



# Faced Quilt Binding

## A Pink Chalk Studio Tutorial

### Introduction

A Faced Quilt Binding is the perfect finish for wall quilts and textile art where the design speaks for itself. The binding turns completely to the backside of the quilt letting the design shine. The following technique is based on Jean Wells' Method 2: Triangle Corners from her book *Intuitive Color & Design*. In my version, I simplify the join between the corner triangle and the edge strips. I also incorporate an understitch to the process. I like the slight structure it adds to the edge of the quilt. The understitch also assists in getting the binding to smoothly turn to the backside of the quilt.

### Cutting

From binding fabric:

Cut (2) squares 6" x 6"

Measure perimeter of quilt. Cut 2" WOF (width of fabric) strips to cover length. If a side is less 40", cut a single strip to avoid seams in the binding. If a side is longer than 40", join multiple strips together using a diagonal seam.

### Instructions

1. Cut each square in half diagonally creating (4) half square triangles.
2. Gently press under 1/4" along the diagonal edge of each triangle. Lightly handle the triangles to avoid stretching the shape.
3. Press under 1/4" on the long edge of the 2" strips. Set aside.
4. Place the quilt face up on a cutting mat. Position each fabric triangle wrong side up in each corner. Working one corner at a time, move the triangle from the topside of the quilt to the underside with edges visible (wrong side of triangle facing back side of quilt). Rotary cut straight edges of the triangle to match the shape of the quilt corner. After cutting, move the triangle back to the topside of the quilt corner. Repeat for each corner.
5. Pin triangles in place keeping the right side of the triangle fabric to the front side of the quilt.
6. Place the 2" strip wrong side up on one edge of the quilt top. The ends of the strip will layer on top of the triangle. Position the strip so the end goes just past the folded under edge of one side of the first triangle. Pin in place on top of the triangle. Position strip along the edge until it meets the next triangle. Cut the strip so the other end also goes just past the folded under edge of the next triangle. Pin end in place. Repeat for remaining three edges of the quilt.
7. Sew binding in place around the outside edge using a 1/4" seam allowance.
8. Press strips away from the quilt top. Understitch strip to the outside seam allowance. This will give a slight structure to the edge of the quilt. It also makes turning the binding to the backside of the quilt easier.
9. Clip each corner.
10. Turn the binding to the back of the quilt pushing out corners with a point turner.
11. Hand sew all four straight edges to the quilt back. Hand sew triangle edges to the quilt back.