Adding Borders

1. Refer to pattern cutting instructions for border width and cut the require number of strips for the border.

2. Remove the selvages and sew the border strips together to make on long strip. Press seams to one side.

3. Measure the length of the quilt top through the center. Cut two border strips to that measurement. Mark the center of the quit edges and the border strips.

4. Pin the borders to opposite sides of the quit, matching the center marks and ends. Sew the borders in place, easing in any fullness.

5. Measure the width of the quilt top through the center, including the side borders just added. Cut two border strips to that measurement. Mark, pin, and sew the borders. Press the seams toward the dark fabric. Repeat above for additional borders.

Binding

1. Remove the selvages and sew your backing fabric into a panel, 8" to 10" bigger than the original size of your quilt top. Press seam to one side.

2. Layer the quilt top with the batting and backing. Baste the layers together using your favorite method.

3. Hand or machine quilt top, batting and backing together. Trim excess batting and backing even with edges of quilt top.

4. Refer to your pattern and cut the required number of binding strips. Remove the selvages and join strips together, short end to short end, making one long piece. Press seam allowances open to reduce bulk. Wrong sides together, press joined strips in half lengthwise.

5. Lay binding on the front of the quilt top, aligning raw edges. Place the folded end of the binding away from a corner. Use a ¼" seam allowance and begin stitching 6" from the folded end of the binding, leaving an unsewn tail. Stop sewing ¼" from the corner.

6. Remove the quilt from the sewing machine and rotate counter-clock wise 90 degrees. Flip the binding strip straight up, and then back down, even with the second edge of quilt. A little pleat will form at the corner.

7. Begin stitching at the folded edge. Continue stitching until you reach the next corner then, repeat step 3 above. Continue around the quilt and corners as directed until approximately 6" from the starting point. Trim binding so it overlaps the beginning by 1". Fold the beginning edge under approximately ¼". Tuck the trimmed end inside the fold and whip stitch closed. Finish sewing the binding to the quilt.

8. Fold the binding over the edge around to the back of the quilt. Machine or hand-stitch the binding in place.

Measure center of quilt, side to side, including borders. Mark centers.







Measure center of quilt, top to bottom. Mark centers.

