
How to sew beautiful mitred corners and achieve smooth joins on your quilt bindings.

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This tutorial has been written by Mary Metcalf so that you can easily achieve smooth joins on your quilt bindings and beautiful mitred corners without fuss.

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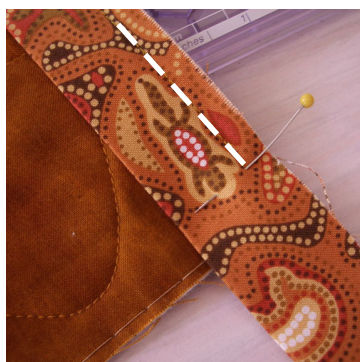
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1.

When you start to sew the binding onto your quilt, leave a 'tail' of about 8" - 10" before you start sewing.

This photo shows that you also stop sewing the binding when you have sewn almost right about the quilt to about 12" from the beginning.



2.

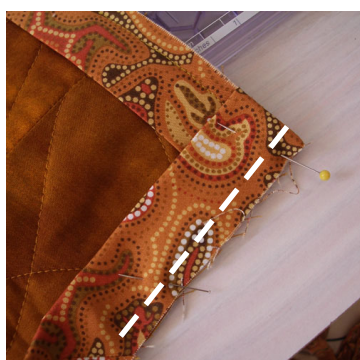
When you get to a corner stop stitching and do a few back stitches $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge. It is better to stop a fractionally short of the $\frac{1}{4}$ " than to oversew the mark.

I've highlighted the seam so that you can see it clearly.



3.

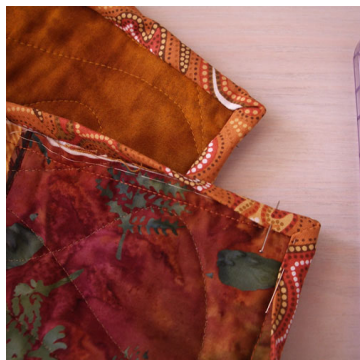
Now fold the binding up and away from the quilt at a 45° angle.



4.

Fold the binding back down so that the fold is even with the edge of the quilt.

Stitch as per my white seam line.



5.

When you are ready to slip-stitch the binding in place, fold a mitre on the back to match the one on the front.

Sometimes I have to trim the seam inside the mitre to make it sit smoothly.

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6.

Stop stitching about 12" from the beginning. Take the quilt from the machine and lay the binding down the edge pulling it so that it is taut.

Mark a point on the binding strip with a pin and then fold the other piece of binding to match and put a pin at the fold.



7.

If your binding is 2 1/2" wide then measure 2 1/2" from the first pin and cut the binding. See photo.

Trim the other end of binding at the pin you placed on the folded edge.



8.

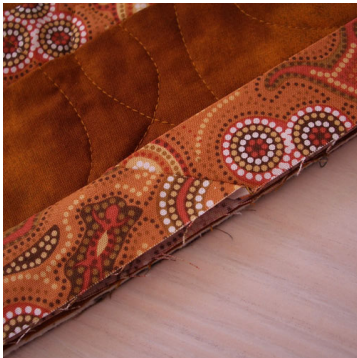
Open out the binding, lay the two ends at right angles with right sides together. Sew a diagonal seam as shown in the photo.



9.

Trim the seam and press seam open.

Refold the binding, wrong sides together, and you will find that the binding now fits perfectly.



10.

Complete the sewing of the binding seam.

Fold the binding to the back and slip stitch in place.

You will find this to be a fool-proof method of neatly attaching your binding and without any bulk at the join.

Just remember: the secret is to add on to the binding the width of your binding e.g. if you have a 3" binding cut the extra 3", 2¼" binding cut the extra 2¼" and so on.

Happy stitching

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