

# Accent Binding / Flange Binding

RESOURCE: You Tube: Sew Very Easy: How to Sew Faux Flange Quilt Binding by Laura A. Coia

After completing your quilt and squaring up your quilt, you are ready to add the binding.

Measure your quilt to determine how much binding is required. Add extra length for the corners and ending. Personally, I add an extra 10 inches.

$\text{Length} * 2 \text{ plus width} * 2 = \text{binding length}$ . Then add extra 10 inches.

For the purpose of this demo, my block is 9 inches square. 36 inches for binding plus an additional 10 inches = 46 inches.

Decide on your colors. The accent strip will be the thin 1/4 binding that peeks out. And the binding strip will be your main color.

In this demo: Black is the Accent Strip and the Sunflowers are the binding strip.

1. Accurately cut the **Accent Strip at 1-3/4 inches wide**. Piece the strips to your desired length. Remember to press open the seams and trim to 1/4 inch.

Accurately cut the **Binding Strip at 1-3/8 inches wide**. Piece the strips to your desired length. Remember to press open the seams and trim to 1/4 inch.

2. Right sides together, sew the Accent Strip and the Binding Strip together using an accurate 1/4 inch seam.

3. Press the large strip [Binding Strip] towards the smaller strip [Accent Strip]. PRESS, do not iron — — otherwise you will distort your binding. This is an important step to get a crisp accent. My preference is Magic Sizing to help retain shape.

4. Now, fold the two strips in half matching raw edges. You should have a 1/4 inch of Accent binding showing on the side with two colors.

5. At your starting end, cut a 45 degree angle. Place the small strip on bottom and cut from small to large. Press 1/4 inch under on angle. Now fold back together.

6. Sew the binding to the back of the quilt. Raw edges together.

7. Press the binding out away from quilt.

8. Turn the binding to the front, pin or clip. Stitch in the ditch of the Accent Binding. Note: the top thread color should be the color of the accent and the bobbin color of the back of the quilt.