

Spring Medallion

Spacer Borders

Now you are ready to add a Spacer Borders. Here, we are talking about spacer borders that are not pieced. Pieced borders have a different set of considerations

After the Twisted Ribbon Border we need a little spacer to give that border room to breath before adding the Pieced Scallop border that is coming up.

This is just a small border, only 1 1/2" cut so mitering is not necessary.

Still getting the length right is very important. Though the width is just 1 1/2", the calculated length of the border is 48 1/2" (Sides) and 50 1/2" (Top and Bottom) but of course with all the seams and appliqué that the Spring Medallion already has, you may, and probably are, a little off from that. So here is what I recommend:

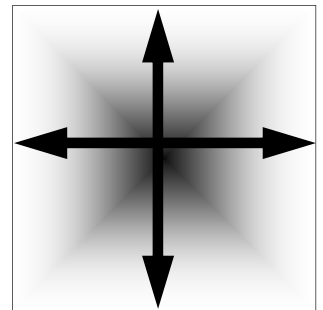
First press the quilt center thoroughly. This eliminates any pesky pleats and problems. Next lay the quilt out flat somewhere... A floor, a bed or on your design wall. Then...

This Is The Important Stuff...

To determine the **length** of your borders, measure the quilt center length through its center, not at the outer edges. Those outer edges have more "give" and will not give an accurate measure. Measuring through the center will keep your quilt square.. Cut both your vertical strips to be the center vertical dimension, piecing if necessary. That will make the border fit your quilt... and be sure both border pieces are the same length!

To apply the border, find the center of the quilt edge and the center of your border strip Then find the quarter points of each. With right sides together, match the center of the border with the center of the quilt center, along with matching the quarters Align raw edges. Pin at centers, quarters and at the ends then ease as necessary. Stitch 1/4" seam. Press toward the border. Repeat for other side.

After pressing vertical set of borders, repeat above steps for the horizontal borders.



Measure through the center for borders