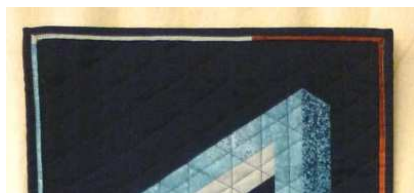


FREE TUTORIAL: Flange Binding

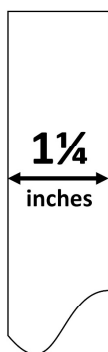
A great way to add a flash of colour at the edge of a quilt with no hand stitching required!



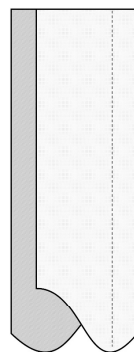
Join the fabric strips into lengths long enough to go all round your quilt plus 6 inches. Press these short seams open. Then join the two strips together, as shown right. Try to avoid the seams in the flange and outer fabric meeting.



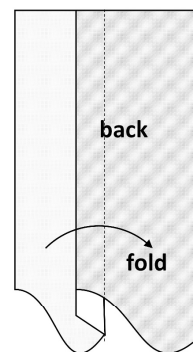
Flange fabric:
cut strips 1½ inches wide, long enough to go all round your quilt + 6 inches



Outer fabric:
cut strips 1¼ inches wide, long enough to go all round your quilt + 6 inches



Place the long strips Right Sides Together (RST) and stitch with a ¼ inch seam



Press the seam towards the narrower (outer fabric) strip



Fold the long strip in half Wrong Sides Together (WST) and press along its length



Working from the back of your quilt, lay the binding with the OUTER fabric to the quilt and the raw edges lined up. Stitch a ¼ inch seam starting approx. 5 inches from the start of the binding strip



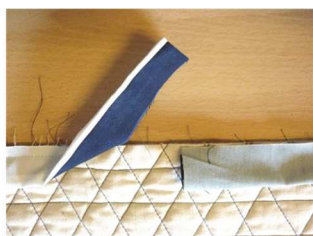
Stitch until you reach ¼ inch from the edge of the quilt (marked here with a pin – remove the pin when you get close to the edge) backstitch a few stitches at the end of the seam



Fold the binding up, away from the quilt, at an angle of 45 degrees so that the raw edge of the binding lines up with the next edge of the quilt



Fold the binding back on itself to line up with this second edge and, starting from the very corner, stitch with a ¼ inch seam again. Repeat this at each of the corners.



When you get back to where you started, stop stitching so there is at least an 8 inch gap unstitched. Trim the loose ends of binding so there is approx. 1 inch overlap roughly in the middle of this gap



Fold ½ inch of each of the loose ends of the binding WST so they just meet in the unstitched gap



Fold the unstitched gap together on itself so the loose ends of the binding meet and pin the quilt together so you can manoeuvre the binding ends easily



Match the fold on the ends of the binding RST checking that the seam lines up too. Pin carefully both sides of the fold. Stitch very slightly to the inside of the fold (closer to the quilt) to ensure a tight fit



Unpin the fold in the quilt and check the length of your joined piece against the unstitched gap. Finger press the seam open and stitch in place; overrun the original seams at both ends



Push the corners out firmly so the mitre folds form neatly on the back



Fold the binding to the front of the quilt, pulling it tight since a loose, empty binding will wear badly over time



Fold the corners neatly so the flange lines up & pin in place. Stitch binding from the front of the quilt, in the ditch between the flange and outer fabrics with a thread matching the flange