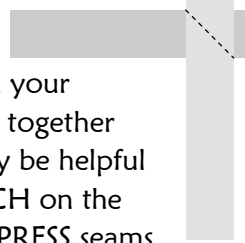


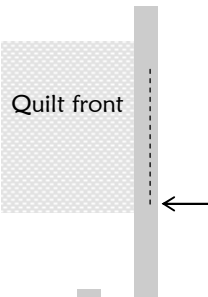
BINDING LESSON BY DEONN STOTT

- **JOIN BINDING STRIPS.** Using the grid on your cutting mat, lay ends of binding right sides together at a 45° angle, overlapping slightly. It may be helpful to **MARK** a diagonal line. **PIN**, then **STITCH** on the line. **TRIM** seam allowances to 1/4" then **PRESS** seams open.

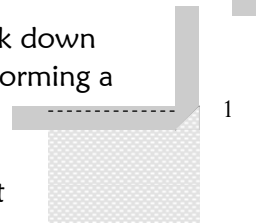


- **FOLD** binding lengthwise in half, wrong sides together; **PRESS**.

- **LAY** binding on the front side of quilt top, and **ALIGN** raw edges. Leave about an 8" tail free and **STITCH** binding to quilt, using 1/4" seam allowance. **STOP** 1/4" from the first corner (or seam allowance width); **BACKSTITCH**. Remove the quilt from the machine and **TRIM** threads.



- **FOLD** the binding straight up (1), then back down (2), even with the next edge of the quilt, forming a mitered corner.



- **BEGIN STITCHING** at the edge of the next side, **BACKSTITCH** to secure and continue sewing. **REPEAT** at all corners.



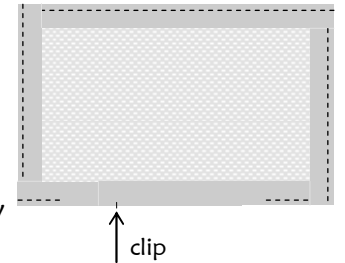
- After last corner is mitered, **END STITCHING** about 8 to 10" from point at which you began stitching the binding. Leave plenty of binding tail to complete the splice.

FINAL SEAM

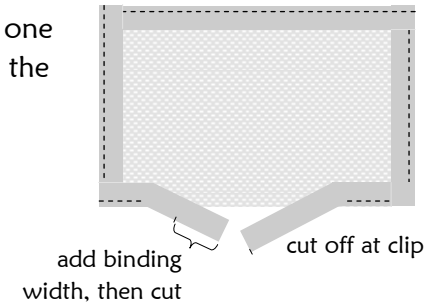
- Lay tails of binding on quilt, being careful not to pull or stretch, and **OVERLAP** the ending tail over the beginning tail. **MEASURE** from beginning stitches about 1/3 of the way through the unstitched area; **CLIP** 1/8" notch through all four

layers of binding. **DO NOT** clip quilt.

- Working with the bulk of the quilt **AWAY** from you, take the **RIGHT** tail of binding and **CUT OFF** exactly at the clipped notch.

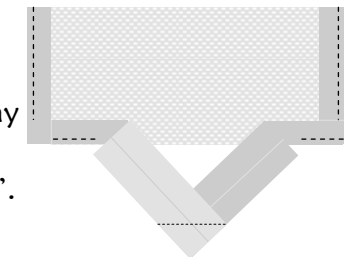


- On **LEFT** binding tail, measure one binding strip width away from the clipped notch and **CUT**.



- **Unfold** and flatten the **RIGHT** binding tail with **RIGHT SIDE UP**. **Unfold** and flatten the **LEFT** binding tail with the **WRONG SIDE UP**.

- **FOLD** the end of the left binding piece at a 45° angle and crease to find the stitching line. **MARK** and lay over right tail, right sides together, matching notches and forming a "V". **PIN**, then **STITCH** on the line.



- **CHECK** to make sure your binding has not somehow twisted, then **TRIM** seam allowance, **PRESS** seam open.

- Re-align binding strip with raw edge of quilt, and finish stitching up the remaining seam.

- Turn binding to the back of the quilt, form miters on the corners, then hand-stitch using thread the same color as the binding.