

The Final Borders

When creating a border, it's always a temptation to simply sew on a strip and then cut off the excess but don't do that. This is especially important if you are placing your blocks on point, with so many bias seams you can change the size of your quilt. Forcing your quilt to match identically cut borders forces it to remain flat.

Step 1. Measure your quilt through the center vertically. Cut two borders to this length. Matching the center of the border strip with the center of the quilt, sew one on each side. Use a walking foot if you have one or a few pins if you don't. Press to the border.

If one side of the quilt is just the finest bit larger than the border, place the quilt top down on the bed of your sewing machine when sewing the border on. The feed dogs will help take up the slack. Reverse the process if it is your border that is bigger.

Step 2. Measure your Quilt through the center horizontally. Cut borders to this length. Matching the center of the border strip with the center of the quilt, sew one on top and bottom of your quilt top. Press to the border.

