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Custom Fit Binding

Measure across the center of the quilt to determine the width.

Measure down the center of the quilt to determine the length.

Measure the cut width of the binding strip.

Follow this formula to determine how much binding will be needed to fit around the quilt:

$$(\text{Length} \times 2) + (\text{Width} \times 2) + \text{Width of binding} = \text{Length needed}$$

Example for a 18" x 24" mini quilt:

$$36" + 48" + 2\frac{1}{2}" = 86\frac{1}{2}"$$

After cutting the length of binding you'll need, join the ends to create a 45° seam. Trim off excess seam allowance along this miter, and press the seams open.

Fold this binding loop in half, and mark the two ends with straight pins.

Beginning at each straight pin, measure along the strip until it matches the width of the quilt, and mark with another pin.

Pin the binding onto the quilt, using the pins as markers for placement at the corners. Create folded pleats at the corners as described in *Binding Basics*.

The extra time it takes to measure as you create your binding will guarantee that your binding will fit smoothly along all edges of the quilt, and you'll also be assured that your quilt will be perfectly squared.