

1. Cut Facing Fabric

Match facing fabric to quilt back fabric. Use a dark color. Cut it 4 inches wide on the straight grain, and as long as the perimeter of your quilt.

Press facing fabric in half lengthwise, right side out.

2. Assemble the Pieces

Square up and trim your quilt.

Stay-stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " around the perimeter of the quilt.

Place the quilt face up.

Cut two pieces of folded facing the same width as two sides of your quilt.

Cut two more pieces of folded facing **1 inch shorter** than the other two sides of your quilt.

3. Machine Stitch Facings

With the raw edges of the facing on the outer edges (folded edges toward the quilt center) stitch the two longer pieces on using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Next, stitch the two shorter pieces on, centered so there is a $\frac{1}{2}$ " space at each end.

Again, the raw edges of the facing should be on the outer edges.

4. Turn Facings to Back, Press and Hand Sew

Clip the corners, and turn the facing to the back.

Make sure the facing is pulled completely to the back so none shows on the front. Press with steam.

Hand sew the facing to the quilt back with a blind stitch.

