

# Flange Binding

We have been showing this easy and entirely machine-sewn binding method for a while - here is a how-to for you..

Cutting:

First cut your bindings - you need as much as will go all the way around your quilt plus about 6 inches for the corners..

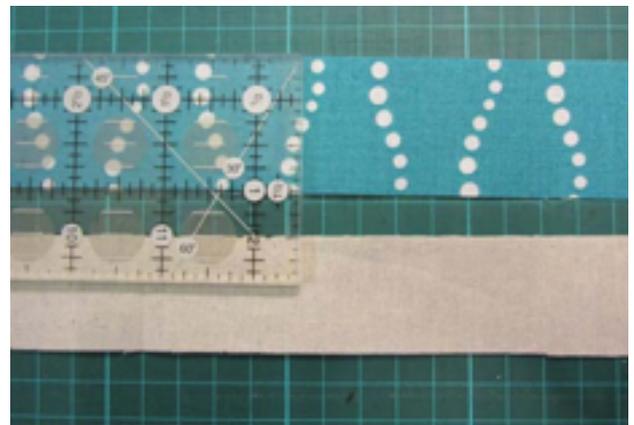
Cut the outer edge colour (cream here) to 1-1/4 inches wide, and the flange colour (blue here) to 1-1/2 inches wide. Make your joins on the diagonal to save bulk and try not to let them meet each other. Press the join-seams open

Join all the lengths of each colour together first

Sew all along the length, right sides together, with a slightly mean 1/4-inch seam.. I have sewn this with a contrast thread so you can see what is happening, but match yours to the lighter colour

Press toward the smaller piece all along the length

Fold the binding in half, right sides out, and press again as shown. The flange should show evenly along the length, if not, press again and trim a little, perhaps. This is not difficult..



Sew the binding to the WRONG side of the quilt first, matching the raw edges and with the flange colour upwards as shown. Use a mean 1/4 inch seam and your walking foot - I have used my small foot for clarity here

Mitred corners - (this is how these are done on regular bindings, too)  
Sew to about 1/4 inch from the bottom edge of the quilt, back-stitch a few stitches and remove the work from the machine

Fold the binding away from the corner so that the edges align, like so

Now fold the binding back along the next edge, making a neat crease right on the outer edge of the quilt.

Sew from the very edge, back-stitch at the start for strength..

When you have sewn all the way around, join the ends of the binding by your preferred method. Turn the binding to the RIGHT side of the quilt and pin if desired  
Sew, using a matching thread, just where the flange meets the outer colour. Take it slowly and you will get a really neat (and quick) result

At the corners, fold the mitre neatly and stitch slowly for best results

