

Two Color Binding

NOTE: When finished with the instructions below, the binding piece will be 2 1/2" wide by the length you need before you sew it to your quilt. If you want it larger, the instructions are included. When you have the binding sewn on your quilt, the binding will be 1/2" finished size.

Directions:

1. Determine what size of your finished binding you would like. To determine the width of your top binding color (or the front of your quilt), add 1/2" width to the finished binding size. For our example, we want a 1/2" finished size, add a 1/2" and cut a 1" wide strip by the length of whatever is required for the total binding.
2. To determine the width of your bottom binding color (or back of your quilt), add 1-1/2" to the finished binding size. For our example, we want a 1/2" finished size, add 1-1/2" and cut a 2" wide strip by the length of whatever is required for the total binding.
3. Stitch both binding strips together along the long edges with 1/4" seam, resulting in a strip 2-1/2" wide by whatever length your binding is.
4. Press your binding strip length wise, wrong sides together, one side will have a combination of the 2 colors being used (the side for the top of the quilt), while the opposite side will just be one of the colors (the side for the bottom of the quilt).
5. Stitch the binding to your quilt top, raw seams of the binding and quilt matching and the side of the binding with the two colors being placed face down on the top side of the quilt. Stitch the two together using a 1/4" seam.
6. Fold the binding to the back side of the quilt, hand stitch just beyond the 1/4" seam line, covering the seam line stitching.