

Facing a Quilted Project

From Chatterbox Quilts: [How to Add Facing to a Quilt.](#)

The facing fabric will not be visible on the front of the quilt. Facing fabric does not need to match the quilt. The corner triangles might peak over to the front edge a bit so for the corner triangles, consider using a matching fabric



Figure a Top of faced quilt

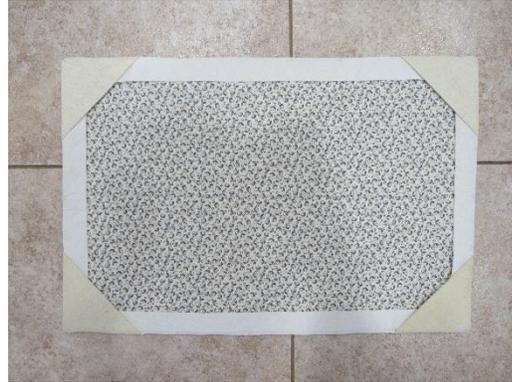


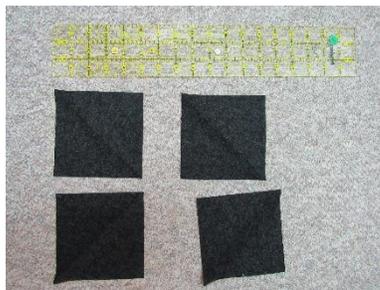
Figure b Back of faced quilt

MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. A small square/rectangle **quilted project that's ready for binding.** To practice this technique, a small project such as a mug rug, table topper, quilted orphan block is perfect.
2. Corners: **4 – 4 inch squares of fabric.**
3. Facing strips: **2 ½ inch wide strips** enough to cover the perimeter of your project. This is a good way to use up scraps of binding.
4. Sewing machine and basic sewing kit.

CUTTING:

1. Cut 4 squares (4 inches) 1 for each corner of the quilt. Fold into HS triangles, wrong sides together. Press.
2. Facing strips: cut 2 ½ inch wide strips. Length= approx. 2 inches less than side measurement. Fold lengthwise. Press.
HINT 1: OK to use a longer strip and cut it to proper length as you sew. Length can be shortened later if needed.
HINT 2: Use scrap binding.



ON THE QUILT TOP:

3. Place triangles at each corner, raw edges on edge of quilt.
4. Lay facing strips raw edges along edge of each side of quilt. Place facings on top of triangles. Overlap facing on the triangles so that end of facing is 1-2 inches away from each corner. Raw end of facing will be covered by triangle when turned to back of quilt.
5. Sew this edge entirely from end to end using ¼ inch seam.
6. **REPEAT 4 & 5 ON ALL EDGES.**





Figure c Facing strips on all 4 sides

7. Stitch diagonal line across all 4 corners to give more stability and reinforce corners. Clip tips off corners to reduce bulk, being careful avoid stitching lines.



8. PRESS facing strips OUT on all sides.



9. STITCH very scant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on facing strip close to seam. This helps facing roll to back of quilt easily when turned.



ON THE QUILT BACK:

10. Press the facing strips to the back.
11. Fold the corner triangles to the back. Carefully push out corner points using your favorite method/tool.
12. Press corner triangles and facings flat on back of quilt.
13. By hand, stitch down the facings to the back of quilt. OPTIONS: use glue stick to secure facings if piece will not be laundered. Use fusible interfacing, Stitch Witchery, other similar products to secure the facings.



14. DONE!

HINT: Use corner triangles to hold a dowel and hang the quilt project.

