

Piped Binding

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Class Description –

Learn a binding technique that requires no hand stitching and adds pizzazz to any quilt. For class, a piece you have from practice quilting is fine (15” square). This is a learning piece, and a large quilt will be too much.

Resource -

“Grand Finale” DVD by Ricky Tims. Not required – but most students taking this class purchased it so they can watch the steps at home if they get hung up.

Supplies –

Fabric – In this technique, we can use fabric cut on the straight of grain rather than bias. Ideally, fabric is cut on lengthwise grain. If you have to piece fabric to make it long enough, use a bias seam.

****Before class, you could cut your strips in the size above so you can dive into sewing.

Measure sides of quilt; add 6” to each side. You’ll need –

Piping – fabric to cut strips 1” x determined length for each side

Binding – fabric to cut strips 3” x determined length for each side

I know you are wondering why I am asking for this width – trust me ☺

Quilted quilt – again – a small quilt is best!

Sewing Machine in good working order with power cord and foot control

- Every machine company makes a different foot to accommodate a fine cording. The Baby Lock 5-groove foot is very small. If there is a 3-groove consider that. Viking, use the C or piping foot. Pfaff the appliqué foot, Bernina the #31 5-groove pin tuck foot. Get your foot in advance!!! The foot must have a groove that runs from the front to the back of the foot.
- Standard foot (0 or 1 for most companies) with a hole that allows needle movement
- A foot with a clear view of the needle – on Bernina #37, ¼” piecing foot or #20.
- Edge stitch foot – allows you to stitch in the ditch between piping and binding. *Optional* but handy.

Thread for your bobbin that matches the quilting on the back of your quilt because it will show.

Thread for the top that blends well to hide between the piping and binding. 50 wt or finer.

Highly Suggest – Superior Vanish thread (water soluble).

Piping filling – We have Susan Cleveland’s cording in the store.

Other options – a lightweight cotton yarn, or DMC Pearl Cotton #3

Microtex 70 needles for machine are my preference – make sure you have a fresh needle.

Needle plate on your machine – make sure you have multi-use plate on, not single stitch.

Basic sewing supplies

Scissors (that can cut fabric), pins, seam ripper, tape measure.

Rotary cutting supplies

You will still need a rotary cutter and a cutting mat.

- *Susan Cleveland’s Piping Hot Binding Tool* – I love it. You could trim without it, not as handy.
- *Animas Quilts Binding Miter Tool* or a small square rotary ruler. The Animas tool comes with an illustrated guide to using the tool that students have found handy for use at home.

Portable pressing surface and iron (mini, traveling, whatever works for you)

Not vital in this class – I always recommend these. You’ll press binding over, probably on big ironing board, but your small iron could be handy when working on corners.

Pencil – you will receive a handout

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