

SIMPLE FACING TECHNIQUE FOR SMALL QUILTS

Do you have a small quilt that doesn't really need to have a binding showing? This is a simple and easy way to finish that quilt. Square up the quilt and edge stitch at about $1/8$ " from the outside edge. Then cut the following facing fabric:

- 4) squares approximately 4"; fold each once on the diagonal
- 4) 3" wide strips 3" shorter than sides of quilt; fold in half lengthwise with wrong sides together
 - * square quilt will have 4 equal strips, but rectangular ones will have 2 different lengths

On the front side of quilt lay the 4 folded squares on the corners with raw edges even and pin in place. On top of these squares, place the folded strips with raw edges matching the raw quilt edges. Center the strips approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the corners of quilt. All raw edges should be on the outer edge of the quilt and all folded edges toward the center of quilt.

Stitch with a $1/4$ " seam allowance all around the outer edge. Fold facing strips outward and stay stitch through the seam allowance near the stitching line. This will make the facing fold back more easily and keep it in place.

Fold entire facing to the back of quilt and carefully poke out corners. Press, making sure facing is not visible from the front of quilt. Then pin and hand stitch to back of quilt with a blind stitch.

