

MITRED CORNERS

A mitred corner gives a fantastic finish to a border and gives a lovely look especially when the eye can follow the border around. There are some basic instructions to follow that will hopefully give you success.

Method.

Match centres of your quilt top and your border.

Stitch two borders onto the quilt top on opposite sides, beginning and ending $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each end.

This will leave your seam allowance free.

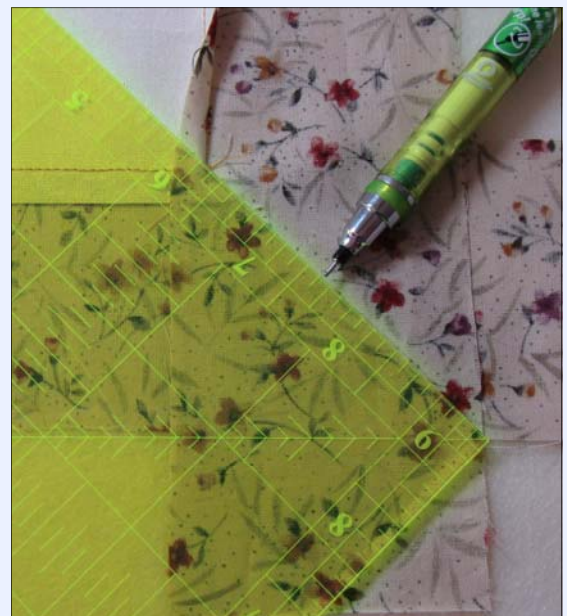
Stitch the remaining two borders on again beginning and ending $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each end. You should end up with the borders touching but still free.

Press all seams towards the border strips.

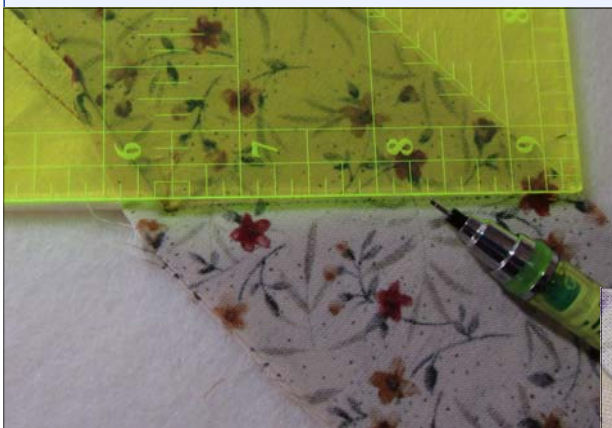
Place your quilt top face down on a flat surface and smooth out. Allow the border strips to cross over each other at the corners and lie flat.

Place a ruler with a 45 degree line on the outside edge of the border strip and parallel to stitching line on top.

Draw a pencil line across the border on top.



Now carefully fold the quilt top in half diagonally with the top borders now laying on top of each other. Make sure they are flat and square.



Pin along the drawn line.



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Carefully stitch along this line from the previous stitching but being careful not to catch any of the previous seams.



Open your seam and press open.
Don't be tempted to trim anything yet.

You can check that everything is square but placing a square ruler with a 45 degree line on the corner. The 45 degree line should sit on top of the seam. The outer edges should then line up perfectly with the square edges of the ruler.

Once you are happy with the results you can trim the seam allowance to a $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press well.

