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Joining  
the quilt  
Instructions

5x7

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Crewel  
Block of the Month  
Quilt



## HOW TO ADD THE SASHING, BORDERS, BACKING AND BINDING TO THE BLOCK OF THE MONTH CREWEL QUILT.

We are using the border blocks and the corner blocks as sashing.

### WORKING OUT FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

**Blocks** - Work out how many blocks you are having in your quilt. Then multiply it by how much background fabric is required for your size block.

#### **Borders** -

- If you would like borders first decide how wide you would like them (we made them 9cm (3.5") wide).
- Measure one side of the quilt.
- Cut two strips of border fabric this length.
- Cut two pieces of batting to match.
- Now measure one of the alternate sides (including the new border width x 2 in your measurement)
- Cut two strips of border fabric this length x your width.
- Cut two pieces of batting to match.

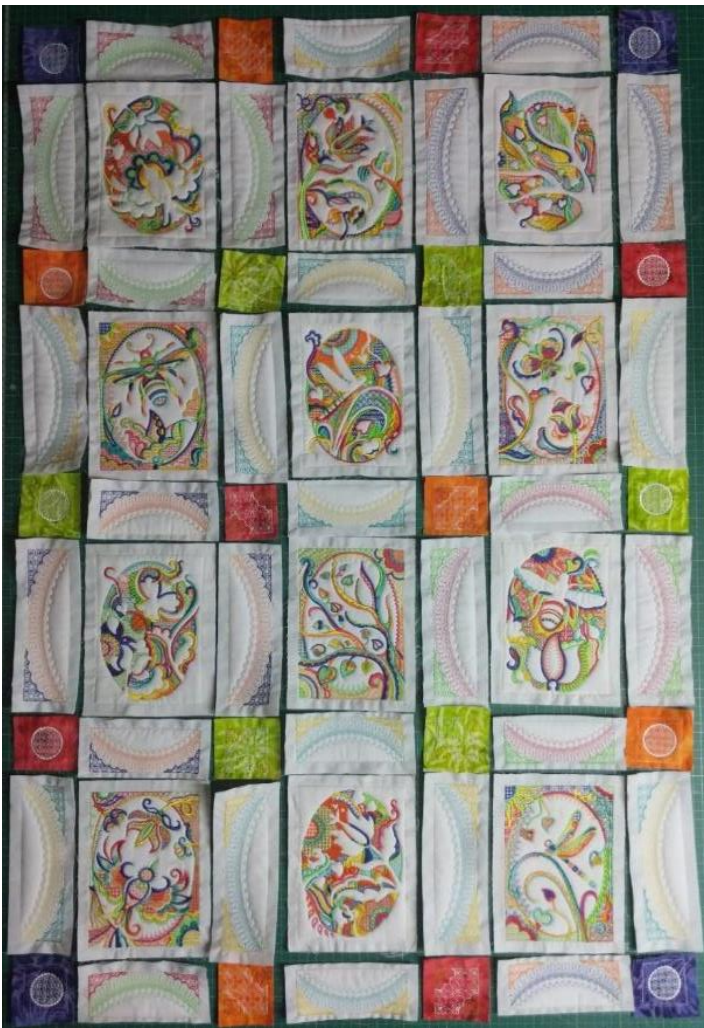
**Backing** – the size will depend on how big you intend to make your quilt.

To calculate use your hoop size and multiply that by the number of blocks you are having. Add the width of your borders to the length and the width of the quilt.

**Binding** - Measure the finished length and width of the quilt (including borders) and add them together and multiply by two. The width is optional, but I usually find 8cm wide (3") wide sufficient.

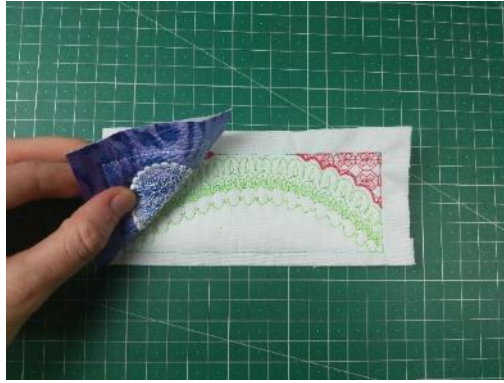
### JOIN YOUR BLOCKS

Lay out your blocks on a flat surface and decide on your layout.



Join the blocks in rows.

Place the first two blocks right sides together.



Pin and stitch the side seam on your sewing machine. Stitch just inside the border already stitched on the blocks so the stitching will not be seen on the right side later.



Continue this until you have each block in that first row sewn together.





Open out the stitched seams and iron flat.



Continue this until you have each horizontal row of blocks joined together.



Next join the horizontal rows to each other by placing the first two rows right sides together.



Pin and stitch the seams on your sewing machine. Stitch just inside the border already stitched on the blocks so the stitching will not be seen on the right side later.



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Continue this until you have each of the horizontal rows joined together.



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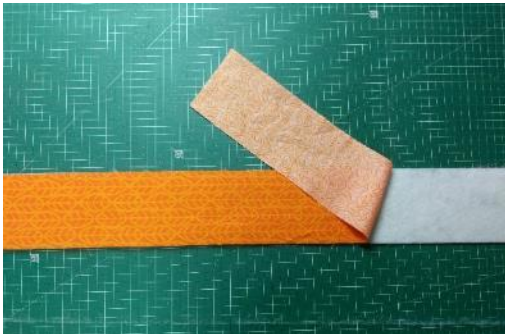
## HOW TO ADD BORDERS

If you would like borders first decide how wide you would like them (we made ours 9cm (3.5") wide).

Measure one side of the quilt.

Cut two strips of border fabric the length you just measured. Then cut two pieces of batting to match.

Place your 1<sup>st</sup> fabric piece **right side** up on top of one of the pieces of batting.



Place the side of your quilt that you have just measured **wrong side** up on top of the fabric and batting. Have the excess of both the batting and fabric towards the centre of the quilt.



Pin in place and stitch down with a half inch seam. (Pinning and stitching on the **wrong side** of the quilt means you are able to make sure you are stitching inside the border line on the front of the quilt so this line of sewing does not show on the front of the quilt).



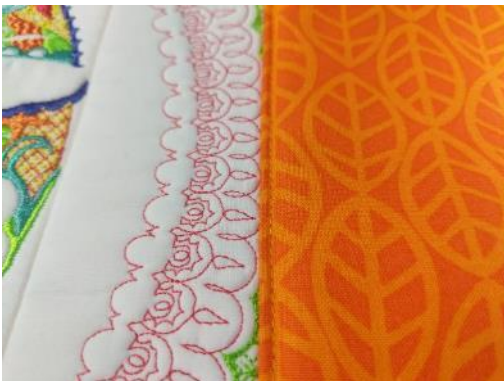
Fold over and iron the border down neatly.



Repeat for the opposite side of the quilt.



**OPTIONAL:** Topstitch for a neat flat finish.



Trim any excess border fabric.





Now measure one of the sides without a border (including the two new border widths in your measurement)

Cut two strips of border fabric the length you just measured and cut two pieces of batting to match.

Place the fabric on top of the batting, **right side** of the fabric facing up.



Place the side of your quilt that you have just measured **wrong side** up on top of the fabric and batting. Have the excess of both the batting and fabric towards the centre of the quilt.



Pin in place and stitch down with a half inch seam. (Pinning and stitching on the **wrong side** of the quilt means you are able to make sure you are stitching inside the border line on the front of the quilt so this line of sewing does not show on the front of the quilt).



Unfold the border and iron flat..





**OPTIONAL:** Topstitch for a neat flat finish.



Trim any excess border fabric.



Repeat for the opposite side of the quilt.



### **ADDING THE BACKING**

Place the quilt you have made on top of the backing (**wrong sides** together) and pin the backing to the quilt using safety pins spaced evenly all over the quilt. About every 10cm (4”).







Cut it to the same size as the quilt.



To join the backing to the quilt, stitch along the straight seams where each block is joined trying to stitch in the ditch made by the seam.

Stitch each horizontal line and vertical line.



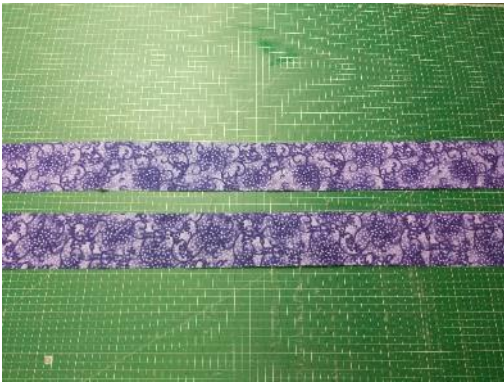
## **ADDING THE BINDING**

To make the binding, measure the length and width of the quilt and add them together and then multiply by two. Cut a long strip of fabric this length (If you are cutting one piece of fabric this length, add about an extra 10 inches to the length just to be sure you have enough fabric in the end) or cut a few strips and join them together with your sewing machine as shown. Add extra length if you are joining strips – about 10cm (4") per strip.





The width is optional, but I usually find 8cm wide (3") wide sufficient.



**JOINING STRIPS** - Lay your fabric strips **right sides** together as shown, sew a diagonal seam from corner to corner, trim the corner, and repeat until all the binding strips are sewn together into one long strip.





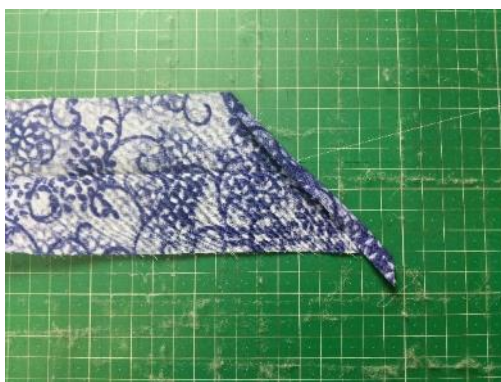
Then press the whole long strip in half, **wrong sides** together and iron down.



Lay out your binding fabric and unfold. Use your ruler and rotary cutter to cut a 45-degree angle.

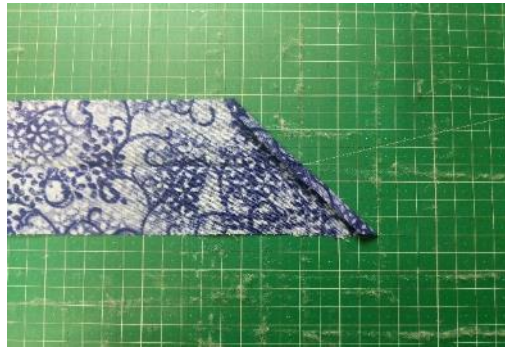
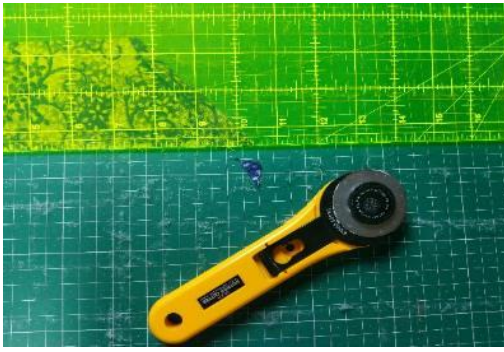


Once cut, fold over the open edge and iron a ¼ inch fold.





Trim the little excess fabric from the fold.



Fold the binding strip in half again.



Match the raw edges of the quilt and the binding to the desired starting location (With your quilt **right side** up start about half way along one side).



Using a ruler, mark **1 inch** down from the end of the strip. Mark with a pin.

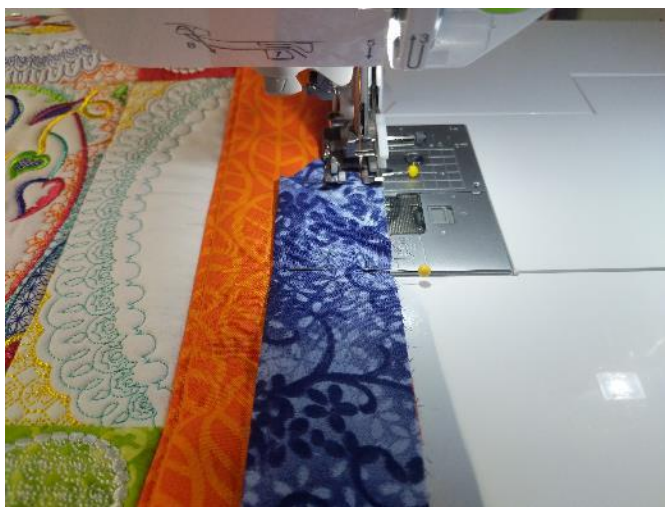




Using a ruler, mark **2 inches** down from the **1 inch** mark. Mark with a pin.



Using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam, stitch **1 inch** of the open fold onto the quilt, stop stitching when you get to the **1 inch** mark.



Then leave a **2 inch** gap (this will provide an opening for the end of the binding fabric at the end) and then start stitching again at the **2 inch** mark.





Continue sewing until you reach the first corner and stop stitching and do a bit of backstitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " before the corner. It is important to leave  $\frac{1}{4}$ " unsewn at the corner!

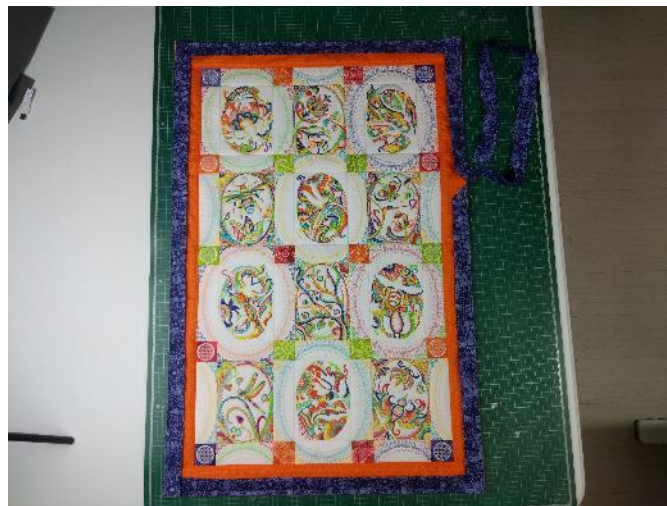


Lift the binding strip up as shown forming a diagonal fold and then pull the binding strip back down creating a fold at the top. Pin and continue stitching until you reach the side of the quilt that you started on.





Stop stitching when you get 2 inches from the starting point.

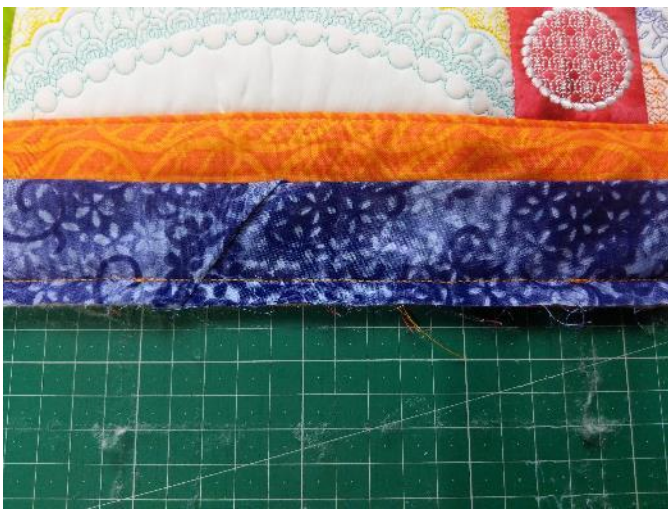


To work out how much excess fabric we need to leave, measure from the finishing point and the start of the second stitch line (**it should be about 5 inches**). You can use a pin or pen to mark the location. Then cut your excess fabric. You should have 5 inches of fabric left to tuck into the little pocket of the binding.





Place the end of the binding fabric into the pocket created at the start of the binding process. Pin in place. Continue to stitch the seam until binding is completely sewn on.



Now turn the quilt over so you are working on the back of the quilt. You can start anywhere but probably half way down one side would be a good spot.

Fold the binding strip right over around the back of the quilt. The fold should be pinned just PAST the 1/4" seam line that you made sewing the binding onto the front. Pin from the front as shown in the picture below.





By stitching from the front of the quilt and 'in the ditch' you will not have any visible lines on the front. Starting anywhere on the front, stitch 'in the ditch'.



Keep sewing until you reach the first corner. Stop about 12cm (5") before the corner.



Fold the two lengths of binding on top of each other creating a nice mitred corner and pin.



Continue stitching until you reach the point of the corner and then leave your needle down and lift the foot and turn the corner.





Put your foot down and continue stitching in this fashion until you are right around the quilt.



Iron your quilt.



Well done! Your quilt is now complete. Enjoy!

