

SEWING THE BORDERS TO YOUR QUILT

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After the body of the quilt has been pieced, gently press it before adding the borders. The logical place to measure the finished top is along its outside edges, but this is the **MOST un-stable** part of the quilt! It is prone to stretching from holding the quilt by it's edges.

Here how to apply square and flat borders to your quilt.

Step one - lay the quilt so the side borders are horizontal to where you are working. Measure from raw edge to raw edge in at least 3 places - usually across the middle and a "little bit" away from the raw edges. I prefer to measure along a seam line that runs the length / width of the quilt. Write these measurements down and then find an average of these dimension.

Example -

Measurement 1 - 72-1/2 inches,
Measurement 2 - 73 inches,
Measurement 3 - 72-3/4 inches.

An average of these measurements
= **72-3/4 inches**.

This is the measurement that I
would cut my side borders.



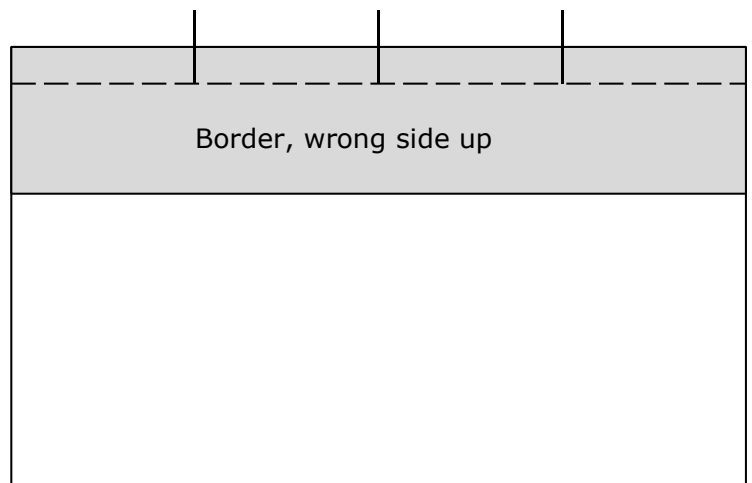
Step 2 - After you cut the border pieces, fold them into quarters and mark the quarter marks with a pin.

Fold the quilt top along the side edge into quarters and mark with pins.

Place the border on top of the quilt, Right Sides Together, and match the (quarter mark) pins and pin these pieces together to hold in place.

Stitch with a 1/4 inch seam.

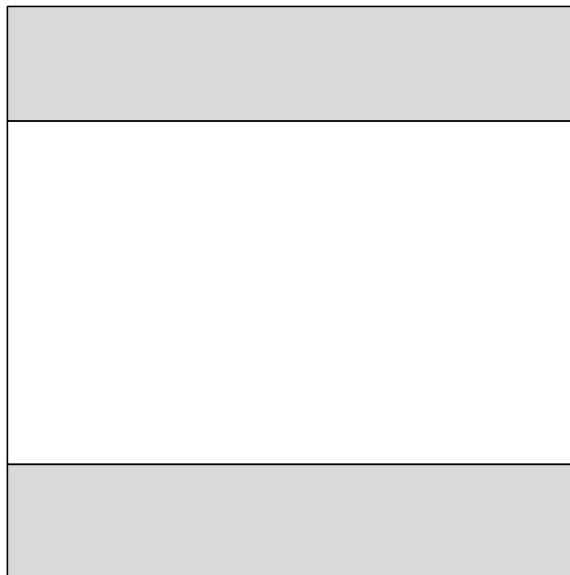
Repeat for the other side edge and press seam toward the border.



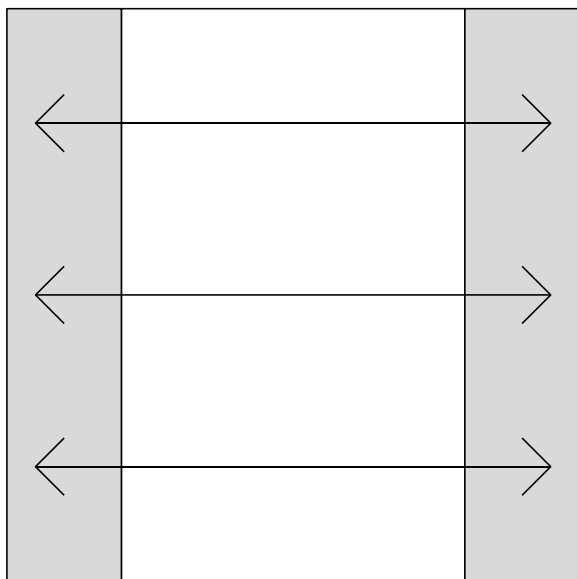
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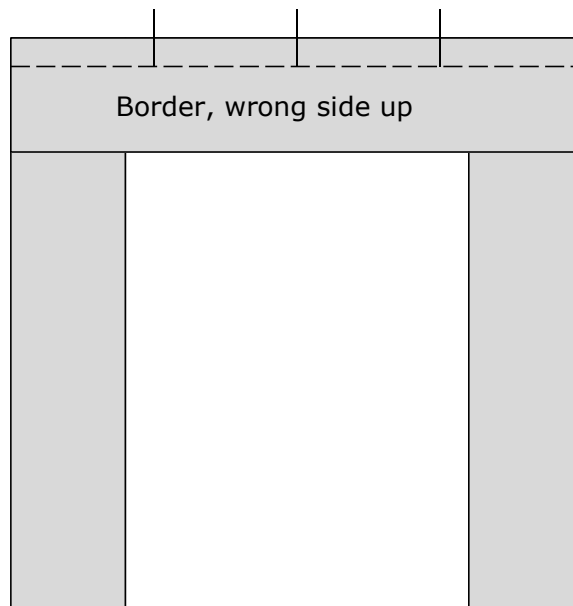
Side borders have been applied and pressed.



Repeat this process for the top and bottom borders.



Measure border and cut to size.



Stitch border to quilt and press.

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Borders have been applied to the quilt and they are flat, square and smooth!

The quilt is now ready for quilting!

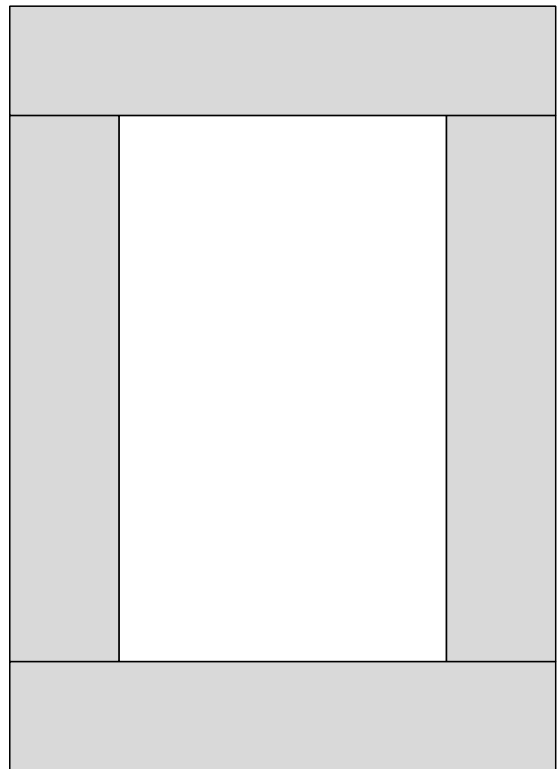
For more information about Borders, go to -

How to Apply Borders Mini Class

<https://www.longarmuniversity.com/Tutorials/Stitching-Borders.html>

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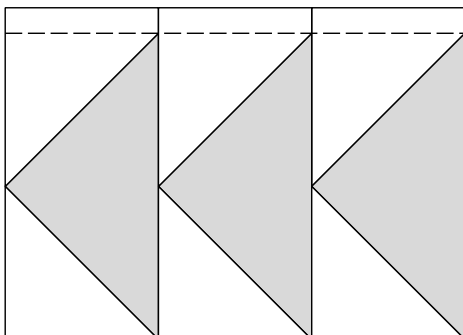


If there are NO borders on the quilt, or the borders are pieced - think of a Piano Key border or a Flying Geese border - you will need to add some "stay stitching" to the edges of the quilt.

To Stay Stitch - using your home sewing machine, stitch a line about 1/4 inch away from all the raw edges of the quilt. Use a thread that matches the quilt.

The Stay Stitching will hold the seams together while you are quilting.

Raw edge of the border



Raw edge of the border

