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## How to attach binding to a quilt

Measure around the whole quilt and add 5" (so you have enough to get around the corners)

Cut strips of fabric across the width of the fabric 2.25" wide until you have at least the above measurement

Join all strips together. Best to do this on the angle but straight is OK

Press seams open and press the strip in half, long ways, right side out

You will stitch the binding to the front of the quilt lining up raw edges. Start in the middle of one side and stitch the binding on down to the next corner.

If you have *The Binding Tool* use it to start and end the binding. (see separate instructions).

If you don't have the tool, fold over one end of the binding about 1 cm and place this down on the side of the quilt with the folded hem facing up.

When you are close to the corner, mark ¼" in from the corner. Stop stitching at this mark and backstitch. Without removing the quilt from the machine, turn the quilt 90°. Fold the binding up 90° then straight down.

Backstitch up to fold and continue stitching until next corner.

When you are almost back to the beginning of the binding, cut the binding so there is an overlap. Fold this extra bit over the end of the binding, stitch down to where they meet and backstitch.

Fold binding over the edge of the quilt and hand stitch on wrong side with a thread to match the binding.

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