

# *Border Print Recipe Variation*

Seamless Mitered Border



Original Pattern:  
Sliced Pineapple Christmas Tree Skirt/Quilt  
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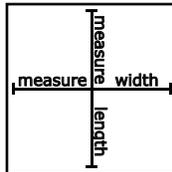
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## Calculating Fabric Requirements for a Seamless Mitered Border

- These calculations assume the border print repeats four times within the width of the fabric. If this is not the case, make the necessary adjustment to fabric requirements.

1. Measure quilt width and length through center.

**Example:** 52" x 52"  
 quilt width x quilt length



2. Use the longer measurement **plus** two times the cut width of the border strip **minus** seam allowances to calculate finished border length.

**Example:**  
 $52" + 10\frac{1}{2}" + 10\frac{1}{2}" - 1" = 72"$   
 quilt + cut border + cut border - seam = finished border  
 length width width allowances length

3. Add border length plus 1/4 yard to find seamless border yardage.

**Example:** 72" + 9" = 81" = 2 1/4 yards  
 finished border + 1/4 yard = cut border  
 length length length

Remember: Adding a border print to an existing quilt pattern increases quilt size and binding yardage requirement.

(Ex: 1/2 yard + 1/4 yard = 3/4 yard binding)

## Slicing and Dicing

### From border print fabric, slice (lengthwise):

- 2 strips border width x longer cut border length  
 (Ex: 2 strips 10 1/2" x 81")
- 2 strips border width x shorter cut border length  
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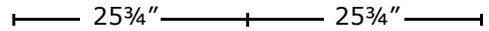
- All **example** measurements are equal due to a square quilt top. In most cases side border length will differ from top and bottom borders.

## Sewing Borders

\* Diagrams not to scale

- Mark all points on wrong side of fabric 1/4" from inside edge of border strips.
1. Mark midpoint of border strip. Start at midpoint and go half the quilt length minus 1/4" (seam allowance) to mark stitching starting and stopping corner points.

(Ex: midpoint at 40 1/2" with corner points 25 3/4" out)

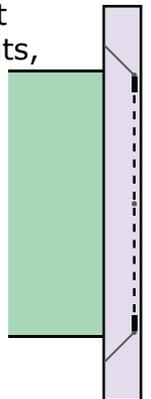


2. Draw 45° lines from corner points to outer edge of border strip.



3. Align raw edge of quilt with border strip and pin from midpoint to corner points.

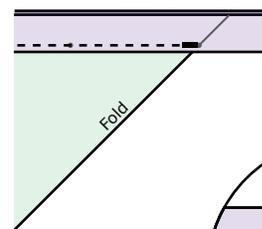
4. Stitch border strip to quilt without going beyond marked corner points, backstitching at starting and stopping points.



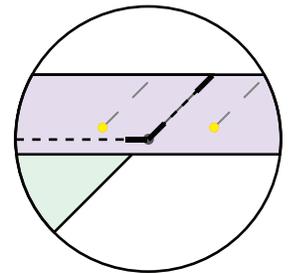
5. Repeat Steps 1 - 4 to attach opposite border strip.

6. Repeat Step 1 using quilt width for marking measurements. Continue Steps 2 - 4 to complete remaining borders.

7. Fold quilt diagonally, right sides together, matching drawn lines on borders and pin.



8. Stitch along line from inner corner to outside edge, backstitching at starting and stopping points.



9. Check to see that corners are square and quilt lays flat before trimming borders.

10. Press corner seams open and edge seams toward borders.