



Finishing Options

Your quilt top is finished...almost

QUILTING

Make a Quilt Sandwich by placing the quilt backing (wrong side up) on a large flat surface. Smooth out any wrinkles. Remember, your backing should have an additional 4" on each side to allow sufficient material for quilting. Center and smooth the batting in place on top of the quilt backing. Center your quilt top (right side up) on top of the batting and smooth out any wrinkles. Pin, clip or baste your layers together. We recommend beginning in the center and smoothing fabric as you go. Quilt as desired. Trim edges to create straight lines.

BINDING

Cut 7 strips of binding WOF x 2" or 2.5" (depending on the thickness of your binding). Diagonally piece all the binding strips together creating one long strip. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4". Press seams open. Fold the strip in half lengthwise with the wrong sides together. Press. Place raw edges of binding and quilt top together. Do not start at a corner. Leaving the first 4" of the binding unattached, begin sewing the binding with a 1/4" seam. Miter the bindings at the corners. To miter, stop stitching 1/4" from the corner. Backstitch. Fold the binding up and away from the quilt creating a diagonal fold. Finger press. Bring the binding strip back down making it even with the raw edge of the unfinished quilt edge. Continue sewing mitering each additional corner in this manner.

Stop sewing 8-10" from where you originally began. Lay the end of the binding over the beginning end of the binding and trim so they overlap by 3". Unfold the ends and bring them together at a 90° angle with right sides together. Sew the two ends together diagonally. Double check you have combined the ends correctly before trimming. Trim the seam to 1/4" and press open. Refold the binding and finish attaching to quilt.

Fold the binding over the raw edge of the quilt and attach. Traditionally, if you sew your binding to the front side of the quilt, flip it to the back, the binding is attached by hand sewing. If you first sew your binding to the back and flip it to the front, the final binding is secured to the front by stitching in the ditch.

Congratulations, your quilt is finished!