

## How to Sew on Binding Without Hand Sewing

### Flange Look:

Flange is cut 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ "

Binding is cut 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ "

These measurements can vary depending on the look you like. Just cut the flange  $\frac{1}{4}$ " larger than your binding color. These are the measurements I usually use.

1. Join the ends of these lengths together like you do regular binding, at a 45-degree angle.
2. Then sew the flange fabric to the binding fabric on the long side, right sides together using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
3. Press the long seam to the binding.
4. Fold wrong sides together the long way matching the raw edges.
5. **Optional step** - At this point you can baste the raw edges together 1/8" in, this will hold it all together and keep it from shifting. **I do not do this.**
6. Working from the back of your project, lay the binding side against the backing of the quilt sandwich matching the raw edges. You will be sewing on the flange fabric. Sew it on leaving a tail and do your corners just like you would if you were sewing on regular binding. Bobbin thread can match the front of the quilt.
7. When you get all around your quilt and close to where you started (about 10 inches), miter the last seam as usual, **being careful to match the seam of where the flange and binding meet**. This is my least favorite part. I usually use a larger stitch length because I often don't get it exact the first time!
8. Now turn your binding to the front and stitch in the ditch on the flange side. I match my top thread to the flange and my bobbin thread to the color of the backing fabric. I am not good at stitching in the ditch so I prefer to sew more on the flange than stitching out of the ditch on the binding.

If you want more of a piping look, in step 3 press the long seam to the piping. In step 8 stitch in the ditch on the binding (your piping seam allowance is now filling up the piping and making it stand up). Match your top thread color to the binding. I have had trouble folding my binding when I have pressed it to the piping fabric. That is why I prefer the flange directions.

**You can find tutorials on this by Googling "Susie's Magic Binding"**