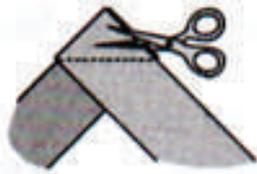


Binding 101

1. Cut binding strips to your preferred width. 2-1/2" is a pretty standard measurement, but 2-1/4" will provide a more tightly packed binding.



2. Place the ends of two binding strips together, perpendicular to each other, right sides together. Stitch diagonally and trim to 1/4". Press seams open.

3. Fold the binding strips together, wrong sides together. Press.
4. Choose a starting point on your quilt. We recommend the center of the bottom of the quilt. Leave 8-10" of the binding loose and begin stitching the binding on using a **GENEROUS** 1/4" seam. Refer to your sample.

5. Continue to stitch your binding on. Stop 1/4" from edge of quilt. Stitch diagonally to the corner of the quilt. Refer to your sample.

6. Take your quilt out of your machine. To turn the corner, fold binding strip along the diagonal stitched line to form a 45° angle. Fold binding strip at quilt edge. Start on the edge, and continue sewing with a **GENEROUS** 1/4" seam. Refer to your sample.

7. Continue around all corners of your quilt. Stop stitching when you are 12-14" away from your starting point. Leave the binding attached.

8. Lay your quilt on a hard surface with the binding opening near you and the quilt on the surface away from you. Move the left side binding tail out of the way. Lay the right side of the binding flat along the edge of the quilt. Estimate the center point of the opening. **CUT** the right binding tail at the center point. Keep the remaining scrap as a measuring tool in Step 9. Refer to your sample.

9. Leaving the right binding in place. Lay the left binding on top. Open the scrap, and line the scrap up with the cut edge of the right binding. The binding on the image has been altered so you can see all layers of the process. Refer to your sample.

10. Keep your binding tails. They make great starter strips or log cabin strips.

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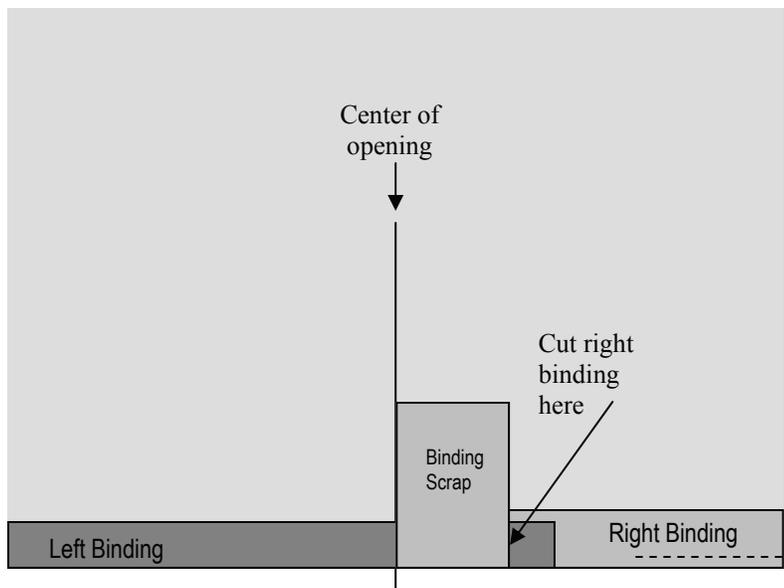
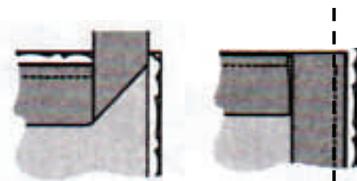
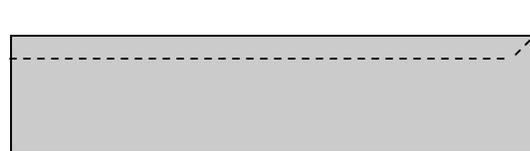
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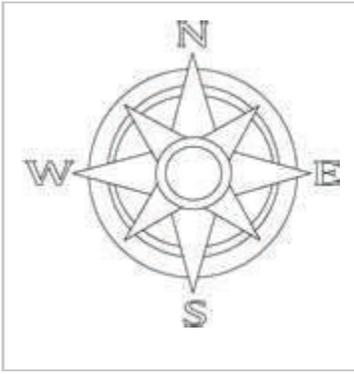
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Are you ready for the magic part? In order to finish your quilt, you need to know your directions. We will use a standard compass rose for reference points.

11. Open both sides of the binding tails and lay them flat along the quilt, with the right sides facing up and the edges touching in the center.

Use the fold line as the East-West line and the

open corners are the North-South points of the binding.

12. Turn the north point of the right binding TOWARD you so that the strip is face down. It will be twisted.

13. Now the Southern point of the right binding is actually on top.

13. Rotate the right binding 1/4 turn clockwise so that the two binding strips are at a 90° angle. The South West corner of the right binding will match up with the North East corner of the left binding. Pin in place and diagonally stitch as you would to piece binding strips together (Steps 1 & 2). Refer to your sample.

14. Trim seam to 1/4". Press open. Press along fold line. Your binding strip is now the exact length necessary to finish binding your quilt. Finish stitching a **GENEROUS** 1/4".

15. Turn binding to back and hand stitch with a blind hem stitch.

