

How to Bind your Quilt

Camp Lebanon



Prep your Binding

Cut strips that are 2.5" x WOF. You can use 2.25" strips for smaller projects or a fuller binding.

Calculate the total length in inches of binding needed:
 $(2 \times \text{width of quilt}) + (2 \times \text{length of quilt}) + 12" =$
Divide this number by WOF to determine the total number of strips you will need to cut.

Piece your strips by sewing the short sides together or using the biased method below.



Press the binding in half lengthwise so that the wrong sides are together.

Press open your seams.

Place strips **right side** together at a 90 degree angle and sew from corner to corner. Trim the triangle, leaving a 1/4" seam. **Unfold.** Continue this process until all your strips are pieced together.



Leaving an 8" tail, begin stitching the open edge of your binding onto the top side of your quilt. Use a 1/4" seam and stop 1/4" short of the first corner. Backstitch.

Lifting the pressure foot and needle, pull your quilt away from your machine. Turn the quilt to the left. Pull **binding straight up** so that a 90 degree angle is formed.

Pull the binding straight down, forming a folded "pocket." Continue sewing your binding. Repeat this process for the remaining corners.

Twist one flap so that the right sides are together



Place flaps **right sides** together at a 45 degree angle and sew from corner to corner. Trim the triangle, leaving a 1/4" seam. **Refold** the binding and place back on the quilt. Continue sewing your binding!

Stop stitching **10 inches** from where you started. Lay the quilt flat and clip your threads. Trim the binding so that there is an **overlap that equals the width of binding** on the ends of your binding.

Finishing Your Quilt!

Fold **all four edges** of the binding over the back of the quilt. Pin or clip the binding in place. **Hand stitch** the folded edge of the binding. Voila!



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