stitching the binding to the quilt.



8. Turn the folded edge of the binding over the raw edge of the quilt. Slipstitch the binding to the backing to form miters at the corners.