



## LET'S BE FRIENDS SEW ALONG 2023

# Adventure



## Week 10 - September 3rd

**Wow, where did the time go?** We blinked and voila, here we are at the finish line. You have worked hard to get here and this week is like the final camp cheer to revel in earning the Adventure badge of success!

### Adding the Borders:

When it comes to joining the borders, I am a stickler for the process. If the borders are joined properly, the quilt top will lay flat when it is just a 'flimsy'. I am sorry, but pinning and measuring are necessary to accomplish this accurately.

**Please read through this section before proceeding.**

Each border is attached separately as per the following instructions. Borders will be joined by establishing and keeping consistent by adding the LEFT & RIGHT borders first, and then the TOP & BOTTOM.

### **When you are adding a plain border to the quilt top:**

1. Fabric for plain border strips will be cut longer than actual measurement required. Strips will be joined end to end to obtain length where indicated with seams pressed open.
2. Fold the border strip in half end to end and mark or pin to indicate the center. Measure out from center, half of the measurement needed for the length of the quilt side and mark. Repeat for the other end.
3. Find the middle of the quilt side and with right sides together and edges even, match centers of border strip to quilt center and pin. Now match the outer markings to the edges of the quilt; these should line up at the very edge of the quilt. Do not trim excess fabric yet. Pin along edge to secure border to quilt top.
4. Join border strips to quilt center by carefully stitching with a 1/4" seam allowance. Be careful of any points in the quilt center's blocks. Border ends will be loose and floppy - do not trim.
5. Press seams to this plain border or as instructed. Trim the excess fabric from the attached border strips by laying the quilt top flat. Use a longer ruler (6" x 24") and place along the quilt aligning the sewn seam on a ruler line to ensure the outside corner edge is 90-degrees. This will keep the corners square. Now carefully trim any excess fabric off the ends.

### **When you are adding a pieced border to the quilt top:**

1. Pieced borders will be constructed the proper length as designed. Fold the border strip in half at the center and mark or pin to indicate the center of strip.
2. Find the middle of the quilt side and with right sides together and edges even, match centers of border to quilt center. Pin so that pieced border will be on top when you stitch. Now pin ends of pieced border strip to the edges of the quilt. These should line up at the very edge of the quilt. Pin well to secure pieced border to quilt top, matching crucial points where necessary to prevent stretching.
3. At the sewing machine, place pieced border on top to view any points in the piecing so they will not get chopped off during stitching. Carefully sew with a 1/4" inch seam. Press seams carefully as indicated in pattern. Accurately pieced borders do not require trimming.



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## Border 1:

Cut 3" wide strips of fabric x 42" WOF

Single

Queen



**Fabric 1:** Background - Lightest Cream

Cut 8 strips

Cut 8 strips

### For BOTH quilt sizes:

#### Using the 3" x 42" strips:

1. Join the short ends of (2) 3" x 42" strips to make one longer strip. Press seams open. Repeat to make a total of (4) longer strips.

#### Left & Right Borders

1. Following the *General Border Instructions*, measure, mark and pin to attach these longer strips to the quilt center's LEFT & RIGHT sides. Press seam to this border. Trim ends even with quilt top.

#### Top & Bottom Borders

1. Following the *General Border Instructions*, measure, mark and pin to attach these longer strips to the quilt center's TOP & BOTTOM sides. Press seam to this border. Trim ends even with quilt top.

After **Border 1** the quilt center should now measure:

**Single Size:** 62-1/2" x 80-1/2" unfin.

**Queen Size:** 80-1/2" x 80-1/2" unfin.

## Border 2:

Single

Queen



**From Week 8**

150 pcs.

168 pcs.

### For BOTH quilt sizes:

#### Left & Right Borders

1. Join (40) flying geese units together to make one strip as shown. Press seams away from the goose point. Repeat to make a total of (2) border strips. These border strips should measure 4-1/2" x 80-1/2" unfinished.



2. Attach pieced border strips to the quilt center LEFT & RIGHT sides. Matching at center and ends, pin carefully to fit and to secure pieced border before stitching. At the sewing machine, with right sides together place pieced border on top so seams can be directed to lie as pressed. Carefully sew with a 1/4" inch seam to join.

**Watch for shadowing!** If there are some places where it occurs, carefully trim back the seam allowance of the darker fabric so it can no longer be seen as a 'shadow' from the front of the quilt.



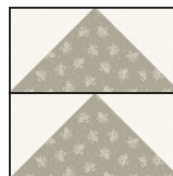
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## Border 2 cont'd:

### For BOTH quilt sizes:

#### Top & Bottom Borders

1. Join (2) flying geese units together to make the corner blocks.  
Press seams away from the goose point. Make 4.



### For Single size:

1. Join (31) flying geese units together to make one strip as shown. Press seams away from the goose point. Following the diagram below, join (2) corner units to each end of the pieced border strip in the direction shown. Press seams as indicated.



2. Repeat to make a total of (2) border strips. These border strips should measure 4-1/2" x 70-1/2" unfinished.

### For Queen size:

1. Join (40) flying geese units together to make one strip as shown. Press seams away from the goose point. Following the diagram below, join (2) corner units to each end of the pieced border strip in the direction shown. Press seams as indicated.



2. Repeat to make a total of (2) border strips. These border strips should measure 4-1/2" x 88-1/2" unfinished.

### For BOTH quilt sizes:

1. Attach pieced border strips to the quilt center TOP & BOTTOM sides. Matching at center and ends, pin carefully to fit and to secure pieced border before stitching. At the sewing machine, with right sides together place pieced border on top so seams can be directed to lie as pressed. Carefully sew with a 1/4" inch seam to join.
2. Press seam towards to the previously joined plain border watching for shadowing of the seam allowance.

After **Border 2** the quilt center should now measure:

**Single Size:** 70-1/2" x 88-1/2" unfin.

**Queen Size:** 88-1/2" x 88-1/2" unfin.



## Border 3:

Cut 3" wide strips of fabric x 42" WOF

Single

Queen



**Fabric 1:** Background - Lightest Cream

Cut 9 strips

Cut 10 strips

### For Single size:

#### Left & Right Borders

1. Cut (1) 42" strip in half to make (2) 3" x 21" strips. Join the short end of (1) 21" half-strip to (2) 42" strips end to end to make one longer strip. Press seams open. Repeat to make a total of (2) longer strips. As before, attach these strips to the quilt center's LEFT & RIGHT sides. Press seam to this border. Trim ends even with quilt top.

#### Top & Bottom Borders

1. Join the short ends of (2) 42" strips end to end to make one longer strip. Press seams open. Repeat to make a total of (2) longer strips. As before, attach these strips to the quilt center's TOP & BOTTOM sides. Press seam to this border. Trim ends even with quilt top.

### For Queen size:

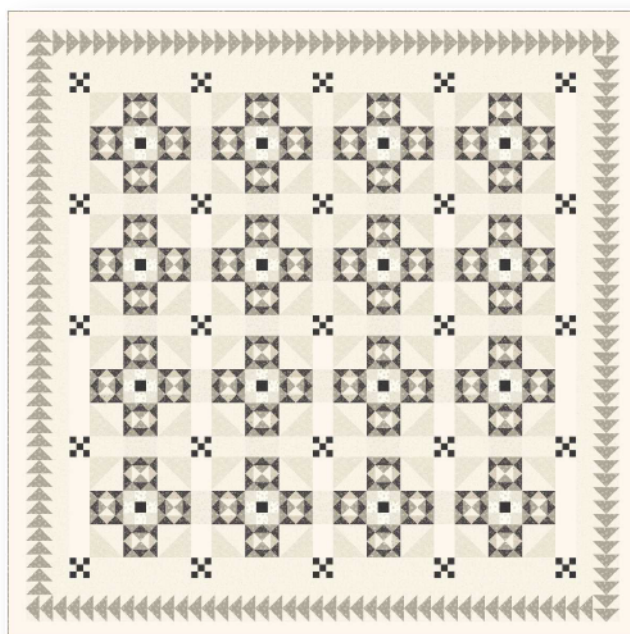
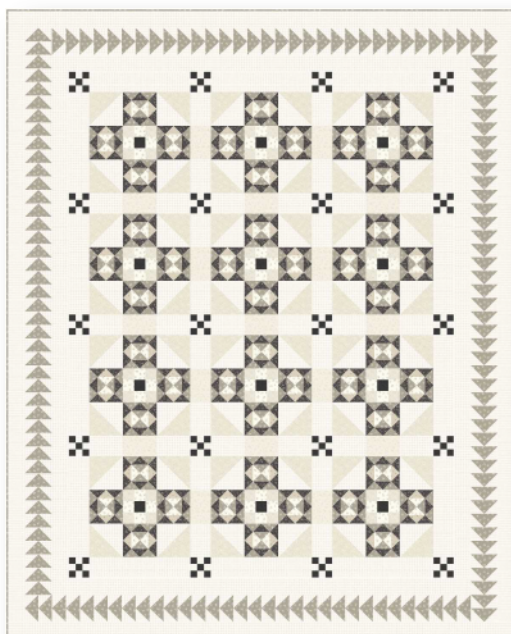
#### Left & Right and Top & Bottom Borders

1. Cut (2) 42" strips in half to make (4) 3" x 21" strips. Join the short end of (1) 21" half-strip to (2) 42" strips end to end to make one longer strip. Press seams open. Repeat to make a total of (4) longer strips.
2. As before, attach these strips to the quilt center's LEFT & RIGHT sides first. Press seam to this border. Trim ends even with quilt top. Then attach remaining strips to the TOP & BOTTOM sides. Press seam to this border. Trim ends even with quilt top.

After **Border 3** the quilt center should now measure:

**Single Size:** 75-1/2" x 93-1/2" unfin.

**Queen Size:** 93-1/2" x 93-1/2" unfin.



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## Binding:

I prefer a continuous binding method and cut the fabric on the cross-grain (from selvedge to selvedge) for straight sided quilts such as this. If the fabric is striped or checked, then bias-cut strips are recommended.

1. Lay the quilted quilt on a flat surface and using the long ruler, trim the excess batting and backing 1/4" larger from quilt top. Make sure all quilt corners are perfect 90-degrees.



**Please note:** if you purchased a fabric kit directly from Border Creek Station, the Binding may be from a different fabric according to the fabric kit selected. In most cases, it will be Fabric 8 or labelled or as noted on your Requirements sheet.

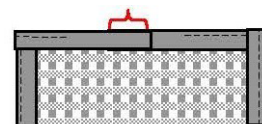
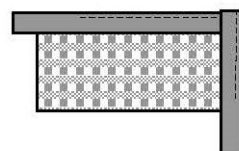
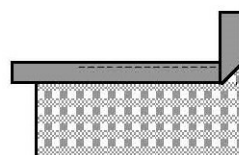
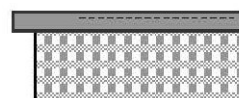
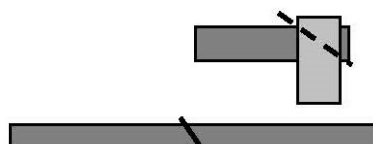


### Fabric 10 : Dark Charcoal Gray

**Single**  
Cut 9 strips

**Queen**  
Cut 10 strips

2. From the binding fabric, cut the number of required strips from selvedge to selvedge 2-1/4" wide (or if you preferred width of 2-1/2" for binding). Join all strips together as per diagram using 45-degree seam. Trim seams to 1/4" and press open.
3. With right sides out, fold and press in half lengthwise, matching raw edges.
4. Leaving a 7" binding tail and matching raw edges to quilt top, begin along one side and sew binding to the quilt's edge using walking foot and 1/4" seam allowance. Stop sewing 1/4" from corner of quilt. Remove quilt from the machine and miter at corners by folding strip up (vertically) making a 45-degree angle on corner, pin. Bring binding straight back down, folding so this new fold is at the outer edge of the quilt and raw edges are now even with the next side and pin. Begin sewing from the outside edge a 1/4" seam along this new side.
5. Continue stitching binding and mitering all four corners until about 12" away from starting point. Backstitch to secure leaving a tail of binding. Remove from machine.
6. In the unstitched area, overlap ending and beginning tail of binding strip. Measure and mark overlap at 2-1/4" (or 2-1/2" if used) as per diagram. Snip off excess end at mark.
7. Open folded binding ends and with right sides together as in #2, stitch using a 45-degree angled seam. Trim seams to 1/4" and press open, then repress fold of binding matching raw edges. Pin to quilt edge as this should now lay flat and finish stitching seam.
8. Fold binding over to the back and begin hand stitching. The folded edge of the binding should meet with the stitching of the seam line. Form a folded miter at the corners in the opposite direction from the front and continue hand stitching binding around the quilt.



*Thank you for joining me on this fun Adventure!*



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