

FACING A QUILT

- Square up quilt- cut off all excess backing and batting.
- Cut 2 strips 2 " wide and just a little longer than the top and bottom of your quilt.
- Pin these strips (RightSidesTogether) to the top and bottom of your quilt, on the front. Using a ¼ " seam, stitch these strips edge to edge, then trim to the exact width of the quilt.
- Open out the facings and press flat, then fold to the back and carefully press.
- Open out facings and press ¼ " under on raw edge.
- Flip Top and Bottom facings back to front and pin flat.
- Cut 2 more 2 " facings, but make them 1" shorter than the sides of your quilt.
- Centre and pin (RST) on the sides of your quilt- on the front. They will be pinned over your Top and Bottom facings at each corner.
- Stitch from one edge of quilt to other edge (going past the fabric of side facings).
- Stitch at a 45 degree angle across each corner where your top and side seams meet (backstitch to ensure strength).
- Trim off corners just outside this angled stitching.
- Flip your side facings out, press flat, then fold to back and press seam. Press a ¼ " seam under on raw edges. Pin these two facings into place on the back of your quilt and then hand stitch.
- Use your fingers to push out each corner of the other two facings and flip to the back. Use an awl or chopstick or other tool to get a sharp corner.
- Handstitch last two facings in place.

For pictures of this method, go to <http://thesillyboodilly.blogspot.ca/2012/09/tutorial-super-duper-easy-way-to-face.html>

To have a look at the handout that Esther Clark used, try:

<http://www.mccallsquilting.com/blogs/blog/2015/08/25/tuesday-tutorial-finish-quilt-edges-with-facing-for-a-clean-crisp-look/>

Give it a try! Brenda Dagg