**HQ Sure-Seam Binding**

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

**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, similar to step 2, but ends must not overhang.

11) **TRIM** seam to ¼", **PRESS** open, like in step 3, and **REFOLD** binding strip.

12) **STITCH** joined section to quilt. Perfect!

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