

Quilt Border with Mitered Corners

PREPARING THE QUILT

- 1 Prepare quilt for borders by truing up the edges.
- 2 Using a pencil or fabric marker, mark the 4 corners of your quilt with seam allowances in both directions (wrong side).
- 3 Make a **dot** where seam allowances intersect.
This is where you will start and stop sewing.



- 4 Measure the quilt from dot to dot and note the measurements.
If opposite sides are not exactly the same measurement, average the 2.

PREPARING THE BORDERS

- 5 Sew multiple borders together in strips. A single border can also be used.
- 6 Cut bottom and top borders the width of the quilt + twice the width of your border + 1".
- 7 Cut side borders the length of the quilt + twice the width of your border + 1".
- 8 With either pair of borders right sides together, cut one end of border at a 45° angle.
- 9 Using a pencil or fabric marker, mark seam allowances in both directions (wrong side).
(See illustration below.)



- 10 Make a **dot** where seam allowances intersect.
- 11 Using the quilt measurement above, measure from the border dot and place another dot the same distance as the quilt dot.
(You now have dots to match when sewing the border to the quilt.)
- 12 Using the 45° mark on the ruler, add a 1/4" seam allowance outside the dot and trim away the excess fabric. (You should still have a pair of borders right sides together.)

SEWING THE BORDERS

- 13 Now that all the marking is done, it is simply a matter of sewing dot to dot.
- 14 Attach the 4 borders to the quilt.
- 15 Take a couple of back stitches to secure each corner.
- 16 After all 4 borders are added, join the mitered seams. Be sure to handle these bias cuts gently and use your walking foot to keep from stretching the bias.
- 17 Press the seam allowances **open**.
- 18 Press the border seams toward the border.

