

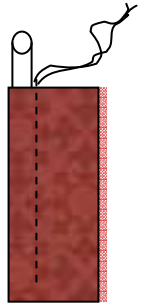


No Hand Sewing Piped Machine Binding

Need to finish a quilt quick? This machine applied, machine finished piped binding is the answer! Finish your quilts in record time!

Step 1: Create piping

- ∞ I like to use 18 ga. Mason cord for my piping—it give nice body and does not require pre-shrinking. You can purchase this at your local home improvement store—in the cement aisle!
- ∞ Cut piping fabric into 1¼” wide strips. You will need the same amount of strips for the piping as you have calculated for the binding. Combine the piping strips the same as binding strips (see tip box below)
- ∞ Fold your strip wrong sides together, wrapping it around the mason line cord. Anchor the end of the cord with a few stitches through the cord, then using a cording foot (or a zipper foot would work as well) stitch close to the cording, but not through it. (I recommend using thread in both top and bobbin that matches your piping fabric)



Step 2: Create Binding Strips

- ∞ Cut binding strips 2½” wide and combine (See Tip box for how to combine the strips).
- ∞ By combining your strips at an angle, the joints will be less noticeable to the eye. It also makes for a stronger seam—especially on the edge of the quilt, which gets the most wear & tear!
- ∞ Fold binding strip in half, wrong sides together and press.

Combining Border Strips

- (1) Place strips, right sides together, at a 90° angle
- (2) Draw a diagonal line as shown (Fig. 1)
- (3) Sew on the line, then trim seam allowance to ¼” (Fig. 2)
- (4) Press seam open
- (5) Repeat until you have the length of fabric required

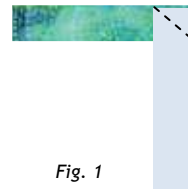


Fig. 1

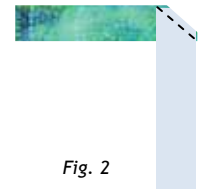


Fig. 2

Step 3: Sew Piping to Binding strips

- ∞ Open the creased binding strip. Place the piping on the right side of the binding strip, aligning the stitching of the piping over the crease.
- ∞ Stitch the piping onto the open binding strip, sewing over the previous stitching, using a cording or zipper foot. Use thread that matches the piping fabric.
- ∞ When all piping has been attached, refold binding strip—press if necessary.



2½” wide binding strip
creased in center

Step 4: Attach Binding to Quilt

 UNLIKE TRADITIONAL BINDING—THIS BINDING IS SEWN TO THE **BACK** OF YOUR QUILT!

- ⌘ Start in the center of any side of your quilt. Take one end of your folded binding strip, and working on the **BACK** of your quilt, align the raw edges of the binding strip with the raw edges of your quilt. The attached piping is face up—you should see the raw edges of your piping as you attach the binding!
- ⌘ Leave a tail of at least 8”–10”, and start sewing the binding around the edge of your quilt. STOP sewing 1/4” from the corner. Remove the quilt from your machine.
- ⌘ Fold the binding strip up at the corner at a 45° angle. To get a perfect angle, make sure that the edge of your binding strip and the edge of your quilt form a perfectly straight line! (See arrow in figure 2) Finger press the angle.
- ⌘ Next, fold the binding strip down at a 90° angle. *Make sure the fold aligns with the edge of the quilt.* Even a little over or under will make for a floppy miter! We don't like floppy miters!
- ⌘ Stitch from the edge of the quilt, again, aligning raw edges of folder binding strip with raw edge of quilt. Stop stitching 1/4” from next corner.
- ⌘ Repeat the above steps until you have come back around to the side you started on. Stop sewing about 18” - 20” from where you began. This will give you plenty of room to work to make the final joint and finish your binding.



Step 5: Bringing it all together

- ⌘ Lay out the edge of the quilt with the two tails so everything is laying flat. Align the raw edges of the binding strip and the quilt, until the tails meet in the center of the unbound area. Fold the tails back on themselves, so that the folds meet. Finger press to create a crease.
- ⌘ Measure back from each fold and mark at 1 1/4”. (You will always measure back the same amount as the width of your folded binding strip—just in case you have need to use a different width binding strip).
- ⌘ Pick up each tail and to length at your mark.
- ⌘ Unfold each tail and lay out, right side up. Pick up the left tail and twist it away from you until the right side of the fabric is facing you again. Just go around ONCE.
- ⌘ Lay the right tail on top of the left tail at a right angle (just like you did when you combined the strips—see Tip Box on Page 1).
- ⌘ Sew diagonally, from the upper left hand corner, to the lower right hand corner. Trim seam to 1/4” and press open.
- ⌘ Re-fold the binding strip and finish stitching—aligning the raw edges. The binding should fit perfectly to the open edge of the quilt.

Step 6: Wrap, Roll & Stitch

- ⌘ Wrap your binding around to the **FRONT** of your quilt. Secure a section with pins or binding clips (personally, I prefer the clips).



45° MITERED CORNER

- ⌘ Machine stitch-in-the-ditch between the piping and the binding.
- ⌘ When you get to the corner, stitch to the edge of the quilt, then come back far enough so that when you fold over the next edge.
- ⌘ When you fold over the next side of the binding, make sure you have a crisp 45° angle on the corner. Match the piping on the corner and continue stitching.
- ⌘ Continue turning and stitching until all sides have been completed.



BINDING CLIPS