



State Bird Quilt Setting

Instructions for Quilt Top

This pattern is the quilt setting instructions for my quilt 'Symbols of Our Unity', a quilt that has all the state birds and the Bald Eagle. The patterns for the state birds and bald eagle are sold separately. This pattern will work for any 8" finished quilt square. If a larger (17½") center square is not desired, 8" blocks can be substituted for the center square. Adjust the sashing requirements if necessary.



Supply List

1½ yards for sashing
 ¼ yard for first border
 ¾ yard for second border
 1 yard for third border
 4½ yards for backing
 ½ yard for binding
 2 yards 90" wide batting
 thread
 Sewing machine and related supplies
 Rotary cutter and related supplies

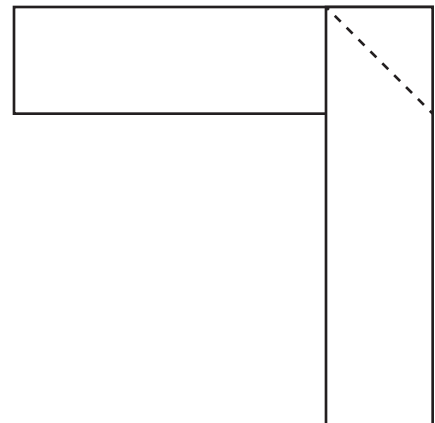
Instructions

All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Step 1. Cutting Instructions.

Corner Setting Blocks	Cut two $8\frac{7}{8}$ " squares of background fabric. Cut two $8\frac{7}{8}$ " squares of 2nd border fabric.
Sashing	Cut forty $2" \times 8\frac{1}{2}"$ rectangles. Cut twelve $2" \times$ width of fabric strips. Cut two $2" \times 21"$ strips.
1st Border	Cut eight $1\frac{1}{4}" \times$ width of fabric strips.
2nd Border	Cut eight $2\frac{3}{4}" \times$ width of fabric strips.
3rd Border	Cut eight $4\frac{1}{4}" \times$ width of fabric strips.

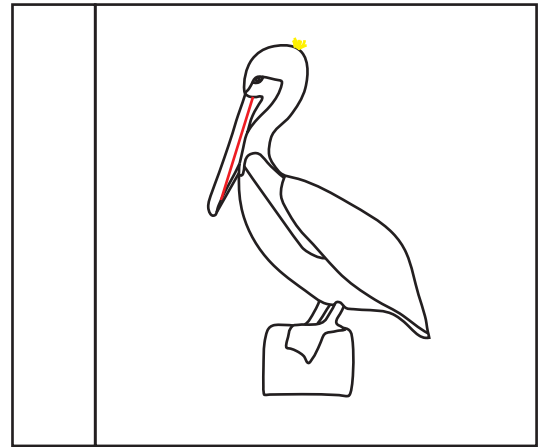
Step 2. For sashing, sew the twelve width of fabric strips together into six pairs. Place two strips right sides together at a 90° angle. Stitch across the intersection of the two strips at a 45° angle. Trim seam to $\frac{1}{4}"$. Press open. Set these strips aside.



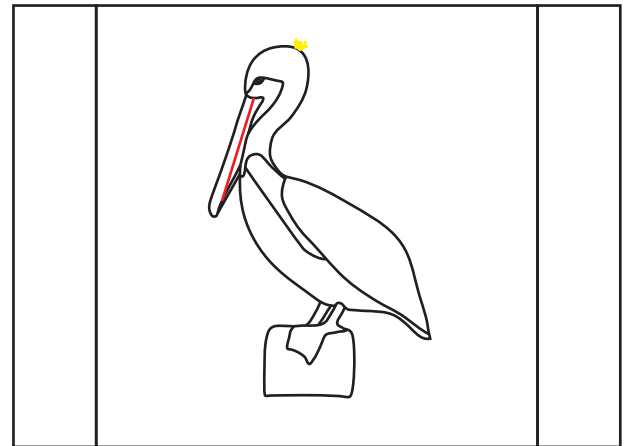
Step 3. Arrange the blocks in the order you want them in the quilt. Look at the photo for number of blocks in each row.

Instructions

Step 4. Place one 2" x 8½" sashing rectangle on the left side of one 8½" block with right sides together. Stitch. Press seam toward the sashing rectangle. Repeat this step until all blocks have one sashing rectangle on the left side.

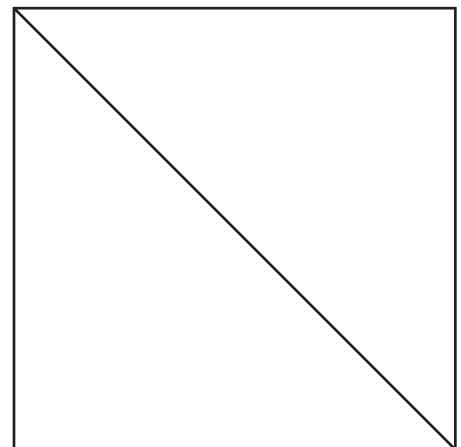


Step 5. For the last block in each row, add a sashing rectangle to the right side. For rows 3 and 4, a sashing rectangle should be sewn on the right of both pairs of blocks. Press seam toward the sashing rectangle.

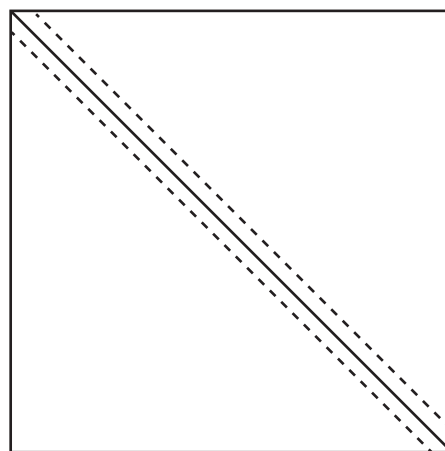


NOTE: The 17½" center block does not get sashing. It will be sashed by the surrounding blocks in a later step.

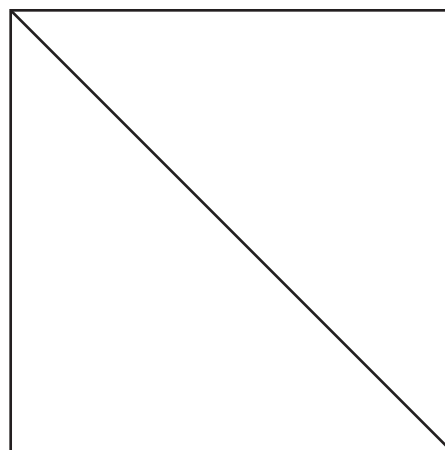
Step 6. Place one 8½" background square right sides together with one 8½" second border fabric square. Draw a line diagonally from corner to corner.



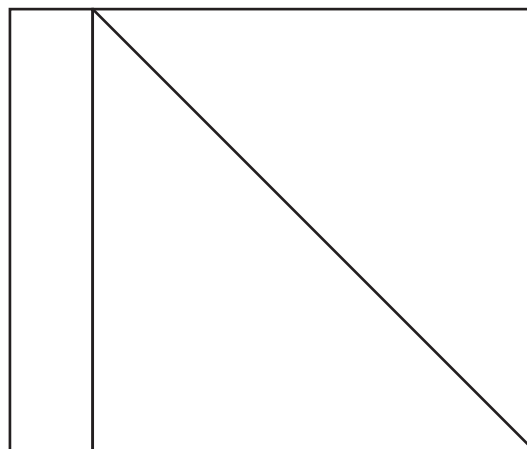
Step 7. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the drawn line.



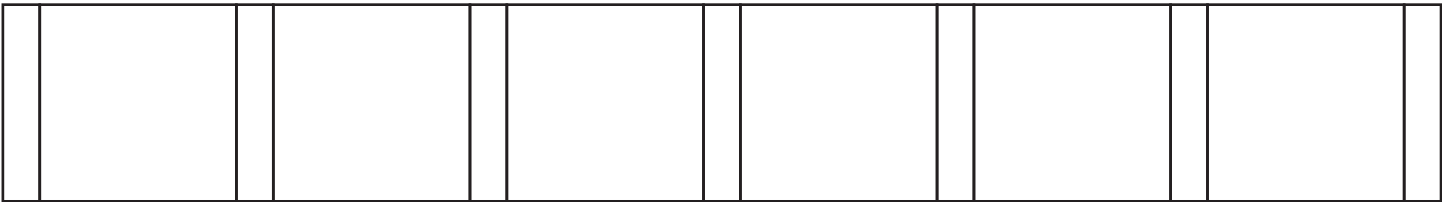
Step 8. Cut apart on the drawn line. Press seam toward the darker fabric. Trim the nibs even with the square.



Step 9. Turn the blocks so the seam is oriented in the four corners as shown in the cover photo. Add a sashing rectangle on the left side of the two squares that will be on the left side of the quilt. Add a sashing rectangle on both sides of the remaining two squares.



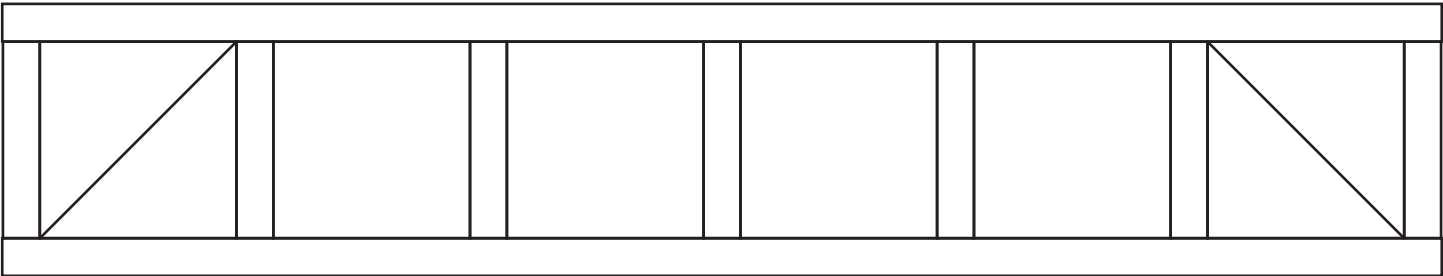
Step 10. Sew the blocks for each row together. Press seams toward the sashing. For rows 3 and 4, stitch two blocks each for the left side and the right side.



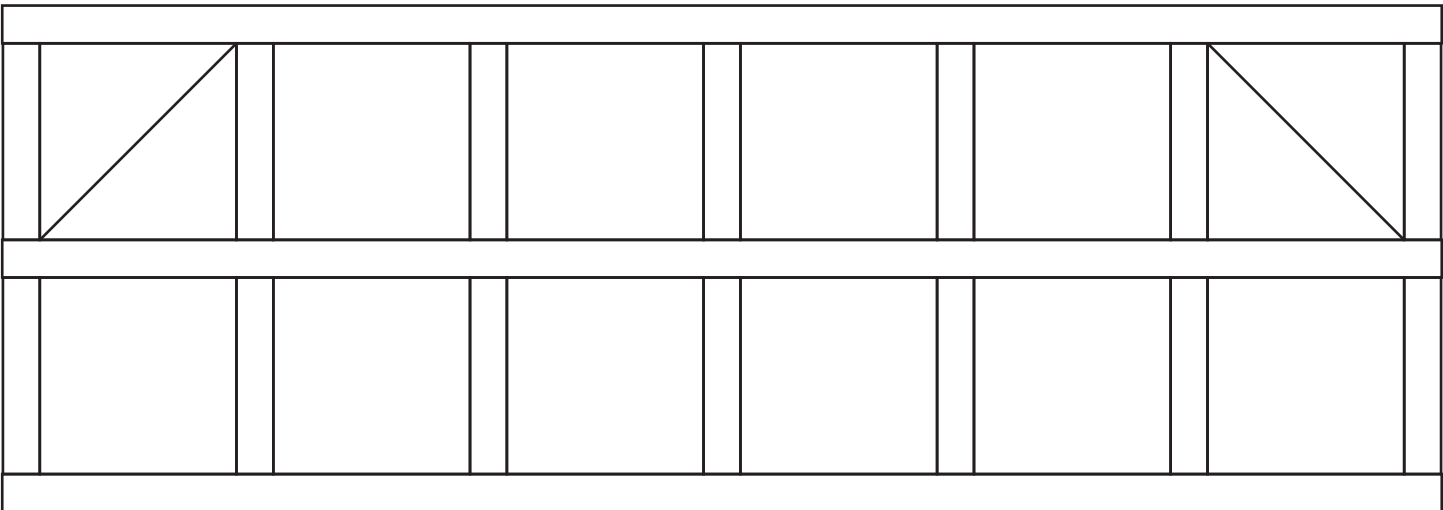
Step 11. Mark the six previously sewn long sashing strips with a 59" measurement.



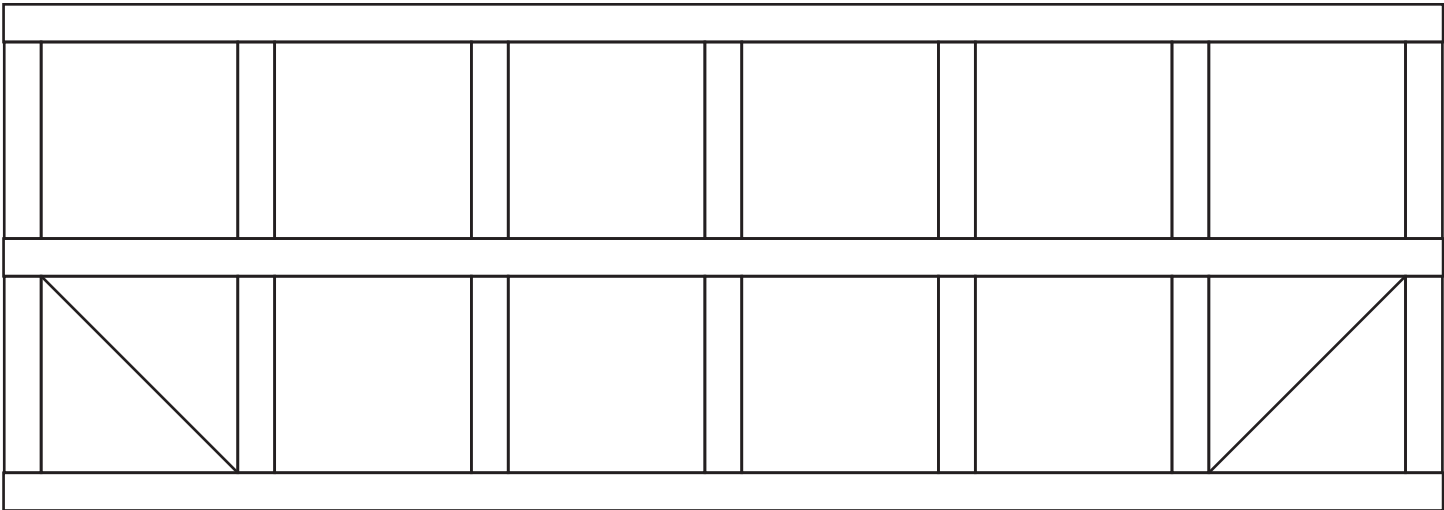
Step 12. Stitch one long sashing strip on the top and bottom of row 1. Press seams toward the sashing strips.



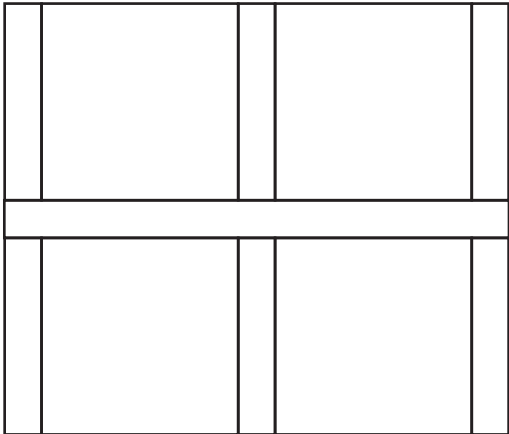
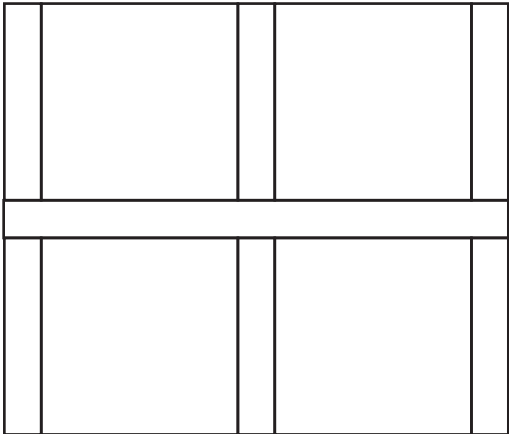
Step 13. Add the second row to the first row, making sure to align the vertical sashing surrounding each block. Stitch a long sashing strip to the bottom of row 2.



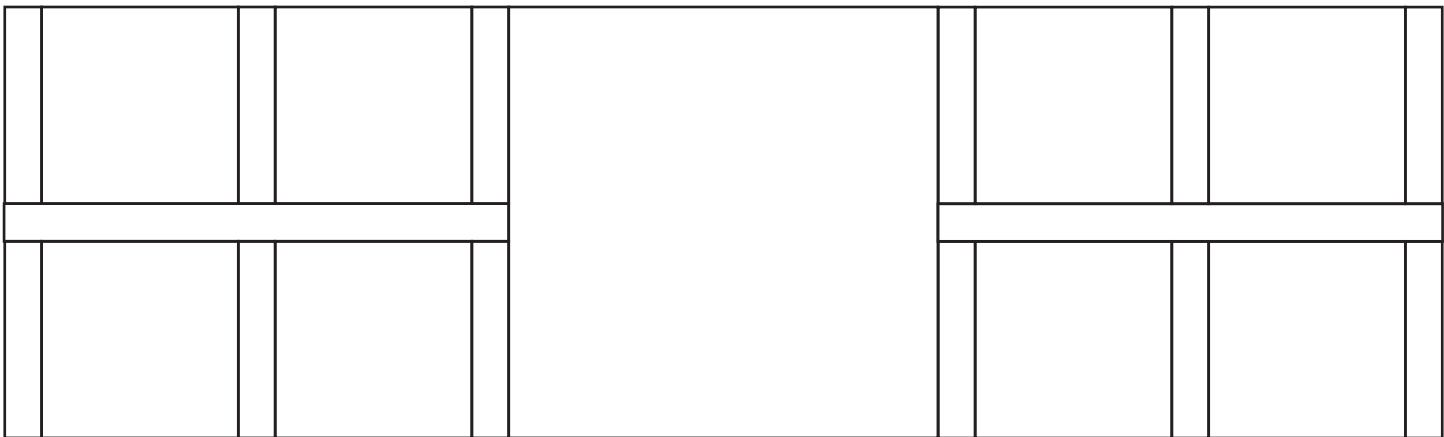
Step 14. Repeat Step 13 for rows 5 and 6.



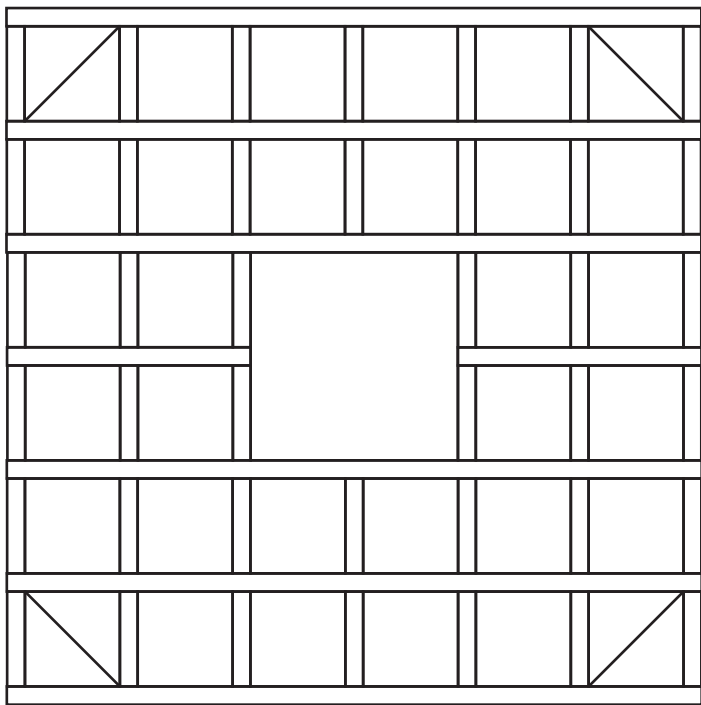
Step 15. Add the 2" x 21" sashing strip between the left side blocks for rows 3 and 4. Repeat this step with the right side blocks for rows 3 and 4. Make sure to align the vertical sashing.



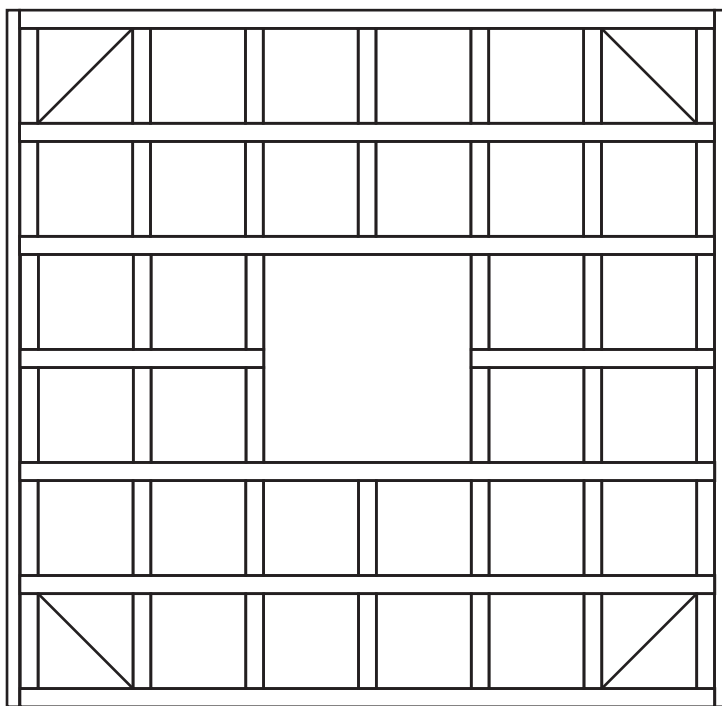
Step 16. Add the 17½" center block to rows 3 and 4. Press seams towards the center block.



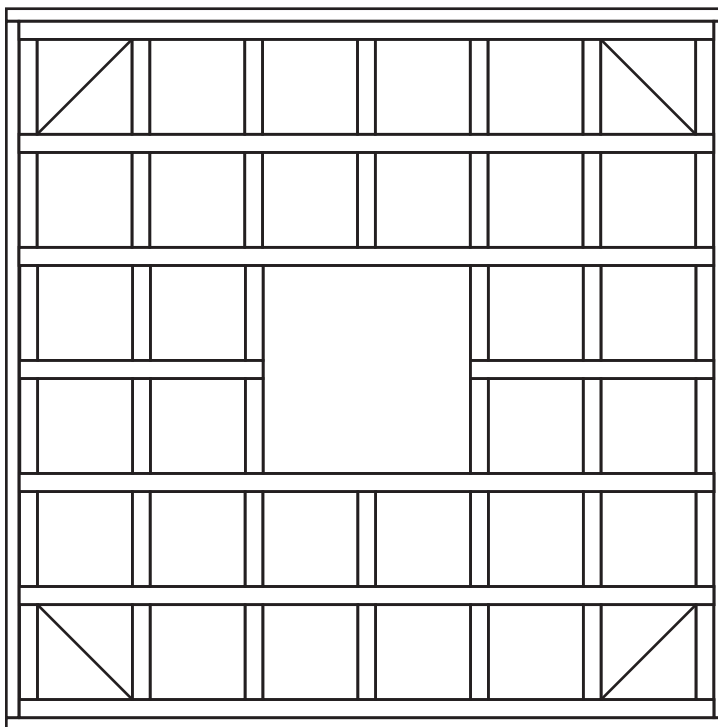
Step 17. Sew the sections of the quilt together. Press seams toward the sashing. Make sure to align the vertical sashing.



Step 18. Measure the quilt vertically. Sew two sets of $1\frac{1}{4}$ " first border strips together as was done for the sashing strips. Mark the measurement on the two long strips. Sew one to each side of the quilt top.



Step 19. Measure the quilt horizontally. Sew two more sets of 1¼" first border strips together. Mark the measurement on the two long strips. Sew one each to the top and bottom of the quilt.



Step 20. Repeat Steps 18 and 19 for the second and third border.

Step 21. Cut backing to fit, piecing the backing where necessary.

Step 22. Layer quilt top, batting, and backing.

Step 23. Quilt as desired. Bind quilt.