

7:30 Garage Binding

Carefully remove basting threads or safety pins.
Trim batt and lining to 1/8" beyond the quilt top.
Measure perimeter and add 12" for corners.

Cut binding strips **2 1/4" to 3" wide (I like 2 1/2")** on crosswise grain of fabric. Be sure you have enough to go around quilt. Place end of two strips **perpendicular** to each other, *right sides together*. Following diagram, stitch diagonally by placing **short side into the machine**. Trim to 1/4". Join all strips end to end. Press the seam allowances to one side.

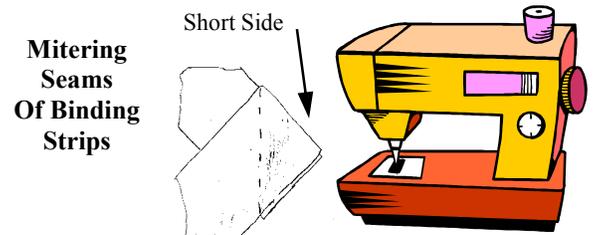
Fold the beginning of the binding strip at a 45° angle (**think 7:30 on the clock**). Trim *turned* edge to 1/4" and press. This makes the **GARAGE**. Fold the binding strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press (*optional*). Lay the binding strip on the right side of the quilt top, aligning raw edges of the binding and the quilt.

Begin sewing at your garage, stopping 1/4" from the first corner. With your needle down in the quilt, **turn the quilt 45 degrees and stitch off the quilt as shown**. Remove the quilt from the machine and trim the threads.

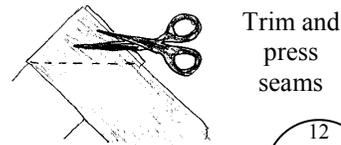
Fold the binding up **along your 45 degree stitching**, then back down even with next (unsewn) edge of the quilt. Begin stitching at the edge of next side, backstitch to secure and continue sewing. Repeat at all corners.

When nearing starting point, trim binding strip to just reach "back" of the "garage" and **tuck the end in to "park."** Continue sewing over the beginning stitching then backstitch.

Hand blind stitch the folded edge to the back of the quilt to cover machine stitched seam line. Your starting point will nearly disappear!

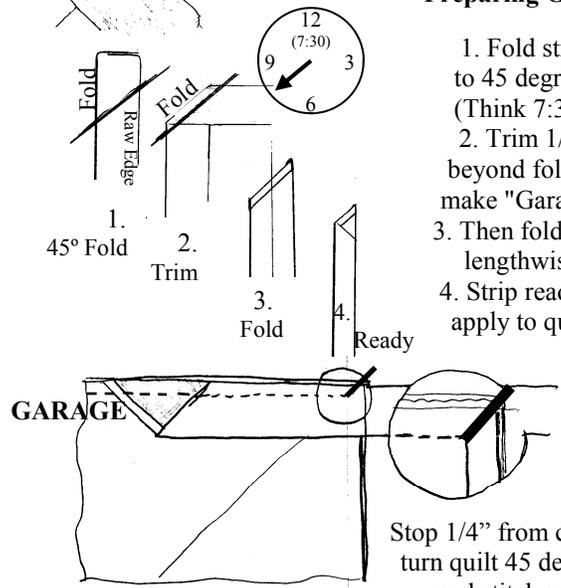


Put under presser foot like this...



Preparing Garage

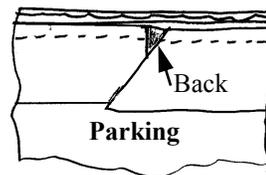
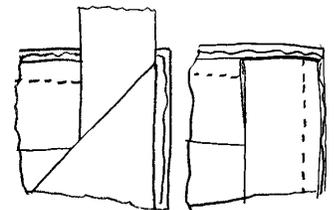
1. Fold strip to 45 degrees (Think 7:30).
2. Trim 1/4" beyond fold to make "Garage".
3. Then fold strip lengthwise.
4. Strip ready to apply to quilt.



Stop 1/4" from corner, turn quilt 45 degrees and stitch off. Remove from machine.

Turning A Corner...

Fold the binding up (along that mitered stitching), then back down even with next edge of the quilt.



Trim strip end to back of garage so you can park.

Fold binding around to back side of quilt and hand stitch in place.

Finish your quilt with a nice label. Enjoy!.