

# SEWING THE BORDERS TO YOUR QUILT

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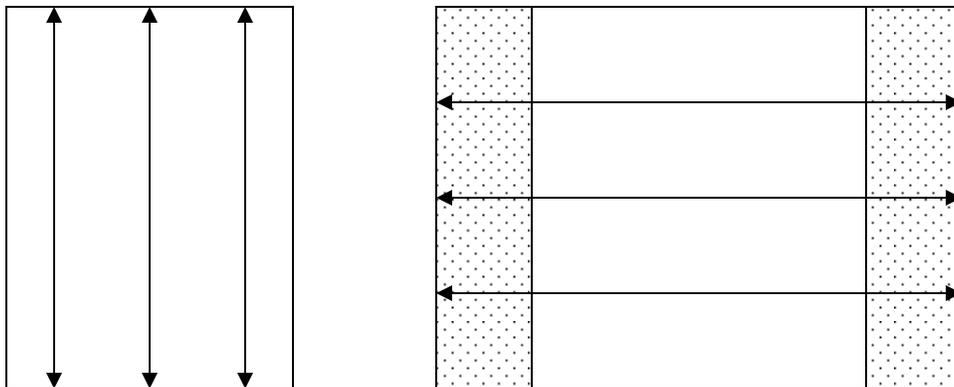
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After the body of the quilt has been pieced, gently press before adding borders. The logical place to measure the finished top is along its outside edges, and this is a useful measurement. However, measurements should be taken across the center and in at least two more places for both the width and length. If these measurements are different from that of the outer edge, accidental stretching has occurred. To keep the finished quilt as straight and square as possible, you must measure the centers.

## BORDERS WITH STRAIGHT CUT CORNERS

Determine the **length** of the quilt border by measuring across the center of the quilt, and about half way between the center and the raw edge. Take these measurements and find the average. Cut two border pieces that length. Divide the border piece and the corresponding quilt edge into quarters and mark with pins. Pin the border piece to the quilt edge, matching pins, easing or stretching in the fullness as needed. Sew and press. Repeat for other side.



Determine the **width** of the quilt border by measuring across the center of the quilt, measuring from the raw edge of the (just applied) border to the raw edge of the (just applied) border. Measure again about half way between the center and the raw edge. Take these measurements and find the average. Cut two border pieces that length. Divide the border piece and the corresponding quilt edge into quarters and mark with pins. Pin the border piece to the quilt edge, matching pins, easing or stretching in the fullness as needed. Sew and press. Repeat for other side.

Continue to measure this way for every border that you need to apply to the quilt.