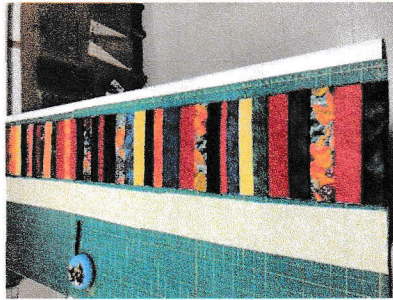
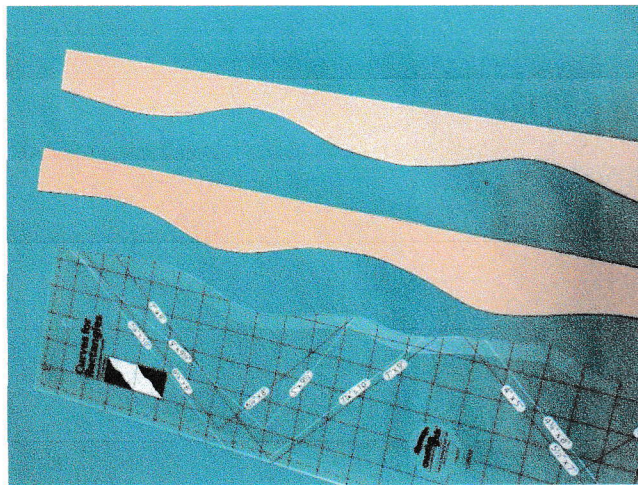


Simple Curved Border Construction

The border will have 2 components – an inner border and an outer border. These can be plain fabric or pieced with in piano key style or other linear design. My inner border was cut 4" wide and my piano key border was 8" wide. You must allow 1.5" – 2" extra on your border to allow for the overlap of the two fabrics.



Use lightweight cardboard to create a template for the curved edge using a curved ruler or by drawing free hand. Be sure there is at least 0.5" - 1" from the flat edge to the curved line.



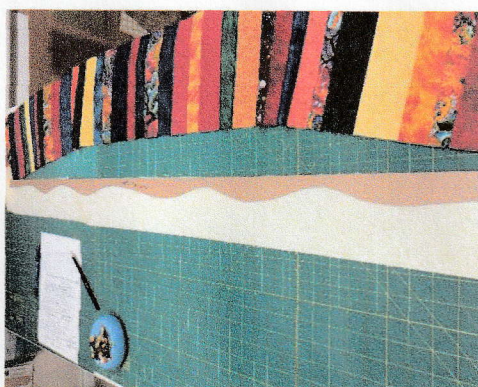
Cut your side borders and the end borders the same length as the quilt top. You will then create 4 cornerstones to fill in the corners and complete the borders. **MEASURE CAREFULLY.**

Work on the wrong side of your border fabrics for the next steps.

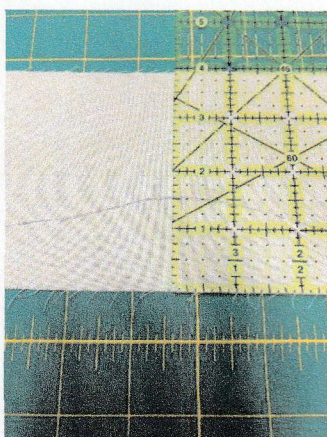
Mark the centre point on each inner border. Use the cardboard template to mark the curved line along the length of the border. Place the straight edge of the template along the straight edge of the fabric.



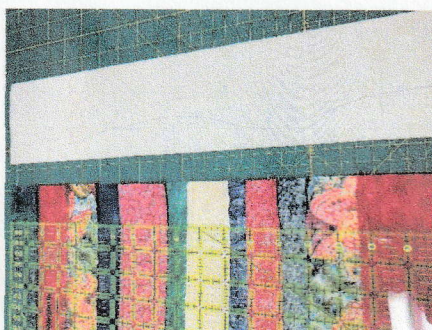
Using the curved template, mark the curved line with pencil. It will not show when you are done.



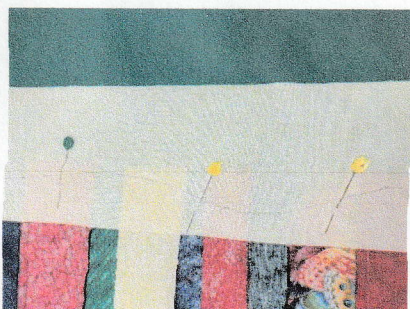
Measure the height of your curved line. You must use this measurement to decide where to locate the inner border when you put it on the outer border. You must measure carefully and leave a little extra in the overlap area.



I aligned my ruler at the 6.25" mark and then aligned the straight edge of my inner border with that. This kept everything straight.



Once your inner border is in place, pin carefully so it cannot slip out of place. Remember you are working on the wrong side of your border.



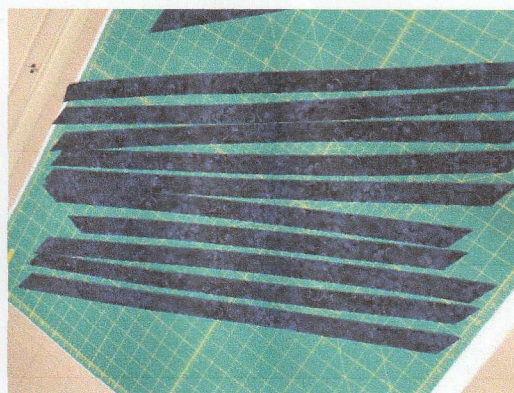
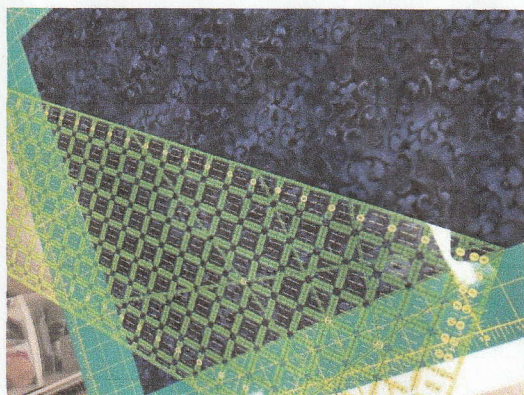
Sew ON THE CURVED LINE with 2.5 stitch length. (Easier to remove if need be.) Do this for all 4 sides.



Carefully trim the top border on the right side where it meets the inner border leaving a 1/4" seam on the right side. Use a pair of small sharp scissors for this and be very careful not to cut the inner border.



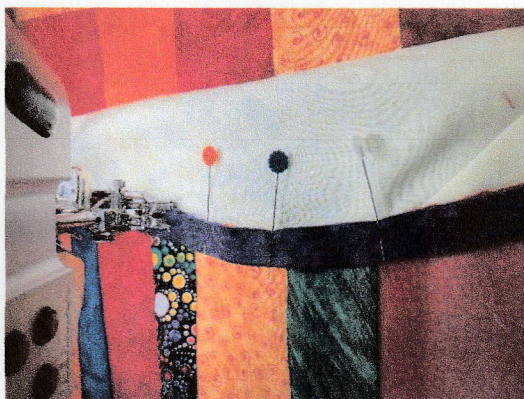
Bias trim – Cut your bias strips 1.25" – 1.5" wide. If you are not sure, do a sample first to see what you like best.



Join your pieces into one long bias strip.

Press in half on the long side. **DO NOT STRETCH YOUR BIAS. DO NOT USE STEAM.**

Align your bias strip along the trimmed edge of the curved seam and pin carefully as you go.



Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam with a 2.0 stitch length. Trim away any little excess out border pieces that might show afterward.

Fold and press the bias strip so it covers the raw edge.

Machine applique the folded edge to the quilt border using a blanket stitch.



Corners

The corners can be pieced or plain blocks. If you want to continue the bias line around the corner, you have to do some very careful calculations to make it work. I created my whole block first and inset it at the last step.

