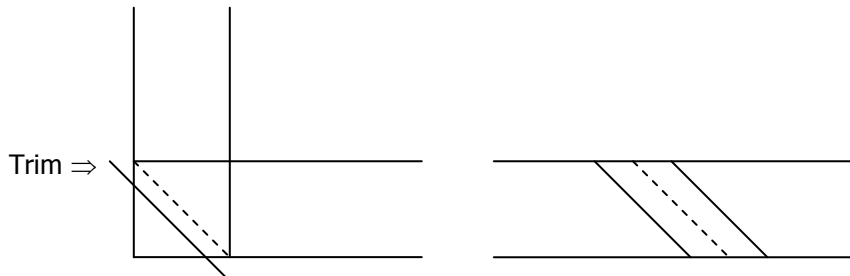




Bind Your Quilt

For most straight-edged quilts, a double-fold French binding is an attractive, durable and easy finish. NOTE: If your quilt has curved or scalloped edges, binding strips must be cut on the bias of the fabric.

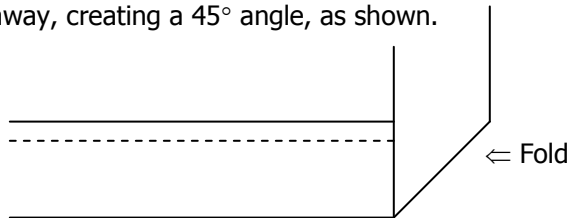
A) To make a 3/8" finished binding, cut each strip 2 3/8" wide. Sew binding strips together with diagonal seams trim and press seams open.



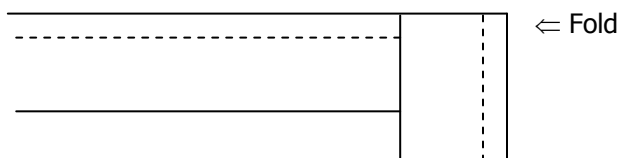
B) Fold the binding strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together and press.

C) Position the binding strip on the right side of the quilt top, aligning the raw edges of the binding with the edge of the quilt top. Leave approximately 12" of the binding strip free. Beginning 15 inches from one corner, stitch the binding to the quilt with a 1/4" seam allowance.

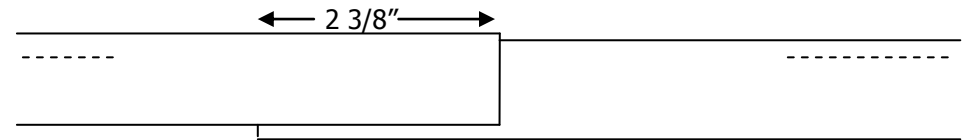
D) When you reach a corner, stop the stitching line exactly 1/4" from the edge. Backstitch, clip threads and remove the quilt from the machine. Fold the binding up and away, creating a 45° angle, as shown.



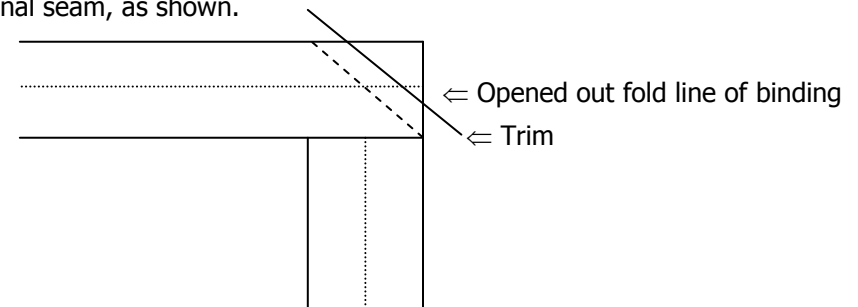
Fold the binding down as shown, and begin stitching at the edge. Backstitch.



E) Continue stitching around the quilt to within 12" – 20" of the starting point. To finish, cut one strip 1/2 the distance between the stitching. Overlap the other strip and cut it 2 3/8" from the first.



Open both strips and place the ends at right angles to each other, right sides together. Fold the bulk of the quilt out of your way. Join the strips with a diagonal seam, as shown.



Trim the seam to 1/4" and press open. Fold the joined strips so that the wrong sides are together again. Place the binding flat against the quilt and finish stitching it to the quilt.

F) Fold the binding to the back of the quilt and blind-stitch by hand, covering the stitching line.

Option: Stitch the binding to the back of the quilt first and bring it around to the front, covering the stitching line. Use a decorative stitch on your machine (or straight, or zig-zag) to secure the folded edge of the binding to the front of the quilt.