

JOINING BORDER FABRICS PERFECTLY!

There are many reasons why you may wish to join fabric to make your borders.

1. The border required is only narrow and it seems a waste to buy a large quantity to only use a small portion on the side.
2. The shop only had a small quantity of the one you loved but there are enough repeats across the width to do what you need.

This method works equally well with joining any fabric if you don't have 'just enough'.

Cut the strips required making sure you have ample length...depending on the pattern repeat. It helps to work out where the pattern will need to be joined to make it continuous. I have illustrated a pattern repeat. You will need to be careful of this when calculating yardage



Method.

From the back of one strip find a point in the pattern that you can easily identify.

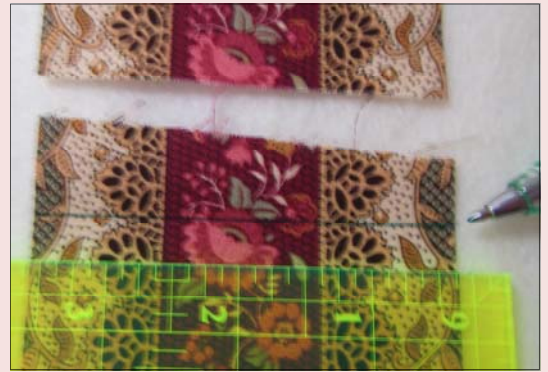
Carefully place a pin through this point.

Continue pinning through the exact point on the right side of the other strip. Secure.

Find another point horizontal to the first one (this will become your stitching line) and repeat.

For wide strips you made need to find a few points.

Ideally the pins should not be more than 1" apart.



Stitch carefully through these points. They should be horizontal and perpendicular to the edge of the strip.

If it helps draw a line before you start pinning.

Open up to see how you went matching the design.

If you are happy trim the seam to 1/4" and press seams open.

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