

Making a Label by Sue Pritt

Labels are important! They tell the 'story' of our quilts. Someday, someone will look at your quilt and ask, "Who made this?" "What did they name it?" "When was it made?" "Where was it made?" Etc, etc. Hey, it might even be you asking these questions! We do tend to forget things as we 'age'! ☺ So Make a label and satisfy our curiosity!

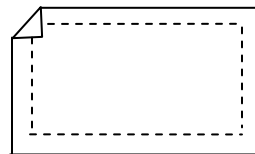
Labels should always be placed at one of the back, bottom corners. Left corner, right corner, it doesn't matter, however if entering your quilt in a show, most entry requirements ask that the label be placed in the RIGHT bottom corner, so check the rules first!

Step 1. Labels may be made in any size. Some typical sizes for labels would be 3"x 5", 4"x 6", 5"x 7", etc. Decide on the size, choose your fabric (muslin, light colored cotton, etc.) and cut it out!

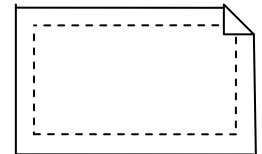
Step 2. Cut out a piece of paper-backed fusible web that is three-fourths of an inch smaller all around than the label. Example - for a 4"x 6" label, cut fusible web 3¼" x 5¼".

Step 3. Lay your label, right side down, on ironing pad. Position fusible web, sticky side down, in the center of the label. Press to fuse the web to the back of the label.

Step 4. While label is still on the ironing pad, turn over the top corner as shown here, and press.

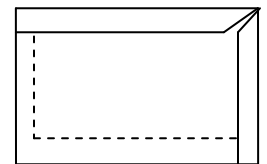
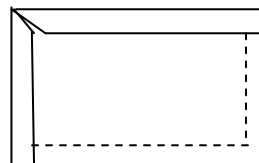


LEFT corner label



RIGHT corner label

Step 5. Turn top and side edges over → 1/2 inch ← and press.

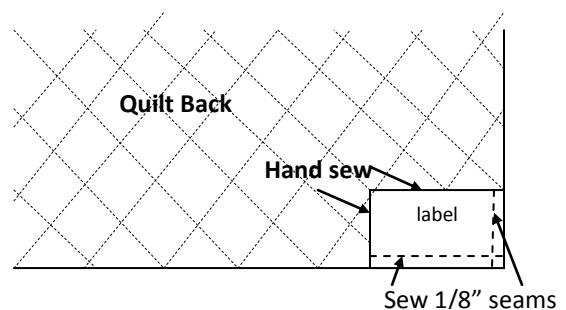
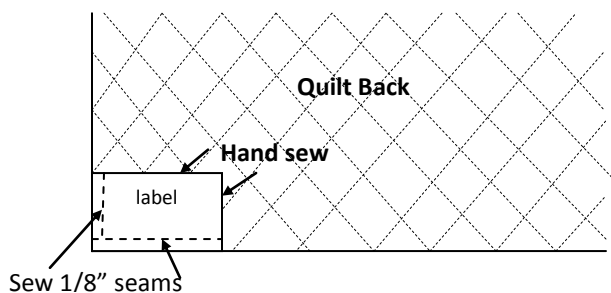


Step 6. Remove label from ironing pad and lay it face up on table. Using a permanent fabric marker, write your information on the label. This should include the quilt name, your name, where you live (city & state is sufficient), and when your quilt was finished.

This is the minimum that should be on the label, however, you may add as much as desired! Is the quilt a gift? Did you use special techniques or fabrics? Things like that!

Step 7. Peel away the fusible web and position your label, with the sticky side down in the bottom (left or right) corner. Press with your iron to fuse the label in place.

Step 8. Using one-eighth inch seams, sew bottom and side edges. Hand sew two remaining edges.



And that's it! Label is done!