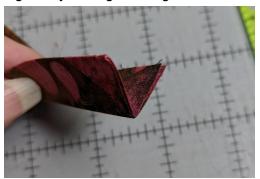
Machine Binding January 2021

## Steps:

- 1) Cut binding strips I generally cut 2 ½ inch strips
- 2) Connect strips on the diagonal to the length needed for the entire quilt. Iron seams open to minimize bulk.



- 3) Press strip in half with wrong sides together.
- 4) Press the strip in half again, by folding raw edges to center fold.



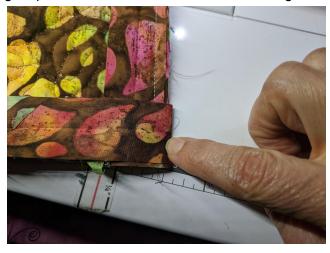
5) Leave 4 inches of binding beyond the quilt and start sewing ¼ of an in inch from the corner. Sew binding strip raw edges aligned to quilt raw edges on the BACK of quilt.



- 6) Sew one side stopping ¼ inch from the corner of the quilt and reposition quilt for the next side.
- 7) Fold binding 45 degrees at corner and binding strip going up.



8) Next fold the binding strip back onto itself and flush with the edge of the quilt.



9) Pinch excess binding out of the way and start sewing the binding 1/4 inch from the corner.



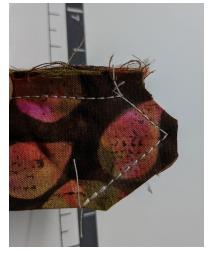
- 10) Sew the binding to the next side of the quilt.
- 11) Repeat steps 6-10 until at the fourth and final corner.
- 12) Align bindings with creases together and the quilt's final corner is folded to form a 45 degree angle.



13) Align the 45 degree line on the ruler with the press crease on the binding. Trace around the point of the ruler starting where the ruler touches the seam.



14) Sew on the line that you just drew. Pivoting at the crease in the center of the binding. Trim excess fabric and the binding "tails".



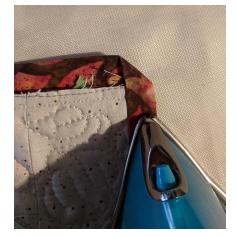
15) Turn the corner inside out.



16) PRESS the binding to the front of the quilt then apply a small thin line or dots of white liquid glue under the binding press again until the glue dries.



17) At corners, press the binding past the quilt. This creates a 45 degree angle on the binding.

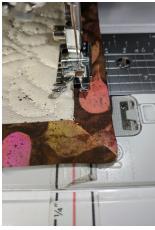


18) Place a drop of glue on the binding fold and press the next side of the quilt. Continue until around the entire quilt.



- 19) Change thread color. Top thread to match binding and bobbin thread to match backing.
- 20) Sew the binding down with an "edge joining foot" and the needle offset to the right from center. REMEMBER: If you have a single hole throat plate change it so you do not break a needle. The edge joining foot rides between the binding and the quilt.





21) At the corner sew a few stitches into the corner then continue to sew down the next side.



Like anything, perfecting this technique requires practice so I recommend practicing on community quilts or cat cuddles or other projects before doing this on a precious quilt.