

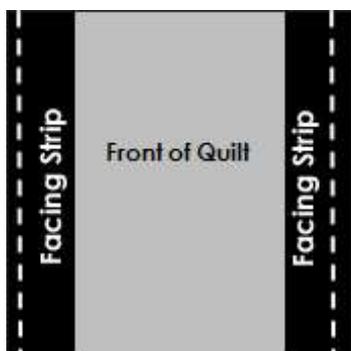
MY FAVOURITE FACING FINISH

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This versatile finish is suitable for both rectangular quilts and quilts with gentle curves.

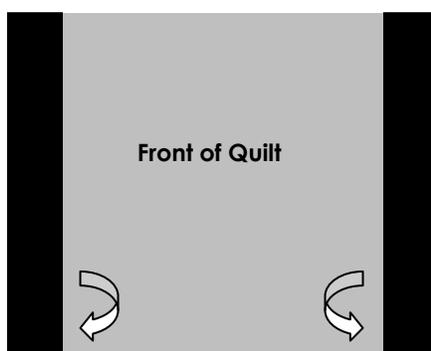
Step 1: Side Facings

- Cut facing strips 2 1/2in wide or desired width. Fold in half lengthwise (wrong sides together) and press.
- Pin facing strips to the front of two opposite sides of the quilt top matching raw edges.
- Sew facing strips with a walking foot using a 1/4in seam.



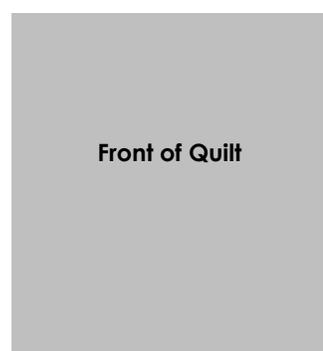
Step 2: Memory Pressing Outwards

Press side facings outwards.
Steam is good!



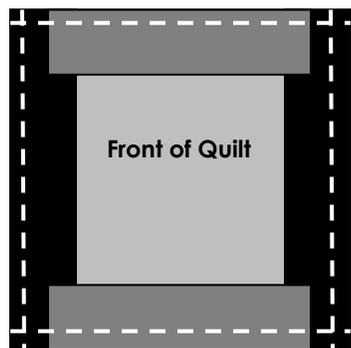
Step 3: Memory Pressing Over

Press facings over to the back of the quilt, "rolling" the seam slightly so that none of the facing is visible from the front.



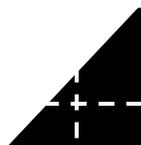
Step 4: Remaining Facings

- Bring the side facings back to the front of the quilt.
- Measure and cut shorter facing strips for top and bottom to overlap approximately 1/2in with side facing strips.
- Pin shorter facing strips in position
- Stitch through all layers along the full width of the quilt top with a 1/4in seam.
- Memory press top and bottom facings in the same manner as set out in Steps 2 and 3 above.



Step 5 - Corner Treatments

- Select preferred corner treatment.
- Stitch and trim as required.



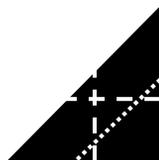
Option #1:
Straight cut/trim
across the corner



Option #2:
Tapered trimming
to remove bulk



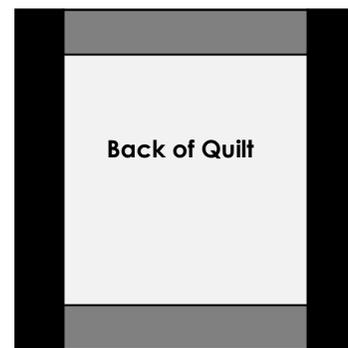
Option #3:
Curved stitched
corner & trimming



Option #4:
Straight
stitched corner
and trimming

Step 6: Final Flourish

- Turn the facings to the back of the quilt taking care not to stretch them.
- Gently poke out the corners with a cuticle stick or similar tool.
- Carefully press corners and edges so that the facings are not visible from the front and sit flat on the back
- Slipstitch facings in place.



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