



Hints & Tips

Simple Techniques for Binding Your Quilt.

Quilt Binding can be cut on the bias or straight of grain. Use a bias strip for those quilts that will be used a lot or those with curved edges, otherwise a straight binding is fine.

Step 1.

Cut your binding to your desired width, although I like to work with something about 2½" or 3", joined into one long strip, which I then fold in half length wise. Press.

As a guide the following number of strips will be needed.

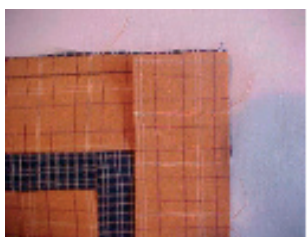
Table Runner	2 strips	Cot Quilt	4 strips
Single	7 or 8 strips	Double	8 or 9 strips
Queen	9 or 10 strips		



Step 2.

Beginning in about the middle on one side of your quilt, align the binding and the raw edges of your quilt. Start stitching 4" from beginning of strip, and ⅜" from raw edges. Sew to the corner and stop stitching ⅜"

from the corner, back stitch two stitches to secure. Take your work out of the machine, fold the binding strip up and back down over itself, (see illustration) aligning the raw edges on the second side. Pin in place.



Step 3.

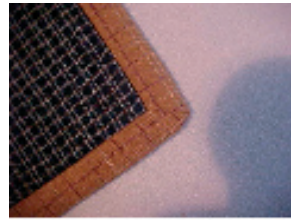
Commence stitching ⅜" from corner in the same place as where you stopped, but make sure you do not catch any of the folded binding.



Step 4.

Continue around the following corners in the same way. Stop stitching about four inches from the end of the strip start. Open out bindings and measure to get a seam point. Seam / Check / Trim / Press Open/ Fold

in Half and then complete the stitching.



Step 5.

Fold binding to the back of the quilt and slip stitch in place, using your fingers to form a mitre on the front and back of the quilt at the corners and slip stitch these.