

10-minute demo: Adding borders to a quilt WITHOUT A TAPE MEASURE!

The quilt must be "square" to use this technique. It is important to square up as you create the top. Press the quilt center well.

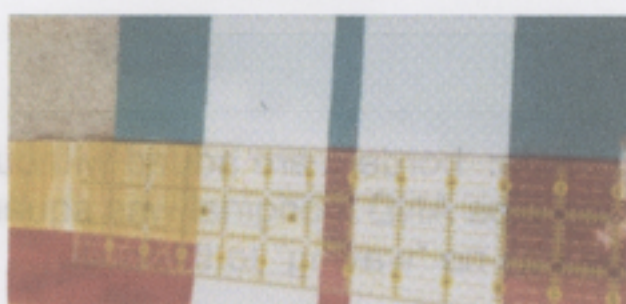
- 1) Lay out quilt on a flat surface: table, floor
Smooth out quilt so it is flat.
We will add the length borders first.



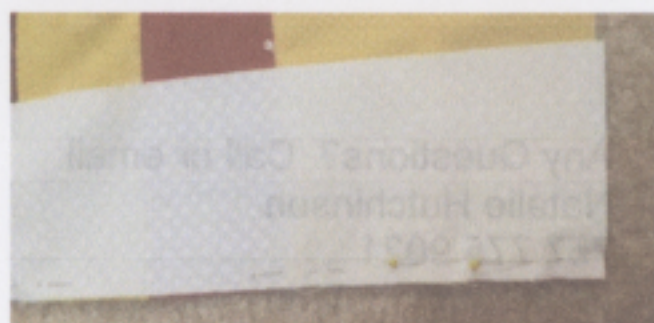
- 2) Prepare your border strips longer than length of quilt. You may need to piece the border strips. I usually piece on a 45 degree angle.
- 3) Lay out both length borders fabric strips thru center of quilt parallel to length. Smooth out both strips on the smooth quilt top.



- 4) Bring the mat/cutter and ruler to your laid-out quilt. Use small cutting mat, ruler, and rotary cutter to cut off the extended ends of border fabric, making them even with edge of quilt top. Do this to both ends. (ta-da, no measuring tape needed! You are using the actual quilt to determine the measurement!)

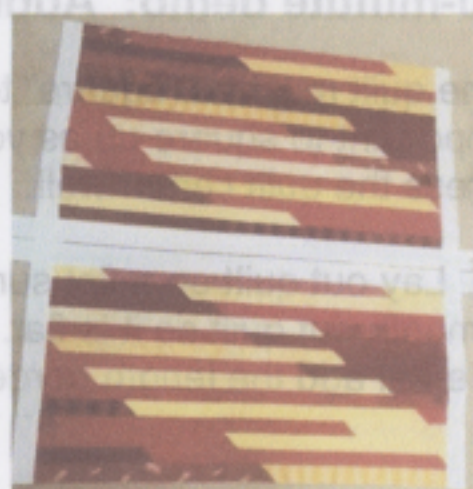


- 5) Pin borders to both length sides, right sides together. Pin the beginning and end then ease in the rest of the border with more pins. Sew in place, lock stitch at beginning and end. Press toward border. Note: place the "longer" piece on the bottom so the feed-dogs will help with easing in. This picture shows the quilt on the bottom before sewing since it was a bit longer than the border strip.



- 6) Repeat steps 1 thru 5 but now you will lay the top/bottom borders thru the center parallel to the top/bottom (width).

- 1) lay out quilt flat on table or floor, smooth out
- 2) make border strip longer than width
- 3) lay border fabric down middle parallel to top/bottom of quilt.
- 4) trim excess off with rotary cutter/ruler
- 5) pin, sew and press to border



This time I pinned on the other side and placed the border fabric against the feed-dogs, since there was more easing needed on the border side.



Ta-Da: borders are added without measuring tape AND if original was square, there will be no "waving" to the quilt.



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