



Alexa's World Back to Front Binding Tutorial

Step 1. Measure the quilt horizontally and vertically. Add two horizontal and two vertical measurements. Add 20" to that measurement.

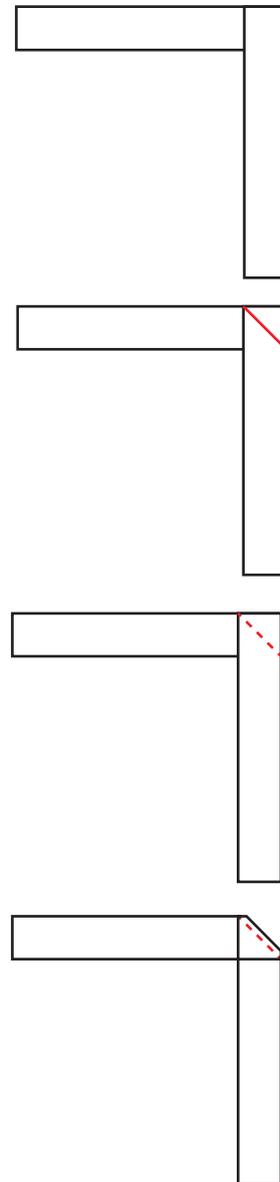
Step 2. Divide the total number of inches needed for the quilt by 40. Round up to the nearest whole number. That is the number of 2-1/4" strips to cut. It is better to have extra than not enough.

Step 3. Place two binding strips right sides together at a 90° angle with the vertical one on top.

Step 4. Draw a line from the top left corner to the bottom right edge as shown. This line is at a 45° angle.

Step 5. Stitch on the drawn line.

Step 6. Trim seam allowance to 1/4". Repeat Steps 3 through 6 until all binding strips are sewn into one long binding strip. Press all seams in one direction.



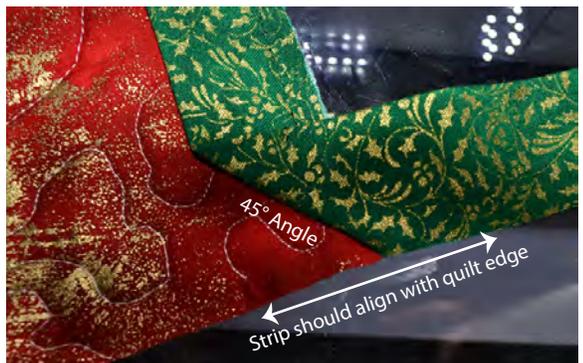
Step 7. Fold the binding strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press. Roll the strip after pressing.

Step 8. Place the sandwiched quilt with the backing facing up. Leaving a tail of about 8", align the raw edges of the binding strip with one raw edge of the sandwiched quilt. Start in the lower half of one long edge. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance until 1/4" from the corner. Stop with the needle down.

Step 9. Turn quilt. Press the back button and stitch off the quilt. Remove quilt from machine and cut threads.

Step 10. Fold the binding strip up so that it forms a 45° angle. The strip should be in a straight line along the next edge as shown in photo.

Step 11. Fold the binding strip down so the fold is aligned with edge that has already been stitched.

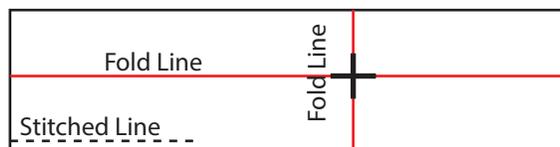


Step 12. Starting in the corner, continue stitching using a 1/4" seam allowance to 1/4" from the next corner. Stitch the remaining three corners in the same manner. Stop stitching when approximately 8" from the starting point. Remove quilt from machine.

Step 13. Place quilt on flat surface. Fold the start and end of the binding strips so that there is exactly a 1/4" gap between the two folds on the strips as shown in the photo. Press the folds.



Step 14. Open the binding strips and draw a small + sign where the creases of the folds intersect on both pieces.

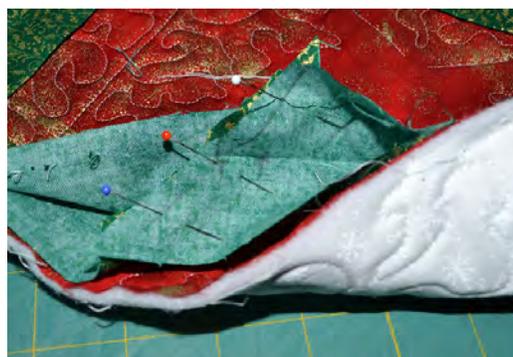


Step 15. Place a ruler with the 45° line along the long edge of the binding strip as shown, with the angled edge aligned with the + symbol made in Step 14. Draw a line along the ruler as shown in photo. Do this step for both pieces. The lines should be slanted from the bottom left to the top right for left handed people and from the bottom right to the top left for right handed people. Lines for both pieces should be parallel.



Left handed version shown in photo

Step 16. Trim seam allowances to 1/4". Place the two binding strip ends right sides together, aligning the drawn lines. Pin to hold. Check to ensure drawn lines are aligned. Stitch on the drawn line. Finger press seam allowances in one direction.



NOTE: Strips will pull the quilt top up a bit until sewn.

Step 17. Refold the binding strip. Place against the quilt and finish sewing the binding.

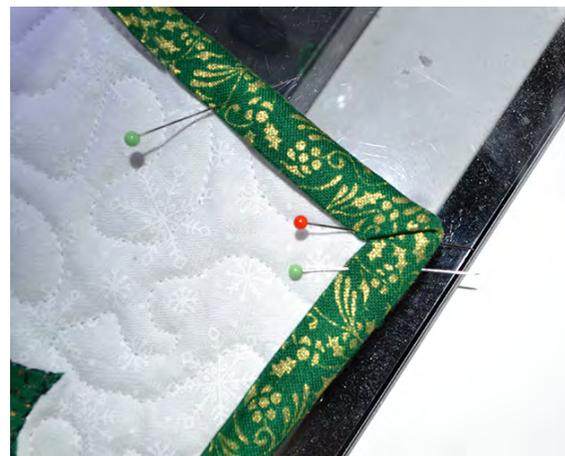
Step 18. Fold the binding over the raw edge to the front of the quilt. Start in the middle of one long edge. Align the edge of the binding to cover the binding stitching. Stitch along the edge, stopping approximately 4" before reaching the corner. Fold the binding for the next side up to cover, angle the end as shown in photo. Pin to hold.



Step 19. Fold the binding the rest of the way to the corner, creating the miter for the corner as shown. Pin to hold. Continue stitching, pivoting at the intersection of the two sides where the miter ends.

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