



MACHINE BINDING CLASS

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Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the Machine Binding Class for your quilts and quilting projects. The focus of the class is to teach the process of making binding and sewing it on completely by machine, no hand work. It is very important to accurately cut the binding strips and sew the binding strips together with diagonal seams.

Class Supplies

- ☐ Normal sewing supplies (extra sewing machine needles, scissors, etc)
- ☐ Sewing Machine with walking foot attached – In good working order
- ☐ Thread for binding and bobbin:
- ☐ **Bobbin Thread should match the backing, top thread should match binding**
- ☐ Rotary Cutter, cutting mat, 6 ½" x 2 ½" ruler

Project Selection to Bind

In class we will have limited space so it is important for the project you bring to be small. For example a baby quilt, placemats, table runner or make a sample project sandwich with fabric and batting to practice. You may contact me if you need help with a sample.

Prior to Class

Have the project you are bringing trimmed and ready to Bind

Calculate and cut the number of binding strips required using the below calculation

EXAMPLE: If project is 20" x 30":

Add all 4 sides of project $20+20+30+30 = 100$

Divide 100 by 40 (usable width of fabric & allows for seams) = 2.5

Round the 2.5 to an even 3 strips

Cut your binding strips 2 ½ or 2 ¾" wide (be sure all the strips are exact width)

(2 ¾ wide is recommended if you are using a heavy batting on a large project)

To cut 3 strips 2 ½ or 2 ¾" wide, the required amount of fabric will be ¼ yard (9")

If you are familiar with sewing the strips together with a diagonal seam you can do this, if not we can do in class. Also, once the strips are sewn together the seams must be pressed open and the continuous strip must be pressed in half.

Please feel free to reach out to me at fsprather@gmail.com or text me at 704-617-6033 include your name. You can call but I usually do not pick up numbers that are not in my contact list. I look forward to helping each of you gain the skill of Machine Binding your quilts.