

Machine Finished Binding with Mock Piping

This binding gives a piped look and can be completely sewn to your quilt on the sewing machine.

You will need:

1½" strips of your main binding fabric –

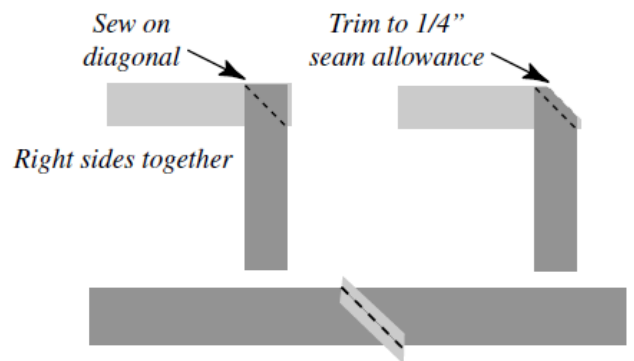
1¾" strips of a contrast fabric

Cut sufficient strips of each of these to go around your quilt plus extra for corners and joining.

Prepare the binding:

Join the strips of fabric with a diagonal seam:

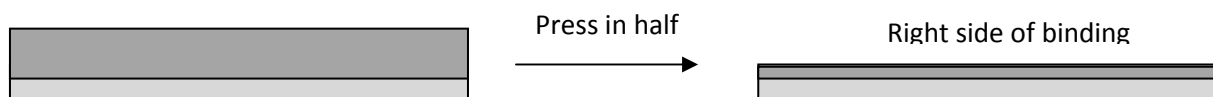
1. Place fabric right sides together at right angles
2. Stitch diagonally as shown
3. Trim seam allowance to ¼" and press seam open
4. Repeat for all the strips of each colour



5. Next sew the two colours together along their length using a ¼" seam

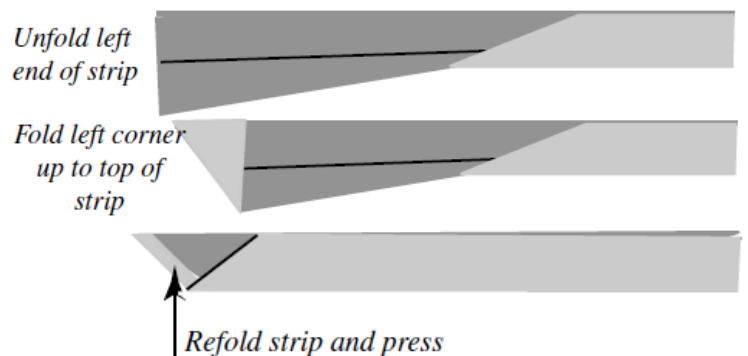
6. Press the seam towards the main binding fabric

7. Fold the binding in half lengthwise and press so that a ⅛ stripe of the contrast fabric is visible on the right side of the binding



Prepare the beginning of the binding strip:

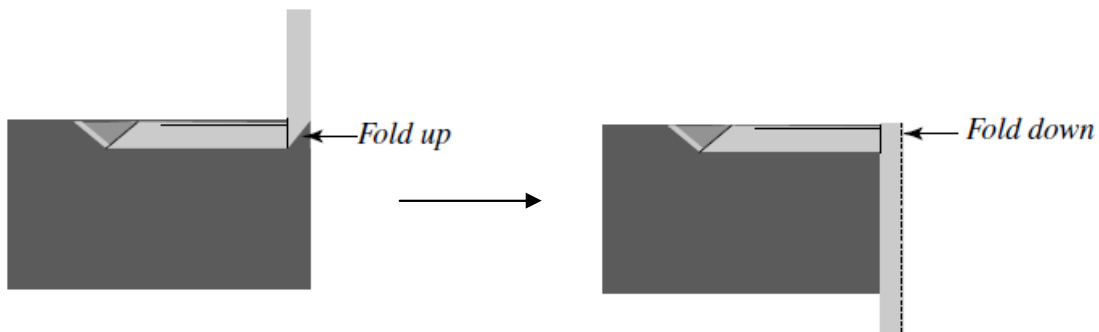
1. Unfold the left edge of the binding and fold the corner in, press.
2. Trim the triangle leaving a ¼" seam allowance
3. Refold the strip



Attach the binding to the quilt:

NB You will first sew the binding to the back of the quilt then fold to the front before stitching again.

1. Place the right side of the binding to the wrong side of the quilt with raw edges along the edge of the quilt
2. Using a walking foot stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the quilt
3. Corners: Stop stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " before the corner of the quilt
4. Remove the quilt from the sewing machine to fold the corner
5. Fold the binding up so that the diagonal fold points directly into the corner
6. Fold the binding down again, aligning it with the edge of the quilt



7. Continue sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge, all round the quilt, folding each corner as shown
8. When you reach the start, trim the binding and insert it into the pocket created at the beginning, pinning in place carefully and stitch in place

Completing the binding

1. Fold the binding onto the right side of the quilt so you can now see the narrow piping strip
2. Pin carefully, being careful to match the corners – you may wish to tack these in place
3. Stitch in the ditch on the piping using a thread to match the piping in the top of your machine and a thread to match the quilt backing in the bobbin

