HQ Sure-Seam Binding Tutorial

OUR OBJECTIVE: To join binding ends in a way that is indistinguishable from other seams, but above all – easy!

RIGHT SIDE
WRONG SIDE

HERE WE GO!

1) CUT enough binding strips to equal quilt perimeter plus 12"-18" to allow for seams, placement adjustment and final joining.
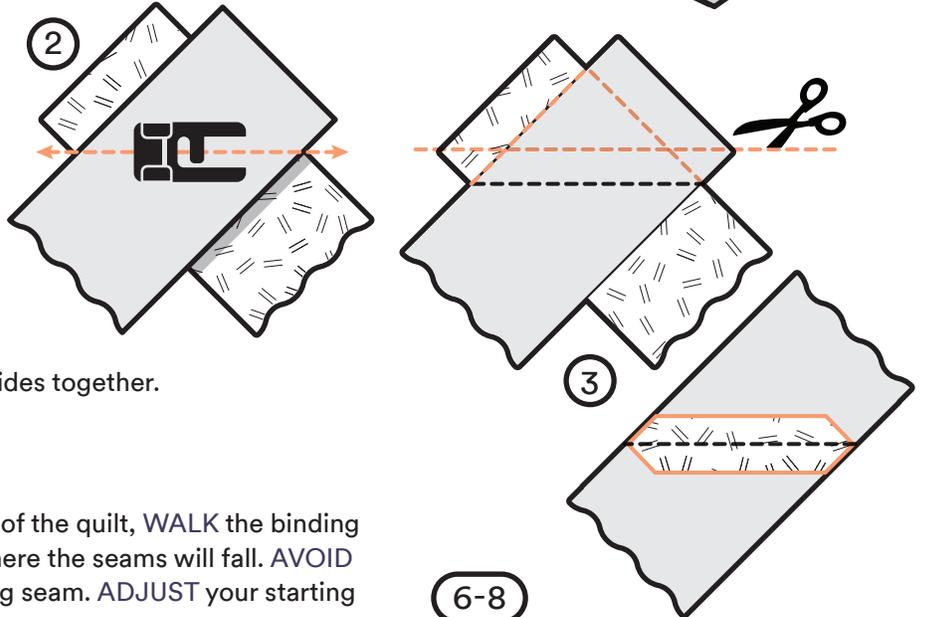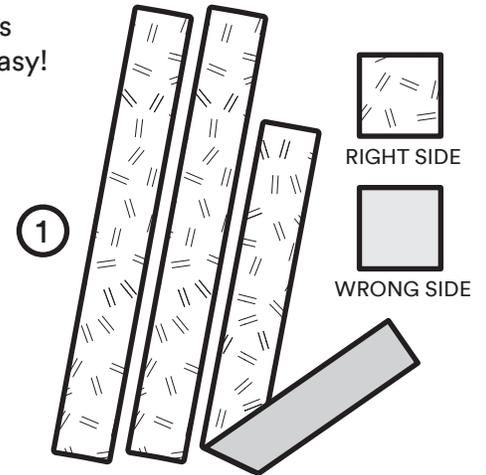
> TIP: Whether your binding is cut straight of grain or on the bias is a personal preference, although the latter generally works better for curves, wear factor and patterned fabrics.

2) SEW strips with a diagonal seam by placing strips right sides together at a right angle. Think of the two strips as the legs of an upper case "A" and "cross the A" with your seam. Allowing strip ends to overhang each other will give you a visual for this seam.

3) TRIM seam to ¼" and PRESS open.

4) REPEAT until all strips are joined.

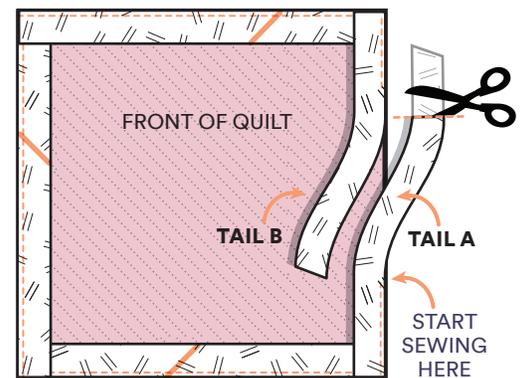5) PRESS binding in half lengthwise, wrong sides together.

READY, SET, BIND!

6) Starting midway down the right front side of the quilt, WALK the binding around the edges of your quilt to audition where the seams will fall. AVOID placing seams near corners or the final joining seam. ADJUST your starting point if needed.

7) Matching raw edges, STITCH binding to front side of quilt, starting 6" from end of **TAIL A**. Use your favorite method to MITER the four corners and stop stitching 12" away from where you started stitching.

8) TRIM binding **TAIL A** perpendicular to the quilt edge.

> TIP: Keep the excess binding scrap to use as a measuring tool for step 9.

9) PLACE **TAIL B** over **TAIL A** and align. UNFOLD the excess binding scrap (step 8) and ALIGN edge with the beginning of **TAIL A.** MEASURE from the edge of **TAIL A** to TRIM the end of **TAIL B**, as shown. The goal is to OVERLAP the two tails by the width of the unfolded binding.

10) UNFOLD both **TAIL A and B** and PLACE their ends right sides together. STITCH a diagonal seam, <u>similar to step 2</u>, but ends must not overhang.

11) TRIM seam to ¼", PRESS open, <u>like in step 3</u>, and REFOLD binding strip.

12) STITCH joined section to quilt. Perfect!

FRONT OF QUILT

TAIL B

TAIL A

START SEWING HERE

UNFOLDED BINDING SCRAP

TAIL B IS ON TOP

BEGINNING EDGE OF TAIL A UNDERNEATH