

Press-Perfect Binding

This binding method is *easy* and makes a very professional-looking edge finish to your quilts! Follow these directions after top is stitched and quilting is complete:



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Trim and straighten quilt edges using ruler, mat and rotary cutter. Trim $\frac{1}{8}$ " outside edge of quilt top. Stitching line will fall $\frac{1}{4}$ " inside QUILT TOP edge. Binding will be $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Well-done binding is filled with backing/batting all the way to outer folded edge.



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Lay strips RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER at a 90 degree angle. Stitch diagonally across, joining short ends to make mitered seams.

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Trim to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press seams open.



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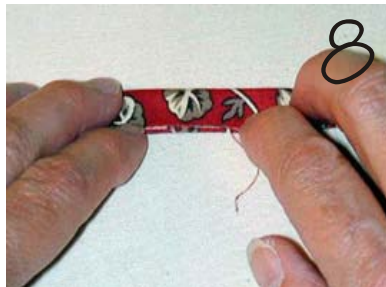
Fold strips in half lengthwise, matching edges, **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER**. Press-as-you-fold along entire length of binding strip.

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Fold in half lengthwise again, bringing raw edges to slightly ($\frac{1}{16}$ ") inside folded edge. Press-as-you-fold along entire length of binding strip.



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Open binding strip (note there are three creases).

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Place binding edge along cut edge of quilt. Stitch along the crease that, when folded, is **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER**. Leave about six inches free at beginning of binding strip. Starting at bottom edge of quilt, pin binding into place with edge of binding strip matching edge of quilt. (When pinned correctly, the other folds in binding strip will naturally fold into place as binding.) Stitch along crease, stopping $\frac{3}{8}$ " before the end. This is the key to perfect mitered corners.



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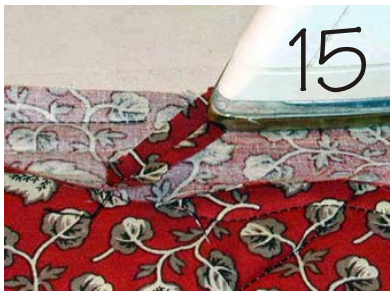
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Remove from sewing machine and lay on a flat surface. Fold binding strip back parallel to next unstitched edge of quilt.



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Now fold strip down over unstitched edge with binding fold matching quilt edge. Pin corner and long edge into place. Stitch on crease, starting at one end and stopping 3/8" before next end. Repeat for sides 3 and 4, stopping six inches before end of bound edge.



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On the 6" where ends are not stitched, fold and press raw edge ends of binding strip right sides together at opposing 45 degree angles so that folds meet.

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Pin these pressed angles RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER and carefully stitch along press marks.



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Trim ends to 1/4" and press seam open. Now lay edge of binding along edge of quilt and stitch last 6" of bound edge along the crease.

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Carefully press binding toward outside edge of quilt along stitching line. The stitched crease will now be pressed WRONG SIDES TOGETHER. Do not touch other creases that were pressed into binding strip.

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Using pressed creases, fold binding to back of quilt and pin just over stitching line, covering stitching. Hand stitch binding into place.

Congratulations on doing a Press-Perfect Binding for your quilt!



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