

ENVELOPING A PINNED QUILT

Note: Prepared quilt should be pinned with two fabric layers facing each other, laid out on batting and pinned all around edges

The three quilt layers can now be sewn together to prepare the quilt for tying.

1. With fabric-side up, begin in the middle of one long side of the quilt, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " - $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam.
2. Sew around all four sides, ending about 15 inches before the beginning stitches.
3. Lifting the top layer of fabric, sew the bottom fabric and batting together across the 15" opening. This will hold the opening edges together when turning the quilt.
4. Carefully clip the corners.
5. Reaching into the opening between the two fabric layers, hold one of the corners and carefully pull out through the opening, working the layers with each corner until all has been turned and both fabrics are showing right sides out, one on each side of the batting. Using a small, blunt, tool (a chopstick works well--) reach into the inside and gently poke the corners into their point shape.
6. Shake out the quilt so all layers lay smooth.
7. Stitch opening closed.
8. Another top-stitched seam can be added at this point to hold the edges flat and firm, about an inch in from the edge, all around the four sides.

Quilt is now ready to tack onto a frame for tying the layers together.