

Cabin Fever Quilt Along

Part 11: Borders

Borders provide a frame for the quilt center. There is so much going on in this quilt that I felt that pieced borders would be a step too far. Having said that, feel free to design a different border if your creative self would like to express a different look.

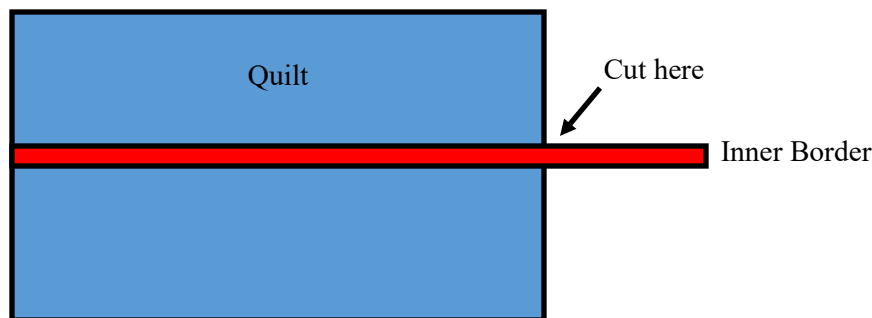
I chose blue for my border because I like it, and I had that piece in my blue bin. Any color would have worked, since my quilt has all different colors in it. A print with multiple colors would have been appropriate too. Once you have the quilt center put together, audition possible borders and choose the one that resonates with you.

I'll share the dimensions of my border pieces, but you can make them wider or not, skip the inner border or not, whatever suits your quilt.

Inner Border: Cut 6 strips WOF, 1-1/2" wide. Sew them together end-to-end in two groups of three.

Outer Border: Cut 6 strips WOF, 5" wide. Sew them together end-to-end in two groups of three.

Starting with the inner border, fold both strips in half lengthwise and remove the selvages with a clean 90-degree cut. Lay the first folded strip over the center of the quilt across the length, matching the cut edge of the border pieces with the left edge of the quilt. Cut the border pieces to match the length of the quilt. (If you're left-handed, lay the strips out in the opposite direction.)



Pin and sew the borders to the sides of the quilt. Press toward the border.

Do the same process for the width of the quilt with the second set of three. Press toward the border.

Before going on to the outer border, use a square ruler (12" or 15") to square up the corners.

Follow the same process with the outer borders, starting with the length of the quilt. I press this seam back toward the inner border. I like the look of the inner border standing up just a little, and I prefer to stitch in the ditch on the outer border when I quilt. However, you can press the seam either way; it's a personal choice.

