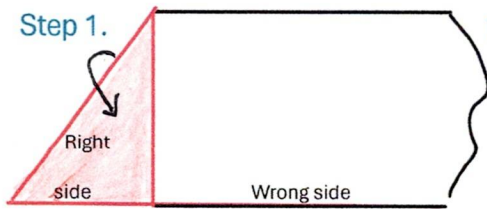


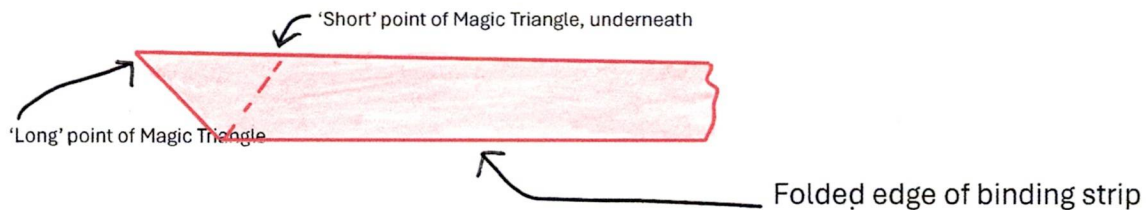
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Step 1.

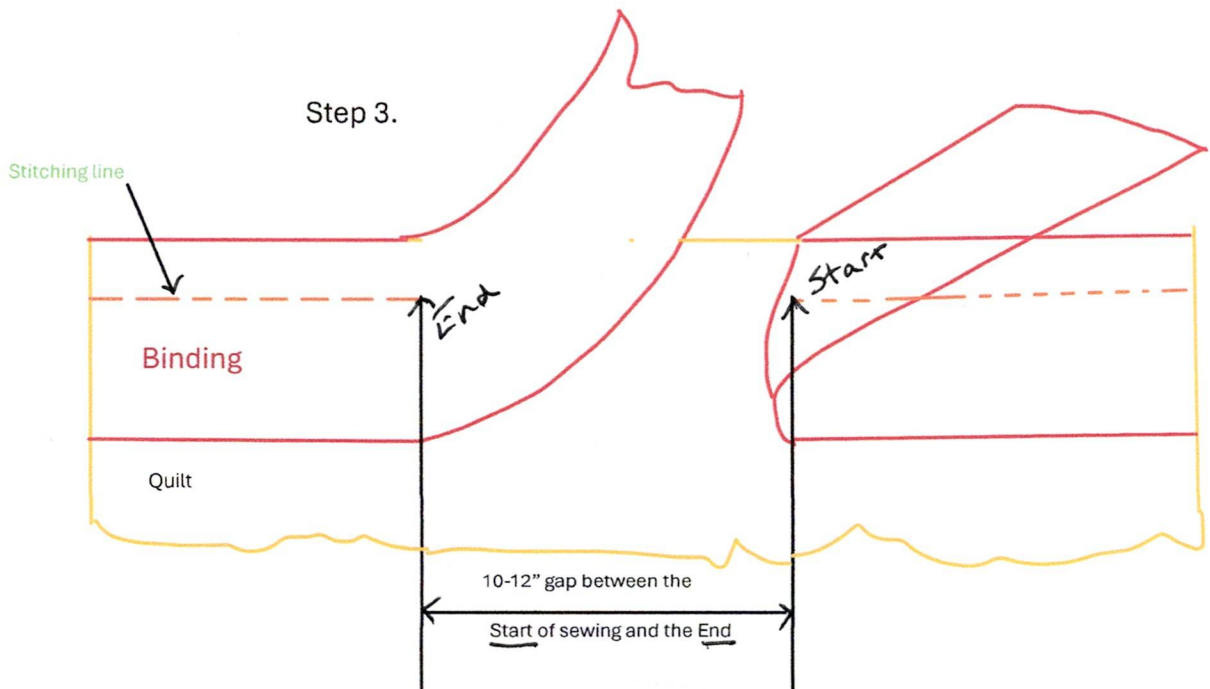


1. At the beginning end of the binding strip, press a 90-degree Magic Triangle toward the wrong side.

2. Press the entire strip in half, wrong sides together, lengthwise (as usual when making a French fold binding). Keep the Magic Triangle in place. You might even consider using some Best Press or similar 'starch' on the Triangle, or marking the inside of the crease with a non-permanent marker of some sort.

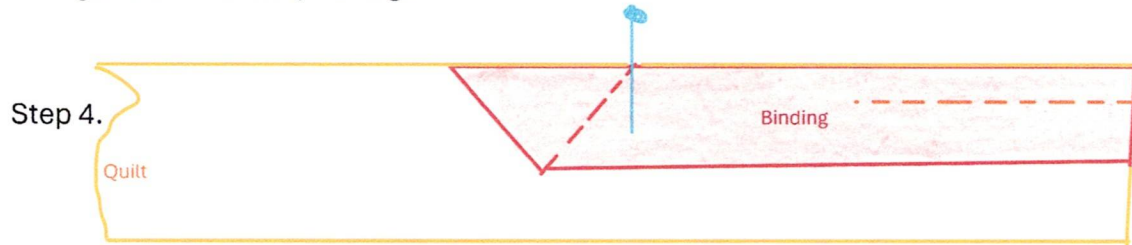


3. Leaving at least a 6" beginning tail, sew the binding to the quilt as usual. After you maneuver the fourth/last corner, continue applying the binding until there is a 10-12" gap to where you first starting sewing on the binding. At that point, STOP applying and backstitch. Remove the piece from the machine.

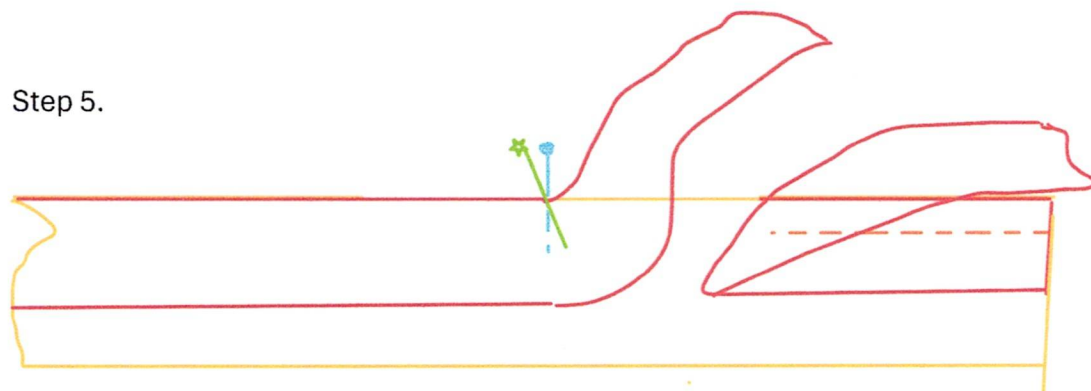


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4. With the Last end of the binding folded out of the way, put the Beginning end and the Magic Triangle flat on the edge of the quilt as if it were sewn in place. Use a pin or some other way to mark the point on the edge of the quilt at which the 'Short point' of the Magic Triangle touches the quilt edge.

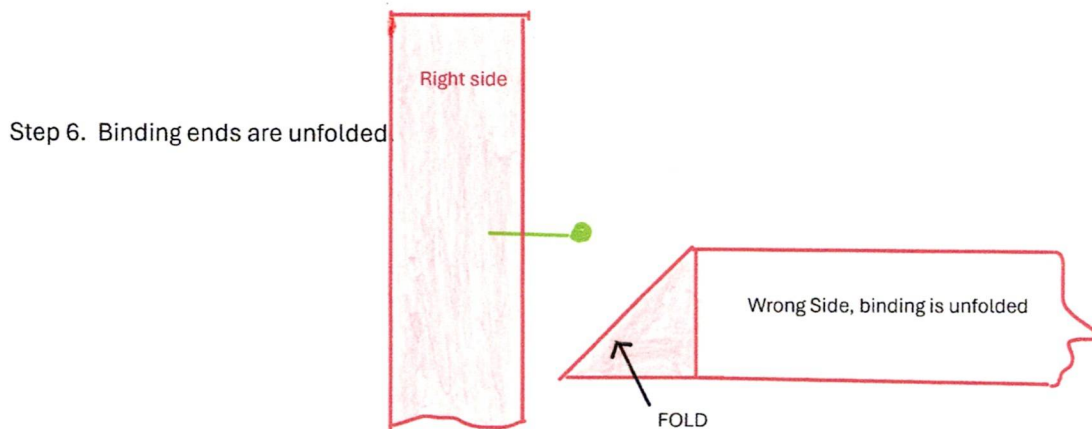


5. Fold the Magic Triangle (Beginning) end of the binding out of the way, and lay the Last end of the binding in place against the edge of the quilt as if it were sewn. Only on the layer of the binding touching the quilt, place another pin or mark to match where the first pin marks the intersection with the 'Short point' of the Magic Triangle. You should now have one pin in the edge of the quilt and one pin in the Last end of the binding (*Sorry, I don't really know how to draw that!*)

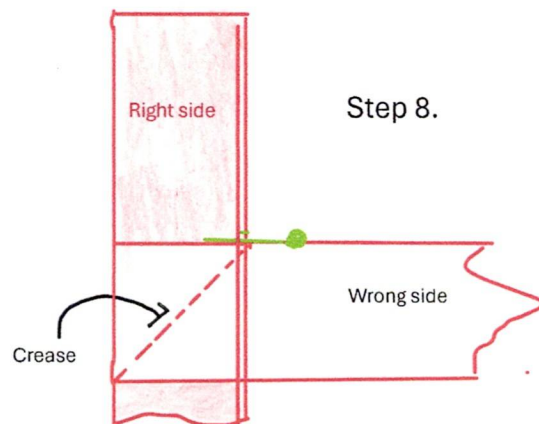
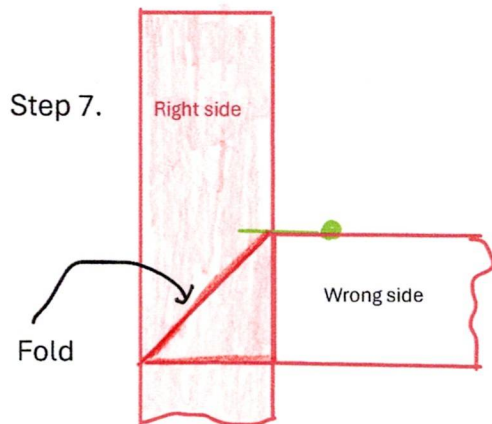


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6. Now let the quilt edge drop away and hold both free ends of the binding, at right angles to each other. Let the binding unfold so it is flat, except for leaving the Magic Triangle folded.



7. Move the Magic Triangle end of the binding leftward, on top of the Last end and right sides together, so that the Short point of the Magic Triangle meets the pin on the Last end.



8. Unfold the Magic Triangle so that you can see the crease clearly – that's your sewing line! Pin the two pieces securely together, removing the marking pin on the Last end.

9. Sew along the crease. Trim seam, then finger press the seam. Finger press the binding back together lengthwise, and continue/finish applying it to the quilt.

You're finished – and you never had to measure anything, or get up to press or cut anything!
It's Magic!