

Finishing in Style – Binding Techniques

All levels

After you have spent many, many hours on piecing and quilting your quilt, you want to finish it off in a style that best frames your hard work and the beauty in your quilt. And choosing the right finish – whether it is a traditional binding, flanged binding, wide binding or facing – is critical to the final look of your quilt. This class is all about how to finish off your quilt in grand style. We will start with a discussion and demonstration of preparing your quilt for binding. Three different binding methods (knife edge, flanged, and facing) will be demonstrated and we will discuss special types of binding. You will prepare your pieces for binding, prepare the bindings, and practice flanged binding and facing. Each participant can bring in an unbound quilt and we will have a group consultation session for selecting a binding method. You will finish the day with two or more bound placemats and a plan for binding your quilt. These are skills you will use on every quilt you make!

Materials Needed:

- Working sewing machine with cord – Machine should be able to sew a zig-zag stitch.
- Rotary Cutter
- Cutting Mat
- 6 x 24 inch ruler and/or 10 inch or larger square rule for rotary cutting
- 4 quilted pieces – at least 12 inches x 18 inches. These pieces should have a top, batting and back and be fully quilted. DO NOT SQUARE UP or otherwise prepare them for binding. Placemat size works best, although you can also use a small wall hanging or table runner.
- 1 yard of fabric for bindings
- 1 yard of contrasting fabric for flange
- Thread - I recommend two colors – one that matches with the flange fabric and one that matches the binding fabric.
- OPTIONAL – Elmer's washable glue stick or quilter's water soluble glue stick
- OPTIONAL – Pins or clips
- Hand sewing needle
- Quilt for binding consultation. This can be a table runner, wall hanging, baby, throw or bed sized quilt. It is best if you bring a quilt that has been quilted because the quilting design can affect the best choice for binding. If you do not have a quilted, unbound quilt available, you may bring a quilt top. Please bring in at least couple of fabrics (or fabric samples) that are you considering for the binding.

ADVANCED PREPARATION

- Prepare 4 small, quilted pieces of at least 12 x 18 inches. These pieces should have a top, batting and back and be fully quilted.
- DO NOT SQUARE UP or otherwise prepare them for binding.
- Placemat size works best, although you can also use a small wall hanging or table runner.
- Choose a complementary fabric for the facing and binding.
- Choose a contrasting color for the flange.
- Prewash all fabric and press it prior to class.



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