

FINISHING THE QUILT

One final border is needed to finish the quilt. Learn Bonnie's trick for sizing borders. Whether you make one block or four blocks, you'll have a beautiful Last Roses of Summer quilt!

Sizing Borders Tip: To help keep the width of the border in scale with the center of the quilt, try using a dimension from the blocks used in the quilt. Divide the block size by 2, 3, 4, 5, etc. and lay fabric next to the quilt to find a width you like. Our finished block is 17 inches and that dimension was divided by 3 = 5.66, so 5" finished width was used for the outer border.

Border 2:

For Border 2, measure the edges of the quilt. Edge Measurement = _____.

Demonstration of how to calculate size to cut strips for mitered borders:

Mitered Border Cutting Formula:

Top and bottom borders = width of quilt + 2 times the finished width of border + 1" for seam allowances and fudge factor.

Width of quilt _____ + (2 x 5") + 1" = _____

Side borders = length of quilt + 2 times the finished width of border + 1" for seam allowances.

Length of quilt _____ + (2 x 5") + 1" = _____

Fold Border 2 and the quilt edges in half and mark the centers with straight pins. Pin the border to the quilt, starting in the center and working toward the corners, and sew with ¼" seam allowance. Add the other three borders, starting ¼" from the corner and ending ¼" from the next corner. Miter the corners to complete Border 2.

Assemble the Quilt:

Prepare the backing by sewing a 5½" wide strip to each side of the 42" section of backing fabric. (If your fabric is not 42" wide, adjust the width of the strips you sew on each side of the center backing piece.)

Layer the quilt and baste for quilting. Echo quilting, spaced about ½" apart, is used to emphasize the shape of the wreath. These simple lines add dimension to the quilt while letting the roses be the focal point.

Binding:

From a 20" x 25" rectangle, cut 2¼" bias strips to make 200 inches of bias binding. Join the strips and press the binding, wrong sides together. Sew the binding to the quilt, mitering the corners.



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Enjoy the compliments on your Roses of Summer quilt! Thank you for joining me for this AQS Let's Quilt: Beginners' Series with Bonnie class.

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