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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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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



Back



OR

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



Front



Back

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



Back

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1LhcyTXSk>

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

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