

Machine Binding

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1. Cut your binding strips to your preferred width (2-1/2", 2-1/4", 2"). Sew binding strips diagonally together to required length. Fold in half lengthwise and press. Turn in one edge to make a diagonal, press and clip the edge 1/4 inch from the fold.
2. Choose a thread for the bobbin that will blend with the front side of your quilt.
3. Sew binding on the BACK side of the quilt. Be sure to miter your corners!
4. Press binding so it will be easier to bring around to the front side of the quilt and get rid of any lip edges.
5. Change the thread so that the top and the bobbin match the binding fabric.
6. Using pins, binding clips or a stiletto, place the folded edge of the binding so it just covers the stitches made from sewing the binding to the back side of the quilt. Stitch approximately 1/16 inch to 1/8 inch from the folded edge. This will catch the binding in the same place on the back side as well. (with a little practice)
7. Don't forget to miter your corners! I usually pin them in place as I get within 5 inches of the corner.