

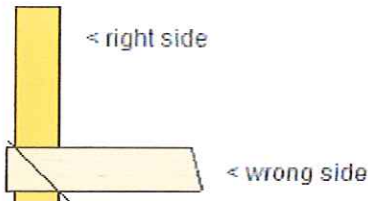
DOUBLE LAYER BINDING -- BOTH LAYERS RIGHT SIDES UP!

We all know that the bindings are often the first to wear through on a well-loved quilt.

This double-layered binding works well on quilts that will receive a lot of use and washing, such as baby/child quilts because, when the first layer of the binding wears through, as it will, the second layer has the right side of the fabric to show through.

This technique only takes a bit more fabric for the binding and seaming instead of folding, but may give you another couple of years of the life on the quilt.

Cut your binding strips at $1\frac{3}{4}$ ". Because you will be layering them, you will need enough to go around the quilt twice. (Or, another way of looking at it, you will need double the number strips you usually would.)



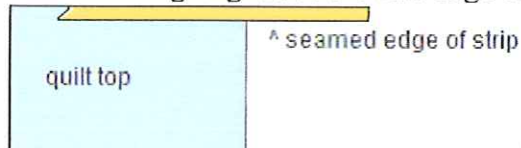
Strip after strip, seam together the short ends, preferably on the diagonal, to create the length needed to for binding the circumference of the quilt. Make 2 equally long strips.

Layer both long strips with **RIGHT sides up**.  Seam together on long sides using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance (shown by dashed lines).

Press open. Turn one strip so it lines up behind the other, again **both facing right side up** on your ironing surface.

Press again, slightly rolling the seam line with your fingernail and the point of the iron so that the seam is minutely offset and will not show when the binding is turned to the back of your quilt.

*Sew to the front edge of your quilt as you would any other binding, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, with the raw edge of the binding aligned to the raw edge of the quilt. Make your corners and finish as you usually do.



This way, when you've turned the binding to the back to stitch it down, you will be working with the previously finished seamed edge, not a folded edge as you usually would.