

Finishing Techniques

Adding Borders, Binding, Creating a Label & Displaying Quilts

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10:00-2:30

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Adding Borders to Your Quilt

The top is finished but you'd like a bigger quilt. Just add borders: pieced or not, straight grain or cross grain, flanged, log cabin style, with corner squares or mitered. Learn a variety of techniques and choose the right one for each quilt.

Bring to Class:

- Small Quilt top or a rectangle/square of fabric at least 18" x 18" to use as a "practice top"
- An assortment of fabrics you are considering for borders, or we can look and select in class
- Cutting Mat at least 18" x 24" & a 45 mm Rotary cutter with a new blade
- Creative Grids or Quilter's Select Long Ruler 6.5" X 24.5" with a 45° angle marking
- Quilting pins, preferably flat head

Binding, Creating a Label & Displaying Your Quilt

We will tackle the many ways to finish & display a quilt including bias binding, a hanging sleeve & a custom label. In lieu of a small quilt, you can bring a "sandwich" at least 18" square for practice.

Bring to Class:

- Small Quilted top or a rectangle/square of sandwiched fabric/batting/backing at least 18" x 18"
- Fabric to make bias binding (ask a CTH employee to calculate for your size quilt) or an 18" square (no smaller please) for practice
- Marker that shows on the back of your binding fabric
- Creative Grids or Quilters Select 2 ½" x 36 ½" Long Ruler
- Threads to match your binding & backing fabrics: Instructor prefers Mettler 100% Silk Finish Cotton
- Mettler Transfil monofilament thread clear or smoke
- Any size Wonder Clips
- Cut Rite Bind Up Tool
- New 90/14 or 80/12 Universal or Quilting needles, or same size sharp/Microtex if using batiks

Other Supplies:

- Sewing Machine in top working condition, with accessories & instruction book
- ¼" patchwork foot for your machine
- Even feed/walking/dual feed attachment appropriate for your machine
- A Variety of markers, particularly ones that shows on the back side of your quilt top
- "Standard Sewing Supplies": Extra Bobbins, Sharp scissors, thread snips, pincushion, etc.
- Personal iron & pressing station is helpful but not required
- Snacks or lunch (there will be a 30-minute break)

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Before Class:

- Wind full bobbins with your chosen threads
- Before applying binding, each edge of the practice quilt should be basted to facilitate “squaring up”. This is done 1/8” from the outside edge of your quilt.
 - By hand: knot on one edge & leave long thread tail on the opposite edge. Repeat for all sides.
 - By machine: increase stitch length to the maximum size Reverse two stitches and sew 1/8” from the edge, stitching from top to bottom. Leave a long tail. Repeat on all sides.

You may call or text the instructor prior to class. Please identify yourself as a member of this class to receive a return message or call.

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