

## Handsewn Method

You will need a minimum of 2 x Height + 2 x Width + 2.5 inches Measured on the center of the quilt. ( It is better if you have several inches more) I find the You Tube Jenny Doan one the best. [The Ultimate Binding Tutorial with Jenny Doan](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vCWpxBRs20). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vCWpxBRs20>

### General instructions:

**I always run a small zigzag around the quilt.** Cut strips at 2.5 inches, Iron strips before sewing, Make a plus sign, Sew from corner to corner. Add binding to quilt, sew off the edge to corner of quilt. Fold even against the top. Cut binding stitch to overlap 2.5 inches. Lay starting point binding under ending binding in a cross, sew upper right corner to lower left. Trim corner. Sew binding strips to **FRONT** of quilt

If you find the last join is getting twisted, try <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vCWpxBRs20> This shows very clear instructions for joining the binding edges.

The Martelli .5 inch Minute Miter 4/\$17.75 will give you perfect corners on the back of the quilt.

<https://youtu.be/EPN8oW806Ew?feature=shared>

## Machine sewn binding ...

How to bind a quilt on a sewing machine with Jenny Doan. <https://youtu.be/-GVA05MxXTU?>

Cut binding at 2.5 inches. Zigzag edge Sew binding to **BACK** of quilt. Turn to front. Sew down with decorative stitch , Make sure to catch edge.

I have never been happy with my machine binding. After about 20 attempts with as many You Tube demos I developed my own method. I tried cutting my strips anywhere from 2 – 2.5 inches. Remember to zigzag around the quilt

1. We all have 2.5 inch rulers so I wanted to use that one.
2. I used my standard pressor foot (Usually around 3/8" to sew binding on quilt BACK. Press flat.
3. Turn the binding over and press again. Trim corners of quilt carefully
4. I use Elmers School Glue to run a thin line of glue on the zigzagged edge on the first side of the quilt. Press the binding in place on the front. Repeat for the other sides. Press binding to back side.
5. Put on your edge foot and move the needle position 1 or 2 positions to the right. (I like one)
6. Use the blade to guide the needle and stitch on the top of the binding.

I know this puts a row of stitching on the top but this method catches the back of the binding every time and leaves a neat row of stitching on both sides.

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**Bernina Binding Foot #71** You tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpl-7L4SEzM>

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## Binding with Faux Piping

 Fons and Porter <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKsuy90N9kk>

Cut two strips. Binding 1.5 inches Piping 1.75 inches

Join and sew binding to front of quilt using a ¼" foot

Press to front and stitch in the ditch.

## Facings with built in hangers

Cut 2.5 inch facings 2 inchs shorter than sides

Cut 4 - 4 inch squares and fold into triangles wrong sides together and put into the corners of the quilt front.

Cut 2 – 2.5 inch strips 1 inch shorter than width of quilt

Cut 2 -2.5 inch strips 1 inch shorter than height of quilt

Place strips over the triangles in the corners.

Sew to quilt front.

Top stitch seam allowance near seam to binding.

Clip corners

Fold to back, Glue and press in place so facing cannot be seen from the front.

Hand stitch facing in place.

## Second method without hanger

Cut 2 2.5 inch pieces of facing exactly the width of the quilt. Place on quilt top and bottom

Cut 2 2.5 inch pieces of facing 1 inch smaller than the height. Lay them on top of the upper ones

TRIM the Corners to reduce bulk Sew all around PRESS Fold over

Top stitch the facings Glue and hand stitch.

View the video for the basics with Sylvia Schaefer <https://youtu.be/nMhvSr93BhI?>

