

Mitered Binding with Multiple Colors

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1. Use a separate strip of binding for each side of the quilt. Each strip should be about 6" longer than the side of the quilt it will go on. If you need a strip that is longer than the width of the fabric, join strips of fabric together on the bias to reduce bulk.
2. Fold each binding strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together.
3. Pin a binding strip to one side of the quilt, matching raw edges. Center the binding so that there is about 3" extending past each end.
4. Sew the binding strip onto the quilt, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Back stitch at each end. Start $\frac{1}{4}$ " from one end of the side and stop $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the other end. Repeat Step 3 and this Step for the three other sides. Be careful not to catch previously attached binding in the next binding strips.
5. Starting in the bottom right corner, fold the right vertical binding strip at a 45 degree angle with the tail going to the right. Place the bottom horizontal binding strip on top of the tail. It should look like there is just one tail.
6. Place the right angle of a quilting ruler on the binding at a 45 degree angle.
 - a. Line one edge of the ruler with end (stopping point) of the horizontal seam.
 - b. Line the other edge of the ruler at the end point of the vertical seam (where it disappears under the fold of the horizontal strip).
 - c. The V point of the ruler is halfway between the horizontal seam and the folded edge of the top binding strip.
 - d. Mark the V with a removable marker.
7. Fold the quilt diagonally, right sides together at a corner with adjacent bindings on top of each other. The V that you drew in Step 7 will be visible. Align the folded edges of the binding strips together. Pull the binding strips up and away from the quilt (so that the binding strips have none of the quilt under them). Pin the two bindings together left of the V.
8. Shorten your stitch length to 2.0. Sew the V mark, backstitching at both ends.
9. Check your seam by turning the corner right side out. Although you'll still have a lot of bulk (because you haven't trimmed the excess binding), you should be able to see if the mitered corner line lines up with the corner of the quilt. You'll also be able to see if your seam goes all the way to the edge of the border.
10. Repeat steps 6 through 9 for the other three sides.
11. Trim the V seam and the point of the V to about $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
12. Turn the corners right side out; using a point turner to push out the V. You may need to repeat step 11, trimming the V and seam closer, to get the binding to lie flat.
13. Pull the entire binding around to the back of the quilt.
14. Stitch the binding to the back of the quilt – either by hand or by machine.