

April 2021 ~ On the Border A Facing Technique for Irregular Shaped Quilts

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This month we are highlighting a facing technique to finish an irregular shaped quilt or wall hanging/art piece.

- 1. Finish the front/top of your project. Layer, sandwich and quilt.
- 2. Cut a well ironed piece of what will be the facing fabric slightly larger than the size of the top. Suggestion: If facing fabric is similar in colour to the top fabric edges will not be as visible.
- 3. Place facing fabric on top of project, with right sides together. Pin, then stitch with ¼ seam all around. Check to make sure all layers are stitched.
- 4. Trim excess fabric from facing fabric. Clip curves and valleys.

- 5. Chose from the following options:
- **A. Carefully** cut a slit in the backing, large enough to turn the piece right side out. Suggestion, make the slit where the hanging sleeve will cover it.

Front

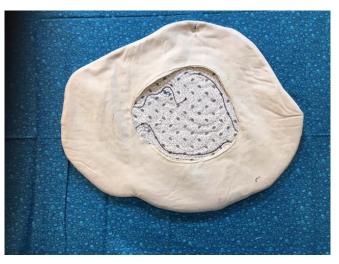




OR

B. Carefully cut away a portion of the backing from the centre of your project leaving at least 2 inches (more is better).







- 6. Press, turn and press again.
- 7. Hand stitch the unfinished edges or the slit on the facing.
- 8. If adding 3-D effects, add them now.

All photos are projects completed by Lois MacPherson.



Front





The following video on YouTube may help you with this technique:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1LhcyyTXSk

Facing an Art Quilt with uneven edges. Part 2, With Robin from RsIsland Crafts.

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