

# Binding

Following are detailed instructions for attaching binding to your quilts.

## Preparing binding strips

### Joining binding strips

Cut your binding fabric into 2.5" strips. Join the binding strips with a mitered seam, as shown in Diagram A. You will now have one long binding strip.

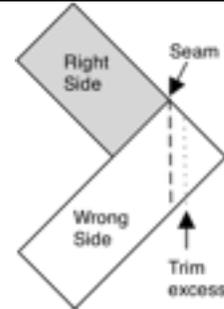


Diagram A

### Folding and pressing

Fold the binding strip in half, lengthwise, with wrong sides together. Press.

## Attaching binding to the quilt

### Attaching binding to the first side

Take one end of the long binding strip, and place it near the middle of one side of your quilt. Start sewing the binding to the right side of the quilt, about 8" from the end of the binding strip. This leaves a "tail" that's about 8" long. Stop sewing 1/4" from the corner of the quilt. Cut your thread so that you can easily reposition the quilt as you turn the corner. See Diagram B.

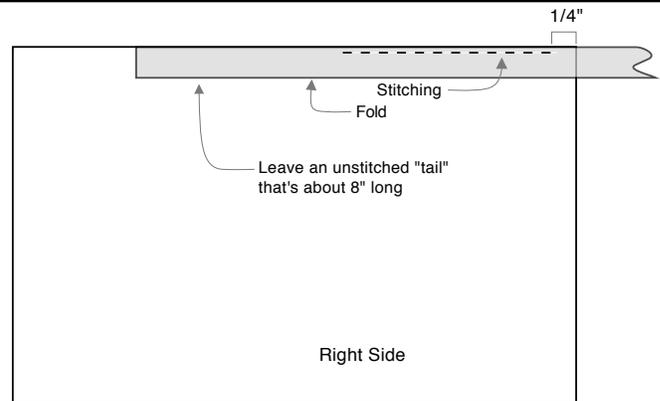


Diagram B

### Turning the corner

Fold the binding strip up so that the binding strip makes a 45° angle, as shown in Diagram C. Fold the binding back down, making a crease even with the edge of the quilt, as shown in Diagram D. Repeat for the other sides and corners. On the last side, leave another "tail" about 8" long. See Diagram E.

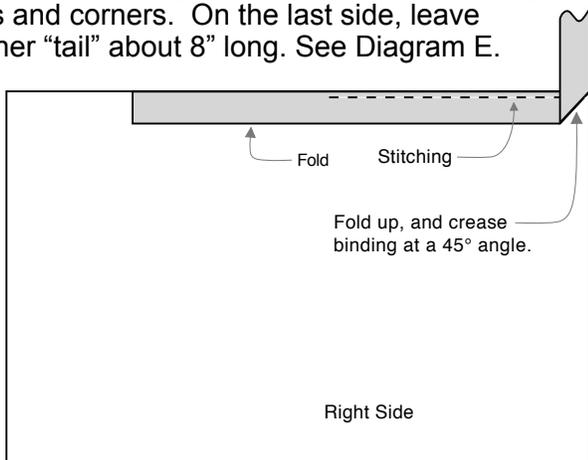


Diagram C

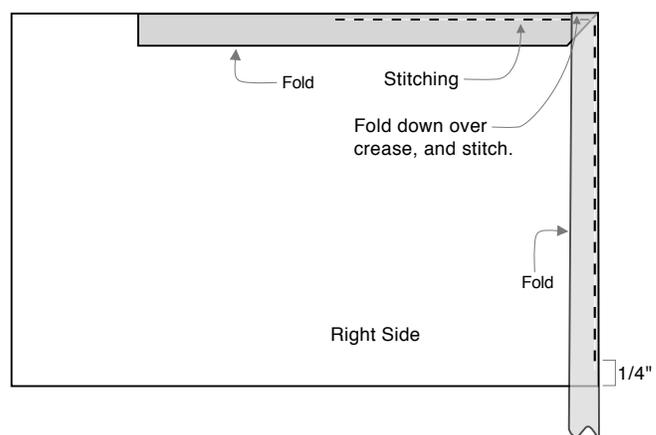


Diagram D

## Connecting the ends of the binding

### Trimming the "tails"

Place a pin roughly in the center of the space between the two "tails," as shown in Diagram E. Lay one strip over the pin, measure 1-1/4" and trim the binding strip. Repeat with the other "tail."

**Note:** the total length of binding beyond the pin must equal the width of the binding strip (before it is folded). So, for this 2-1/2" binding strip, you have measured 1-1/4" past the pin with each "tail" For another example, if you were using a 2-1/4" binding strip, you would measure 1-1/4" on one "tail" and 1" on the other "tail."

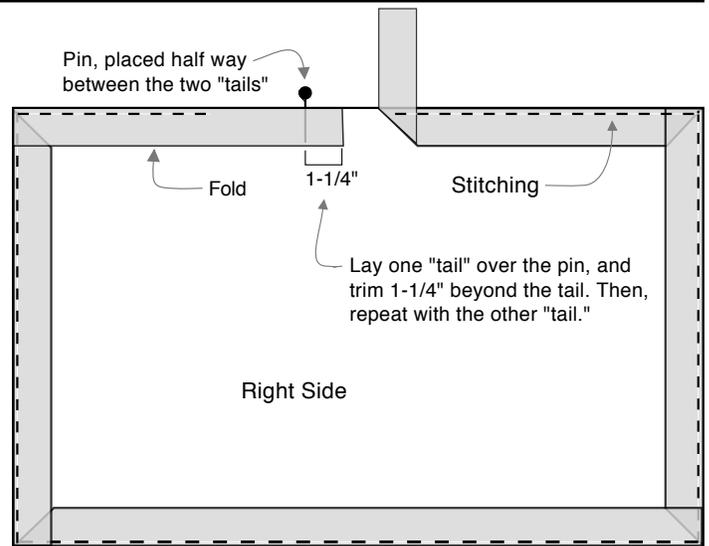


Diagram E

### Attaching the ends

Unfold both ends of the binding. Twist one side and overlap the ends, with right sides together, as shown in Diagram E. Pin in place and stitch from one corner to the other. Trim the excess fabric about 1/4" above the seam.

Allow the binding to re-fold. The binding will now fit your quilt exactly. Press and stitch the binding in place.

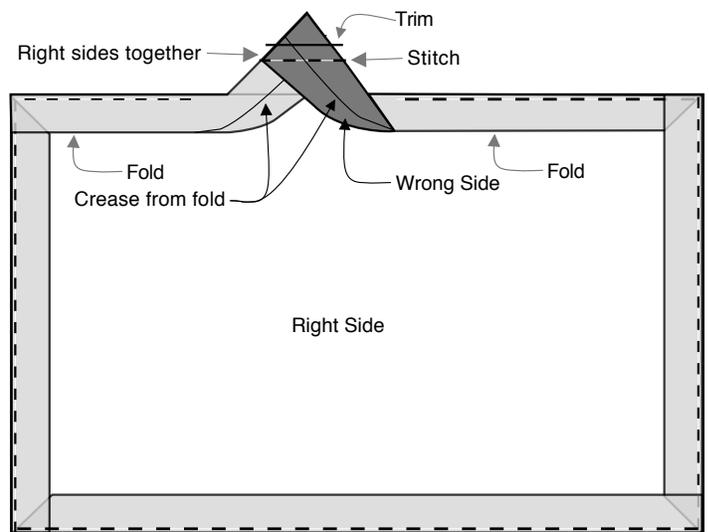


Diagram F

## Attaching the binding to the back

Turn the binding to the back of the quilt. Hand stitch the binding in place, using small stitches so they are not visible. The corners will naturally form a mitre, giving your quilt a good, finished look.