

# Adding Borders

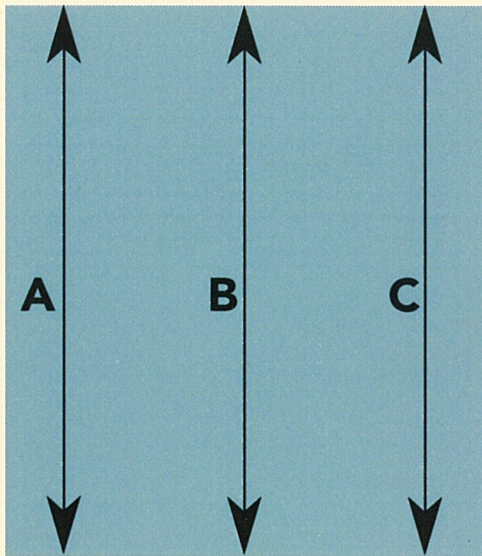


Diagram A

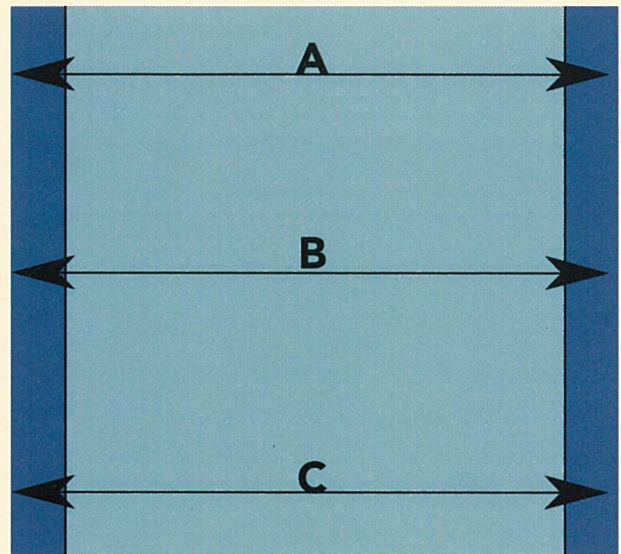


Diagram B

A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ÷ 3

AVERAGE  
LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_

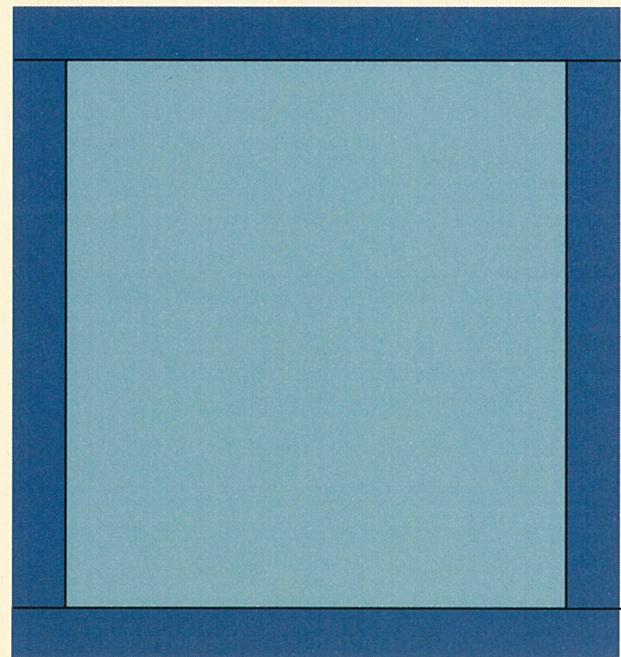


Diagram C

## HELPFUL TIP

Use the following decimal conversions to calculate  
your quilt's measurements:

$\frac{1}{8}$ " = .125

$\frac{1}{4}$ " = .25

$\frac{3}{8}$ " = .375

$\frac{1}{2}$ " = .5

$\frac{5}{8}$ " = .625

$\frac{3}{4}$ " = .75

$\frac{7}{8}$ " = .875



Follow these simple instructions to make borders that fit perfectly on your quilt.

1. Find the length of your quilt by measuring through the quilt center, not along the edges, since the edges may have stretched. Take 3 measurements and average them to determine the length to cut your side borders (*Diagram A*). Cut 2 side borders this length.
2. Fold border strips in half to find center. Pinch to create crease mark or place a pin at center. Fold quilt top in half crosswise to find center of side. Attach side borders to quilt center by pinning them at the ends and the center, and easing in any fullness. If quilt edge is a bit longer than border, pin and sew with border on top; if border is slightly longer than quilt top, pin and sew with border on the bottom. Machine feed dogs will ease in the fullness of the longer piece. Press seams toward borders.
3. Find the width of your quilt by measuring across the quilt and side borders (*Diagram B*). Take 3 measurements and average them to determine the length to cut your top and bottom borders. Cut 2 borders this length.
4. Mark centers of borders and top and bottom edges of quilt top. Attach top and bottom borders to quilt, pinning at ends and center, and easing in any fullness (*Diagram C*). Press seams toward borders.
5. Gently steam press entire quilt top on one side and then the other. When pressing on wrong side, trim off any loose threads.