

## Creative Options for the Rings

The interlocking rings inspire creativity. Top stitching attaches the arcs to both the backing circle and the block itself. This gives the rings added dimension. In addition to being functional, this stitching can be decorative, adding charm and interest to your wedding ring quilt.

### Victorian Wedding

The rings are decorated with flat lace and edged with a blanket stitch in gold metallic thread.



### Lake House Trellis

Rings are trimmed with rick rack, piping, and lace. The arcs are made from a coordinating striped fabric.



### Elegance in Trapunto

Arcs were cut from strip sets stitched with lace and trim along seam lines.



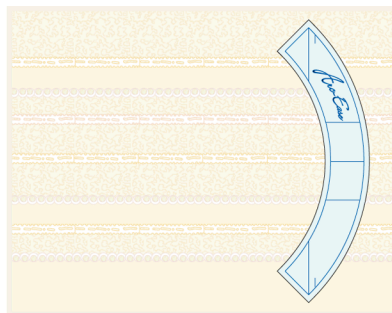
### Top Stitching the Edges:

decorative stitches on your machine  
hand finishes such as a blanket stitch  
invisible thread with a blind hem stitch  
decorative threads:

metallic or rayon, fine or heavy

### Decorating the Rings:

flat lace on seamless arcs  
painting the arcs  
stenciled designs  
embroidered names  
couched trims



### Embellishing the Strip Sets:

arcs from strip sets with lace,  
decorative stitching, and trim along  
seam lines  
crazy pieced patchwork  
string pieced sets

### Fabric Choices:

stripes  
floral prints  
multiple fabrics  
elegant fabrics

### Trimming the Ring Edges:

rick rack  
lace  
cording  
piping  
folded flat piping  
braid

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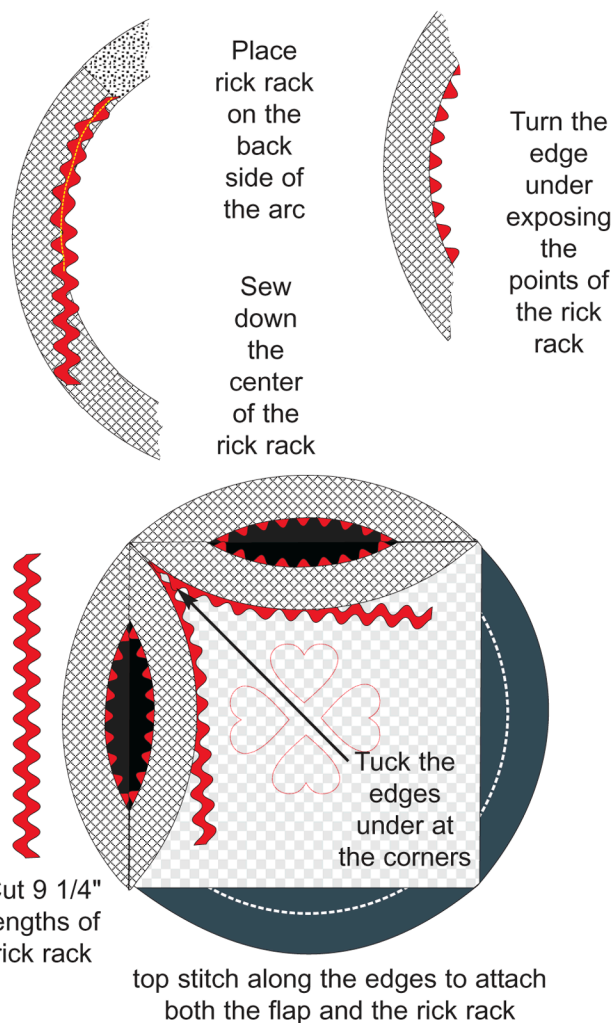
### Tips for adding rick rack

#### Inner Edge

- Sew the rick rack (or other trim) to the **right** side of the inner ring along the raw edge, *before* pressing the edge under.
- Overlap the rick rack at the arc seam.
- Turn the edge under using the stitching as a guide and press. The rick rack will help roll the edge.
- Repeat the process for the inner curve of the scallops.

#### Outer Edge

- Add rick rack to the outer edge of the ring *after* the blocks are assembled.
- Measure about 9 1/4" sections of rick rack.
- As you top stitch the flaps down, place the rick rack between the flap and the square. Catch the rick rack as you top stitch the edges.
- The ends of the rick rack section are poked under the flap, leaving no rick rack added to the corner area.
- For the outer edge of the scallop, trim can be sewn in the seam adding the arc to the scallop edge, or from the back of the quilt.



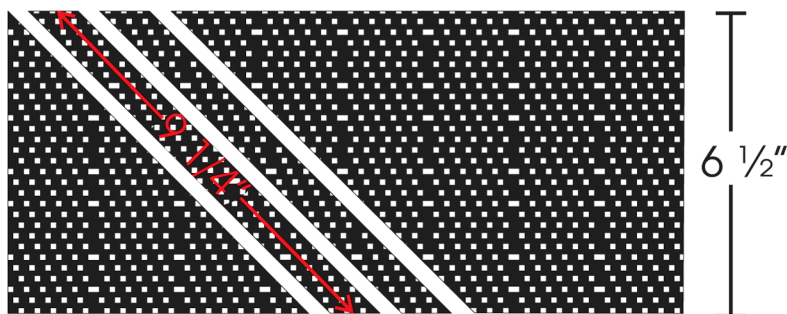
top stitch along the edges to attach both the flap and the rick rack

### Flat Piping

Bias flat folded piping is another option for trimming the arc edges. The *Lake House Trellis* quilt is edged with black lace, rick rack and flat piping.

To make your piping:

- Cut a 6 1/2" strip of piping fabric.
- Cut the strip at a 45 degree angle. Discard the triangle.
- Cut 1" wide bias strips.
- Fold the strips in half lengthwise and insert as you would other trims.



Trim (rick rack, lace, braid, etc.)	Single 1	Runner 1 x 3	Wall 2 x 2	Baby 3 x 3	Lap 5 x 5	Twin 5 x 7	Double 6 x 7	Queen 7 x 8	King 8 x 8
Sewn on one side of the arcs	3 1/4 yd	7 5/8 yd	9 1/4 yd	18 1/4 yd	45 yd	62 yd	73 yd	95 yd	108 yd
Sewn on both sides of the arcs	5 3/4 yd	13 3/4 yd	16 1/2 yd	33 1/2 yd	81 1/2 yd	111 yd	132 yd	173 yd	196 yd