

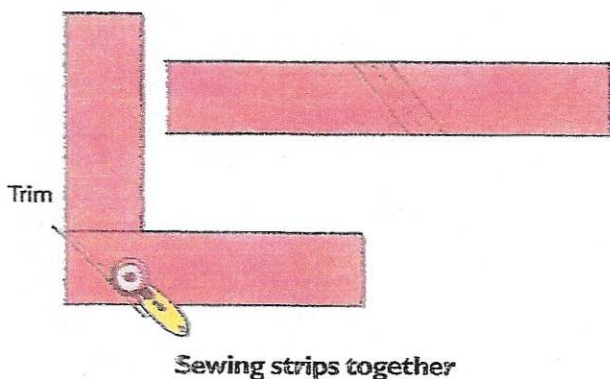
Sew Simple Binding

Tips and tricks for creating a professional-looking bound edge

Follow these easy steps to make a smooth bound edge and neat corners on your quilt.

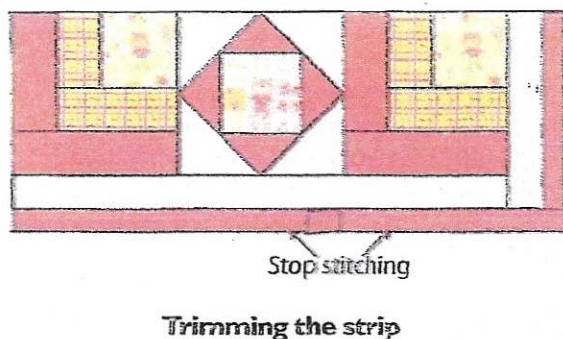
1 Making the Binding

For straight-edge quilts, cut strips with straight of grain; for curved edge quilts, cut strips on the bias. Cut 2-1/4" wide strips and sew together with diagonal seams, trim and press open.



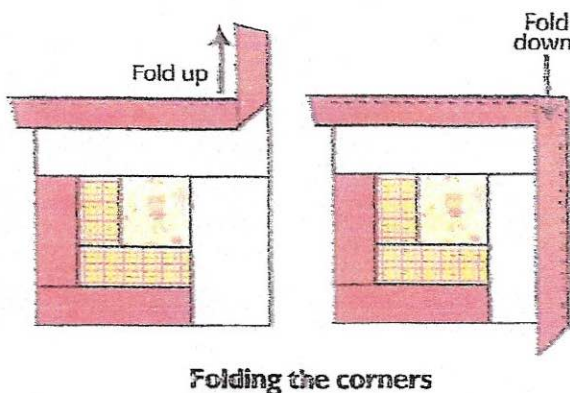
3 Completing the Binding

Start stitching at the edge and continue around the quilt in the same way to within 8" of the starting point. Fold one strip back so that the folded edge meets the raw edge of the other strip. Cut folded strip 2-1/4" beyond the fold.



2 Aligning the Corners

Fold strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Place the strip on the right side of the quilt top, aligning raw edges. Leave 8" of strip free and start sewing on one side with a 1/4" seam allowance. Sew to the corner and backstitch 1/4" from the edge. Remove from machine, fold the strip up and back down over itself, aligning the raw edge.



4 Finishing

Open both strips, place short ends at right angles, right sides together. Pull the quilt out of the way and stitch with a diagonal seam. Trim 1/4" seam allowance and press open.

Refold and finish sewing the binding to quilt. Trim the batting and backing even with the quilt top. Hand stitch the binding to the back of the quilt.

