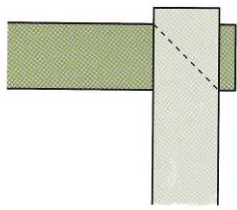


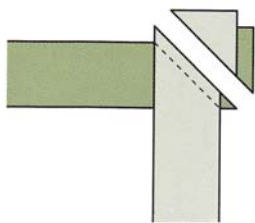
Adding the Binding

Binding is the most common way to finish the edges of quilts. We use a double fold binding – the binding strip is folded in half before being stitched onto the edges. It is an easy and secure way to finish your project.

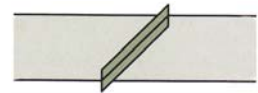
Cut the required number of strips as instructed for the project cutting across the width of fabric.



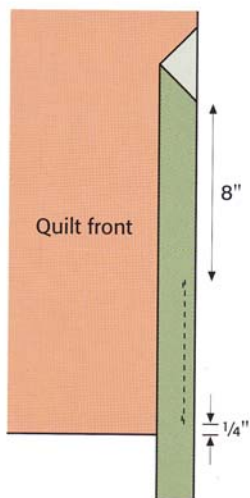
Stitch the strips together on the diagonal to make one length that is long enough to go around your project. Place two strips right sides together so they are perpendicular to each other as shown. Draw a diagonal line on the top strip that extends from the point where the upper edges meet to the opposite point where the lower edges meet. Stitch along this line.



Trim the seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press the seam allowance open. Add remaining strips in the same manner.



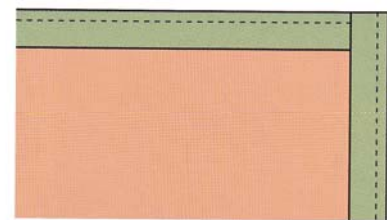
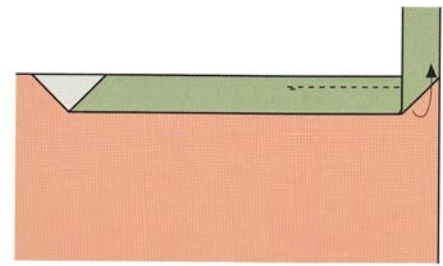
When all of the strips have been added, cut one end at a 45° angle. This will be the beginning of the strip. Press the binding in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, aligning the raw edges.



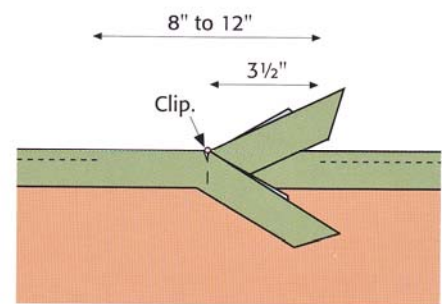
Beginning with the angled end, place the binding strip along one edge of the right side of the quilt top. Starting several inches away from a corner, align the raw edges. Leaving the first 8" of the binding unstitched, stitch the binding to the quilt. Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Stop stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the corner. Back stitch and remove the quilt from the machine.

Turn the project so you are ready to sew the next side. Fold the binding up so it creates a 45 angle fold.

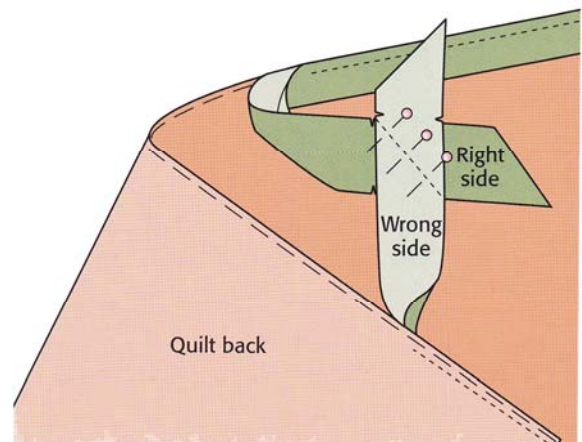
Place your finger on the fold to keep it in place; then fold the binding back down so the new fold is even with the top edge of the quilt and the raw edge of the binding is aligned with the side of the quilt. Beginning at the edge, stitch the binding to the quilt, stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the next corner. Repeat the folding and stitching process for each corner.

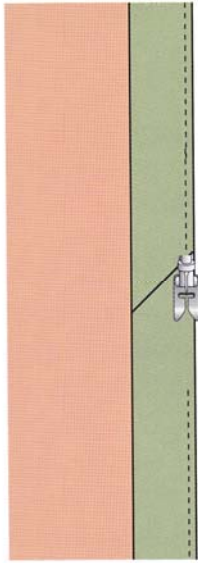


When you are 8" to 12" away from your starting point, stop stitching and remove the quilt from the machine. Cut the end of the binding strip so it overlaps the beginning of the binding strip by at least 5". Pin the ends together $3\frac{1}{2}$ " from the starting point. Clip the binding raw edges at the pin, being careful not to cut past the seam allowance or into the quilt layers.



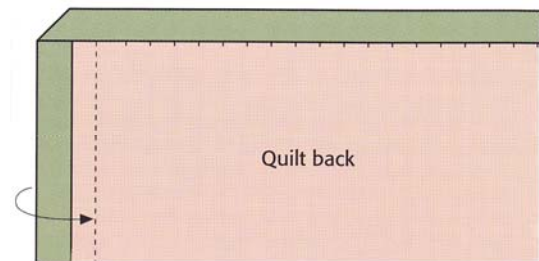
Open up the binding and match the clipped edges as shown, with right sides together. Stitch the binding strips together on the diagonal.





Refold the binding and check to make sure it fits the quilt. Trim the binding ends to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Finish stitching the binding to the edge.

Fold the binding over the raw edges to the back of the quilt.



Slip stitch the binding to the backing along the fold, mitering the corners.

