

Mock Binding

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This Mock Binding treatment is quick and easy - much easier than a regular binding – and if done correctly will look just like you’ve done all the work to prepare, attach and sew down a binding!

- It is great for small quilts
 - Especially useful when you don’t have enough fabric for a regular binding
 - Produce a two-sided binding effect that matches the front and the back – again, without all the work!
1. Measure edges of your quilt top and mark your measurements on the attached **Worksheet**
 2. Cut border strips: Use attached **Worksheet**
 3. Stitch 2 longest border strips first, then remaining 2 strips. Press toward the strips.
 4. Calculate backing: Use attached **Worksheet**
 5. Cut 2 pieces the size of the result of your calculations
 6. Lay these two pieces right sides together in preparation for stitching one long edge. Before stitching, measure an opening in the center large enough to pull the entire layered quilt through later. Mark with pins so you will know where to stop and start sewing. (Refer to **Worksheet** for example)
 7. Sew using a ½” seam allowance.
 8. Press seam to one side. If desired, loosely baste opening closed.
 9. Cut a piece of batting 1” larger than your quilt top on all sides.
 10. Layer your quilt:
 - a. Center the quilt top on top of the batting with the right side up
 - b. Place the pieced backing on top with the right side down
 - c. The quilt top and the backing should be right sides together with the batting on the bottom.
 11. Using a ¼” seam, sew all the way around the piece. Check often to be sure you are catching a perfect ¼” of the quilt top border strips. This will determine how straight and even your mock binding looks when you are done!
 12. Cut excess batting away and clip corners.
 13. Turn right sides out through the hole in the backing. Press and slip stitch the opening in the backing closed.
 14. Stitch in the ditch where the outside border and the quilt top meet, making what looks like a perfect binding – without all the work!

Mock Binding Worksheet

A



A = Length longest side = _____

B **B = Length shortest side =** _____

Cut Border strips:

2 pieces – 1” x A

2 pieces – 1” x (B+1”)

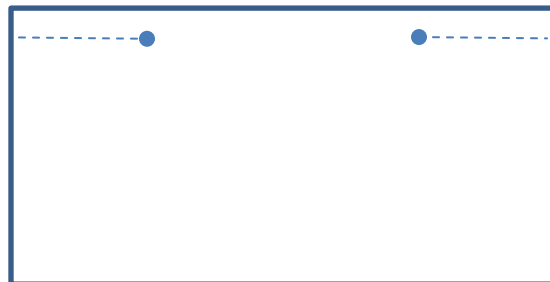
Cut Batting: 1” larger on all sides:

Calculate Backing:

$A + 1” \times (B \div 2) + 1”$

Cut 2 pieces:

Example 1: Sew the two backing pieces together on one long edge, leaving opening in center:



1/2” seam allowance
Right sides together
Press to one side