

Binding Your Quilts

Binding is the last step in finishing your quilt. For finished binding 1/2" wide, cut binding strips 3" wide. Depending on personal preference, the strips can be cut on the cross grain. They do not have to be cut on the bias, unless the edge of your quilt is curved. Any curved edge requires bias cut binding. You need to cut enough strips with combined length to go around your quilt with 4" extra.

Seam your binding strips end to end. A bias seam will give you less bulk. To sew a bias seam, place the two strips right sides together at a right angle as shown. Stitch from corner to corner, then trim the excess. [Figure 1]

Press the seam open. [Figure 2]

Press the binding in half, lengthwise, wrong sides together. This double thick binding will wear better along the quilt edges.

Place the raw edges of the binding, even with the raw edge of the quilt. Begin the binding in the center of one the edges.

Start sewing two to three inches from the end. [Figure 3]

Select straight stitch, needle down. Sew with a scant 1/2" seam allowance.

Figure 5

Stitch to 1/2" from the corner fabric edge and stop with the needle in the fabric. [Figure 4]

Raise the presser foot and pivot the quilt and sew to the corner as shown. [Figure 5]

Remove the quilt from the machine. Fold the binding straight up at a 90 degree angle as shown. [Figure 6]

Then fold straight down. [Figure 7]

Place the quilt under the presser foot with the binding squared at the coners as shown (figure 7) and begin sewing at the edge. Sew to within 1/2" of the next corner and repeat the mitered corner instructions.

To join the binding when you get back to the beginning, stop sewing about 3" before you meet the end of the binding where you started sewing . You

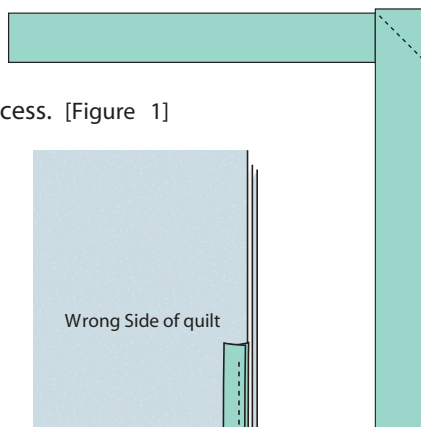


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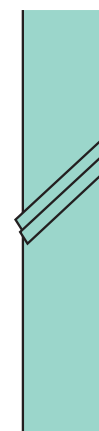


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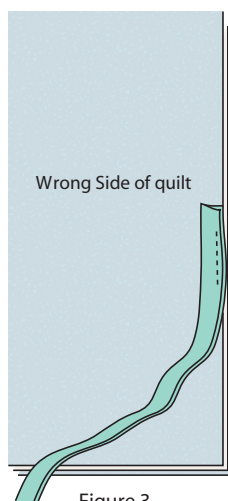


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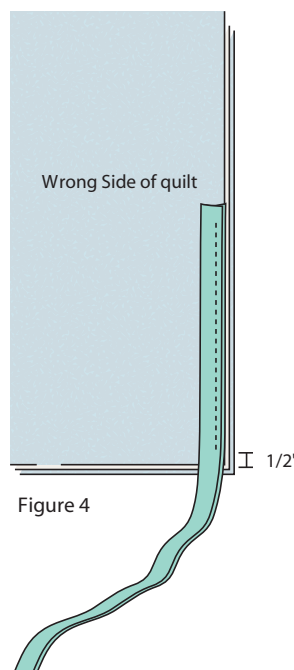


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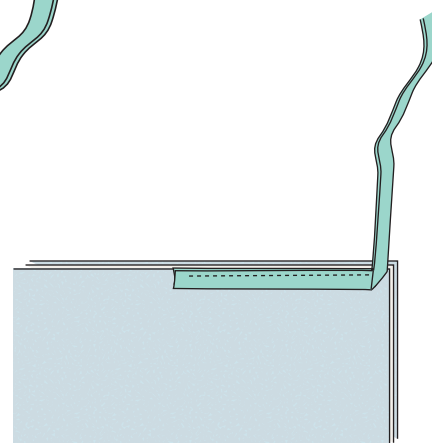


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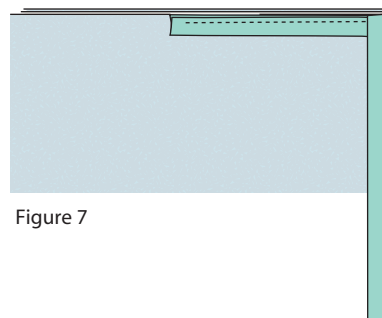
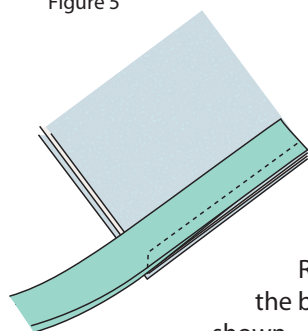


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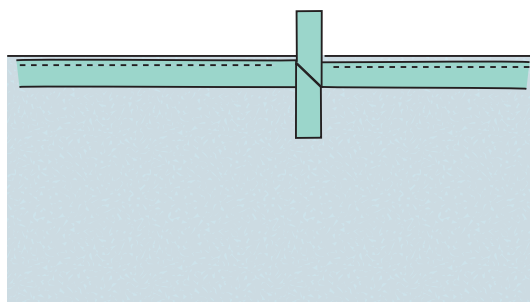


Figure 8

should have a few inches of tail on the binding at both the beginning and the end. Fold the binding to meet on the bias as shown, and press to form a crease. [Figure 8] Unfold the binding, and carefully pin the creases right sides together. Sew the binding ends right sides together along the crease lines. Refold, and stitch the remaining several inches of the binding. [Figure 9]

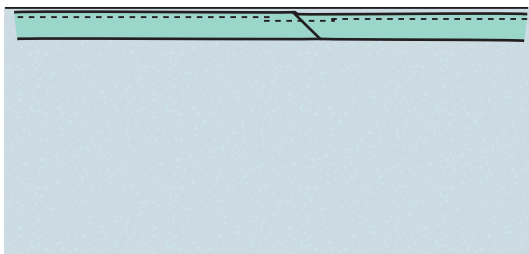


Figure 9

Press the binding over the seam allowance.

To finish the binding, fold it to the right side of the quilt, and press. The fold of the binding should just meet the stitching line. [Figure 10]

HINT : Insert 1/4" wide Steam-A-Seam 2 underneath the fold of the binding and fuse it in place, with

plenty of steam to hold the binding in place while stitching.

On Husqvarna Viking Designer Models snap on the Edge Stitching Foot or the Open Toe Applique foot. On other models put on the Even Feed Foot.

Stitch the binding in place with the Hand Applique stitch or a small zig zag. [Figure 11]

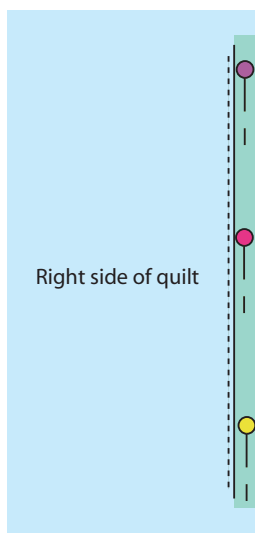


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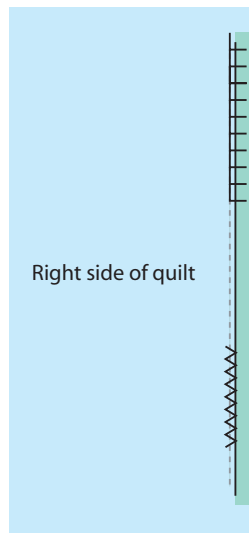


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