

## Perfect "Join" for Binding

Beginning in the center of one quilt edge, place your binding against the right side of the quilt, aligning the raw edges of the binding and the quilt top. Leave a 10" tail and stitch the binding to the quilt. When you return to the first edge, stop approx. 20" from where you started stitching and remove the quilt from the machine.

From one of the binding tails, cut a piece that measures the width of your binding prior to folding (i.e. 2 ½" or 2 ¼"). Pin the cut piece approximately in the middle of the open area, lining the edges up as if you were sewing on the binding. Lap one tail over the pinned piece and cut it even with the far edge of that piece. Do the same with the second tail, overlapping it in the opposite direction and again, cut even with the far edge of the pinned piece.

Remove the pinned piece from the quilt, Open the tails; extend the right-hand tail straight, and place the left-hand tail over it at a 90-degree angle ("pointing down"). Tails should be right sides together. Sew diagonally. Verify that the diagonal is sewn correctly; trim the seam to ¼" and press open. Fold this finished binding strip in half lengthwise as before and stitch to the quilt top.