

# Borders

Borders should, where possible, be cut along the length of the fabric as this is the strongest direction and reduces the need for joins.

To attach a single border:

If your quilt is to lie flat, the borders must be the correct size and both sides should be the same.

To get the correct border size, measure your quilt from top to bottom and from side to side, but along the centre line not the edge. (Some people will measure the centre line and both edges and average the three measurements to get the border size.)

When you attach the border you may have to gently ease or stretch the quilt to make it fit. Pin the centres and the ends and as often as you need to make a neat fit.

Corner options:

- Cornerstones
- Butt joints (Attach the top and bottom borders then recalculate for the two sides or attach the two side borders and recalculate for the top and bottom!)
- Mitres

To attach multiple borders:

You can add as many borders as you want. Sometimes you may wish to add a pieced border. A pieced border needs to be the same length as the quilt edge or longer. If it is longer you can add a spacer (filler) border to fill the gap.

To calculate the width of a filler border:

Measure the quilt as before. Measure the border.

Here comes the maths!

Border measurement minus quilt measurement divided by 2 equals the finished width of your spacer border, to which you must add half an inch for seam allowances

e.g. border measures 38" - quilt measures 34" = 4"

$$4" / 2 = 2"$$

Your spacer border must measure 2" so you need to cut a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

