

Adding a Self-Binding Border

Add a border and bind your quilt or blanket all in one step! Choose a 1", 2", or 3" border for your Cuddle® or cotton quilt top.

Here's how:

1 Cut the batting and backing.

- Measure width and height of your quilt top.
- Decide on your border width.
- Following the chart to the right, cut the batting and backing by adding the indicated number of inches to the quilt dimensions.

2 Border Width Batting Backing

1"	+ 4"	+ 12"
2"	+ 6"	+ 14"
3"	+ 8"	+ 16"

Example: Quilt: 20" x 30"
 Border: 2"
 Batting: 24" x 34"
 Backing: 32" x 42"

Backing (wrong side)

3 Make a quilt sandwich.

Smooth backing, wrong side up, on a flat surface. Center batting on backing.

Right side up, center quilt top. Spray baste layers together.

4 Quilt the quilt.

Quilt on a domestic or longarm machine, as desired.

Do not trim.

5 Mark a stitching line for binding.

Use a fabric-safe marker and long ruler to draw a line on each edge of the quilt to indicate the **stitching line** for the border.

Note: Usually, this is about ¼" in from the edge.

6 Mark & trim batting.

Mark another line *the width of desired border* outside the line drawn on the quilt in Step 5.

Trim **batting** to this line.

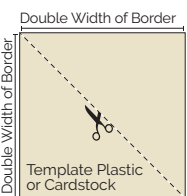
Note: Take care not to nick the backing as you trim.

7 Mark and trim backing.

On the backing, draw a third line past the batting line—also the width of the border.

Trim backing on this line.

8 Make the corner template.



Cut a square of card stock or template plastic double the width of the border.

Draw a diagonal line.

Cut on the line to create the corner template.

9 Mark the four corners

Place Corner Template on the wrong side of the backing.

Use Template to mark a diagonal stitching line on each corner.

Note: This marked line is a stitching line. Do not cut on this line.

10 Sew the mitered corners.

Right sides together, fold each corner on the diagonal, matching the marked lines. Pin on both sides of the line. Stitch on the line. Backstitch at both ends.

11 Complete the binding.

Flip border and mitered corners over batting and onto the quilt. Pin edges through all layers.

Using a 4x4mm zigzag or serpentine stitch, sew the raw edge of the border around quilt.



Luxurious bindings

Any Cuddle® makes a great border, but for a truly luscious look, try Luxe Cuddle® in Willow, Galaxy, or Frost.

VIDEO TUTORIAL: Check out this Sew



Together Tuesday episode on How to Sew a Self-Binding Blanket with Border. Scan the QR code or go to:

youtube.com/watch?v=mdMbormARew

WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

- Prewash red and dark colors.
- For best results, wash finished projects in cool water with a gentle detergent.
- Do not use fabric softener or dryer sheets..
- Dry in a no-heat dryer or line dry.