

## **Cuddle™ Binding Tips**

Use a walking foot
Use a 90 stretch/ballpoint needle
Lengthen stitch to 3.5
Use a ½" seam allowance

- Cut strips 2"x width of fabric.
- Lay out strips so nap is going in the same direction\*\*nap should go towards outside edge when sewing to quilt.
- Join strips, right sides together with diagonal seam- top left corner to bottom right corner.
- Trim seam to ½", trim off points, open seam so strip lays flat.
- Sew the binding to the front, starting halfway down a side and leaving a 6" tail for joining binding when done.\*\*You may want to check to be sure the binding seams don't land in corners before sewing.\*\*
- Stop ½" from corner, needle down, lift presser foot, turn quilt to sew off at corner at 45 degree angle.
- Clip threads.
- Fold binding strip to form a mitered corner
- Stitch from top outside edge with ½" seam allowance, continue around quilt repeating the miter at the corners.
- Stop 6" away from starting point.
- Lay extra binding flat on quilt and fold 45 degree angles where the two ends meet.
- Mark seam line.
- Lift fabric off quilt and sew 45 degree angle top left corner to bottom right corner.
- Trim excess.
- Lay back onto quilt and stitch in place with ½" seam allowance.
- Flip quilt over, fold the binding to fit tight against the batting edge matching edge close to stitching line.
- If there is excess, just fold it under.
- Topstitch using serpentine, zigzag, or decorative stitch.

## **Optional binding:**

- Cut edges with pinking blade and stitch through all layers with serpentine stitch.
- Cut one side of binding strip with pinking blade, stitch straight cut edge to back, bring pinked edge to front and topstitch in place.

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