



Calculating Binding

To calculate binding, there are a couple of steps but once you get the hang of it, it will become a natural part of your quilt making process!

Step 1:

Add up all four sides of your quilt

Measure the width of one end and multiply by 2. _____ x 2 = _____
(width of one end) (total width of both ends)

Measure the height of one side and multiply by 2. _____ x 2 = _____
(height of one side) (total height of both sides)

Step 2:

Add the two measurements (width and height) and then add 12 inches.

_____ + _____ + 12 inches = _____
(total height) (total width) (total amount of binding needed)

Step 3:

Divide the total from Step 2 by the width of the fabric. Usually this number is 40-44" for standard quilting cottons.

_____ ÷ _____ = _____
(total amount of binding needed) (width of fabric) (number of binding strips needed)

Step 4:

Round up on the number of strips from Step 3. *i.e.* 4.6 strips, round to 5

Step 5:

Decide on the width of your binding strips - usually 2 ½" or 2 ¼"

Step 6:

Take the number of strips from Step 4 and multiply it by the width from Step 5 and this will give you the total amount of fabric inches needed for your binding!

_____ x _____ = _____
(Number of binding strips needed) (Width of binding strips) (Number of inches of fabric needed)

CHEAT SHEET



Yardage Reference Chart

$\frac{1}{8}$ Yard	=	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
$\frac{1}{4}$ Yard	=	9"
$\frac{1}{3}$ Yard	=	12"
$\frac{3}{8}$ Yard	=	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
$\frac{1}{2}$ Yard	=	18"
$\frac{5}{8}$ Yard	=	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
$\frac{2}{3}$ Yard	=	24"
$\frac{3}{4}$ Yard	=	27"
$\frac{7}{8}$ Yard	=	31 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
1 Yard	=	36"
