

Making and Adding Quarter Inch Single Fold Binding – by Sue Pritt

Notice that the title states ► quarter inch SINGLE fold binding ◀ Yes, there are different size bindings, however, I make single bindings 99% of the time, because my quilt projects are wall hangings 99% of the time, which means that they do NOT need a double binding like a bed quilt requires. Here's how I do it

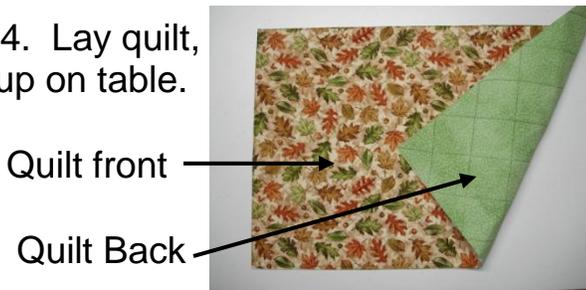
Step 1. Square up your quilt corners and sides. Measure around the perimeter of your quilt, then add an additional twelve inches. Write the measurement down and set your quilt aside.

Step 2. Cut 1½” wide binding strips. My patterns will state how many strips to cut, but if that information is not available then you will need to cut enough strips to equal the length that you measured in step one.

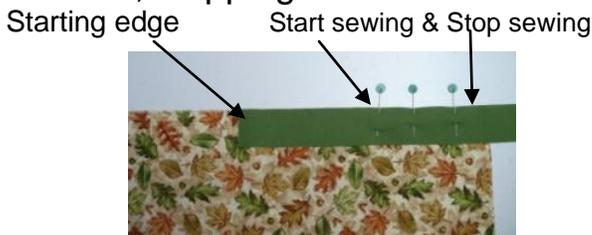
Step 3. Sew all strips together, making one continuous length.



Step 4. Lay quilt, face up on table.

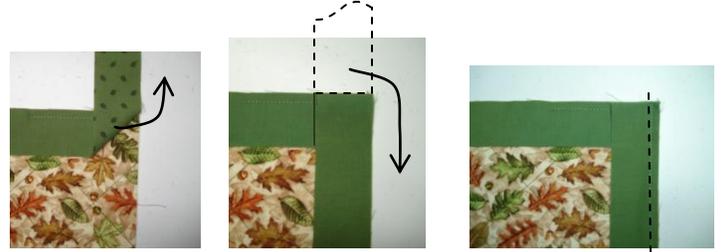


Step 5. At the center along one edge of the quilt front, lay binding, face down as shown. Pin binding to quilt, leaving a 5 to 6 inch starting edge. Sew binding with a quarter inch seam, stopping ¼” from end corner.



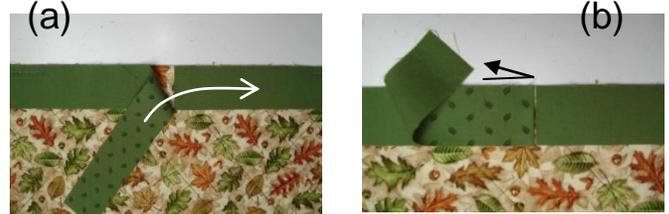
Step 6. Angle binding 45° upward, then straight back down. Pin then sew (quarter-inch seam) to next corner, again, stopping ¼” from end.

Repeat this step all the way around the quilt. When you return to the beginning quilt edge, stop sewing about 5 to 6 inches from the starting edge of your binding.

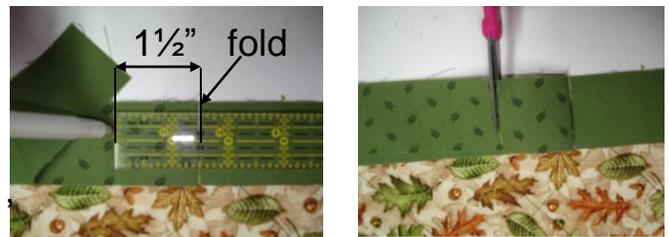


Now you're back at the beginning edge of your quilt, and you will need to sew the two binding ends together, so

Step 7. (a) Lay the end binding strip over starting end. (b) Fold back strip as shown.



On the end strip, measure 1½” from the fold, draw a line, and cut on line, discarding the cut off portion.



Step 8. Sew ends together as shown, Trim and press seam open.



Finish sewing the binding to your quilt edge with a quarter inch seam.

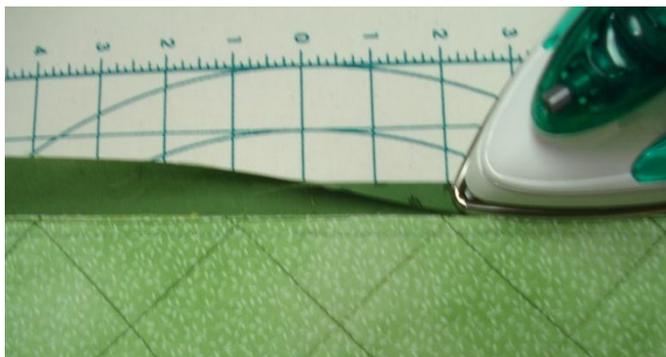
Step 9. Lay quilt on ironing pad, face up. Press binding all the way around, as shown.



Here's my Quilt, shown from the back, with the binding completely pinned & ready for step 14!



Step 10. Flip quilt over, right side down. Turn binding over about 1/2" and press.



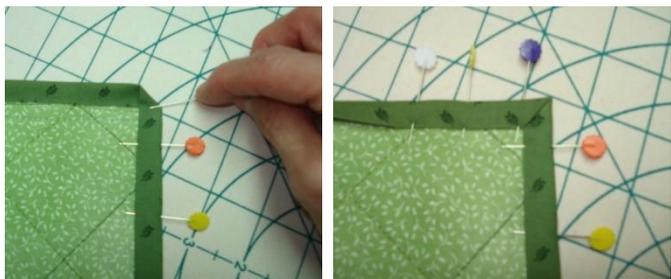
Step 14. Take quilt to sewing machine, turn face up and position needle so that it falls directly "in the ditch" between binding & quilt top. Sew completely around the top, removing pins as you come to them.



Step 11. Turn & "snug" binding over once more, covering edges of quilt, press & pin.



Step 12. Turn corners & Pin



Step 13. Pin all edges and corners.

Finished quilt

Front



And back

