

## **Recipe for Binding**

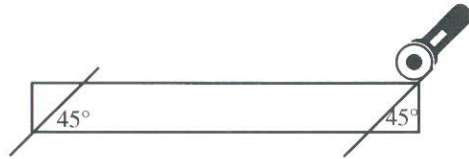
(Width of the quilt X 2) + (Length of the quilt X 2) = A  
A divided by 40" = the number of 2½" strips to cut  
(round this number up, in other words, cut one more than you think you need)

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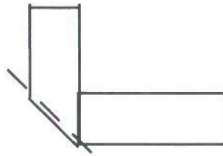
When all of your hand or machine quilting is complete you have to add the binding. This is probably the most important step to do to preserve your quilt because the edge of the quilt is the first spot to begin to show wear.

### **To make binding:**

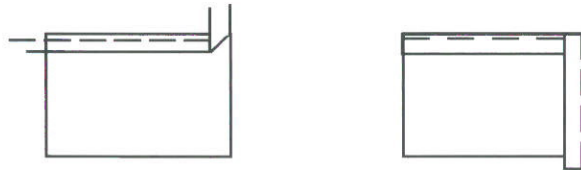
1. Cut the required number of 2½" wide strips for binding.
2. Stack the strips (right side up) Cut the strips at a 45° angle on either side-- use your Quilter's Rule ruler. (You are making a parallelogram)



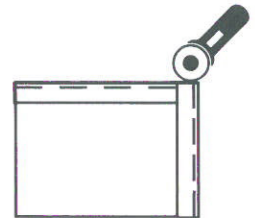
3. Sew the strips together to form one long strip.



4. Fold one short edge over ¼" and press. Fold the long strip in half, **wrong** sides together, and press.
5. Lay the raw edges of the binding strip along the raw edges of the quilt top and pin in place.
6. Sew to within ¼" of the quilt corner and back stitch.
7. Fold the fabric up and then down (as shown) and sew. This will miter the corners of the binding.



8. Trim and tuck the short raw edge inside the binding beginning and pin in place.
9. Carefully trim the backing and batting ¼" from the raw edge of the quilt top.
10. Wrap the folded edge of the binding around to the back of the quilt and hand stitch, making sure the binding just covers your stitching line on the back.



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