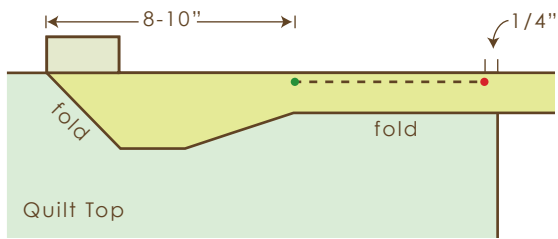
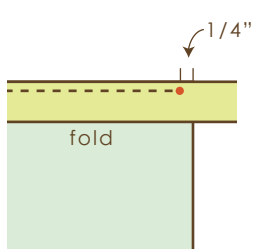




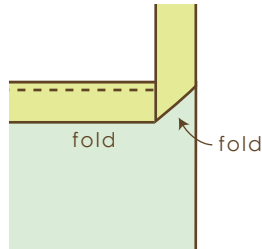
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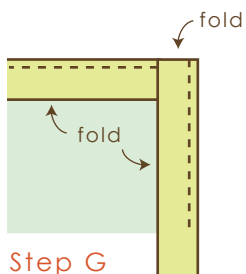
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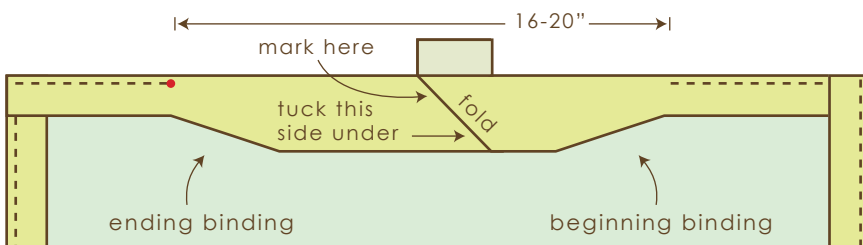
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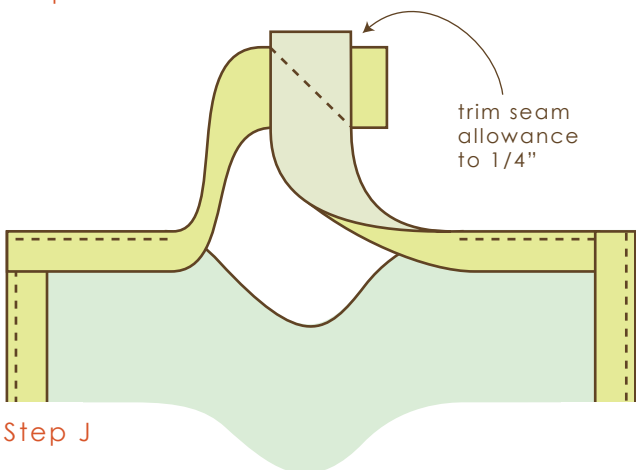
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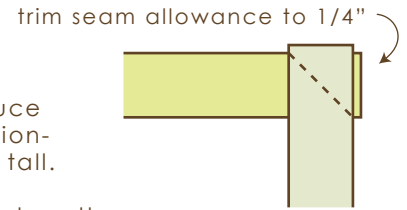


Step I



Step J

A. Cut Strips: Cut fabric binding strips across the full width of the fabric or on the bias, as desired. Strips 2.5" tall will produce a .5" finished binding width. Traditionally, strip-widths vary from 2.25"-3" tall.



Step B

B. Assemble Strips: With right sides together, lay two strips of binding perpendicular to each other. At a 45° angle, stitch the two strips together, as shown. Trim the seam allowances to 1/4" and press open. Repeat until enough binding strips are connected to measure the entire perimeter of your quilt, plus a few inches.

C. Fold & Align: Fold the starting end of your binding at a 45° angle and press. Then, fold the entire length of binding in half (to 1.25" tall) and press. Starting in the middle of one of your quilt sides, place binding along edge. Make sure that the raw edges of the binding (not the fold) are aligned with the raw edge of the quilt top.

D. Begin Attaching Binding: Starting about 8-10" from the folded end of your binding (green dot) and sewing through all layers (two layers of binding, quilt top, batting, and quilt back), attach binding.

E. Stop at Corner: Stop stitching 1/4" from corner (red dot) and backstitch. Remove the quilt from your machine.

F. Fold Binding Up: Fold the binding back on itself, perpendicular to the seam you just stitched.

G. Fold Binding Down: Fold the binding again. This time, align the fold in the binding with the raw edges of the seam you just sewed and align the raw edges of the unstitched binding with the next edge of the quilt. Starting at the edge of the quilt, stitch the binding to the next side of the quilt.

H. Repeat: Repeat Steps E, F & G with each corner of your quilt.

I. Mark Final Binding Length: When you are back to the starting side, only stitch to within 8-10" of the diagonal, folded end of the binding (from Step C) - there will be a 16-20" gap between stitched bindings. Unfold ending binding and smooth along edge of quilt. Lay the creased end of the beginning binding over the ending binding and trace the diagonal onto the bottom layer, as shown.

J. Stitch Final Binding Seam: With right sides together, align the newly-marked line on the ending binding with the creased line in the beginning binding. Pin in place and stitch. Trim the seam allowance down to 1/4" and press open.

K. Finish Attaching Binding: Refold the remaining binding and realign the two raw edges with the edge of the quilt top. Stitch in place.

L. Enclose Raw Edges: Fold the binding over the raw edges of the quilt and hand-stitch the binding fold to the quilt back, just beyond the stitching line. Tuck each corner into a pretty miter as you go.