

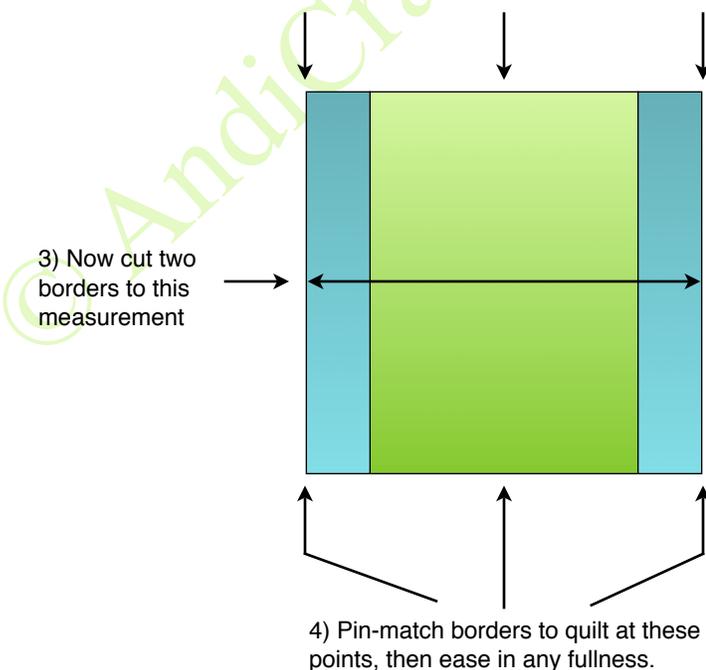
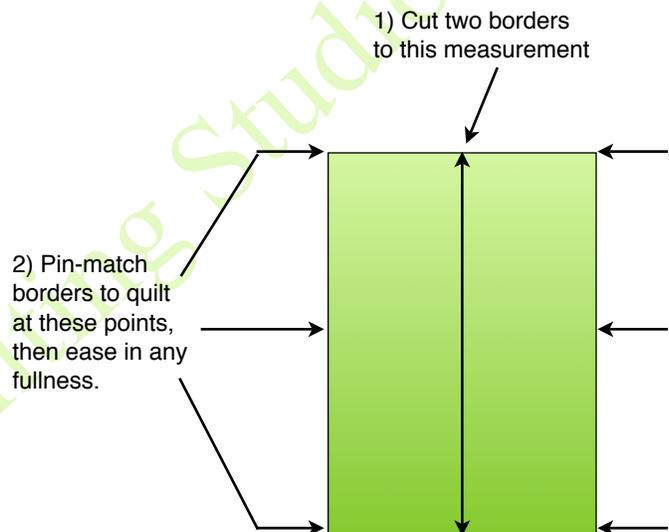
# How to Apply Borders

*Often as we piece a quilt, the edges may stretch. If you just add a border strip and cut off the excess, the outer borders will be too large for the interior of the quilt and your finished product will not lay square and flat. Follow these directions to get a flat quilt top every time!*

Square up your quilt top prior to adding borders.

Next, cut border strips the WIDTH specified in your pattern, but do not cut length until ready to apply. Lengthwise grain of fabric (parallel to the selvages) is the most stable, so you may wish to purchase enough yardage to cut your borders strips this way.

When ready to apply borders, measure your quilt from top to bottom through the center of the quilt. Cut 2 border strips to this length. Mark the center of the strips, and the center point of the quilt along the sides. Pin the borders to the quilt matching center points and each edge. Ease in any fabric as needed. Sew these borders to each side of the quilt and press away from the quilt.



Repeat the above process, this time measuring the quilt from left to right, including the side borders you just applied. Cut the top and bottom borders to this length, and apply as above.

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