

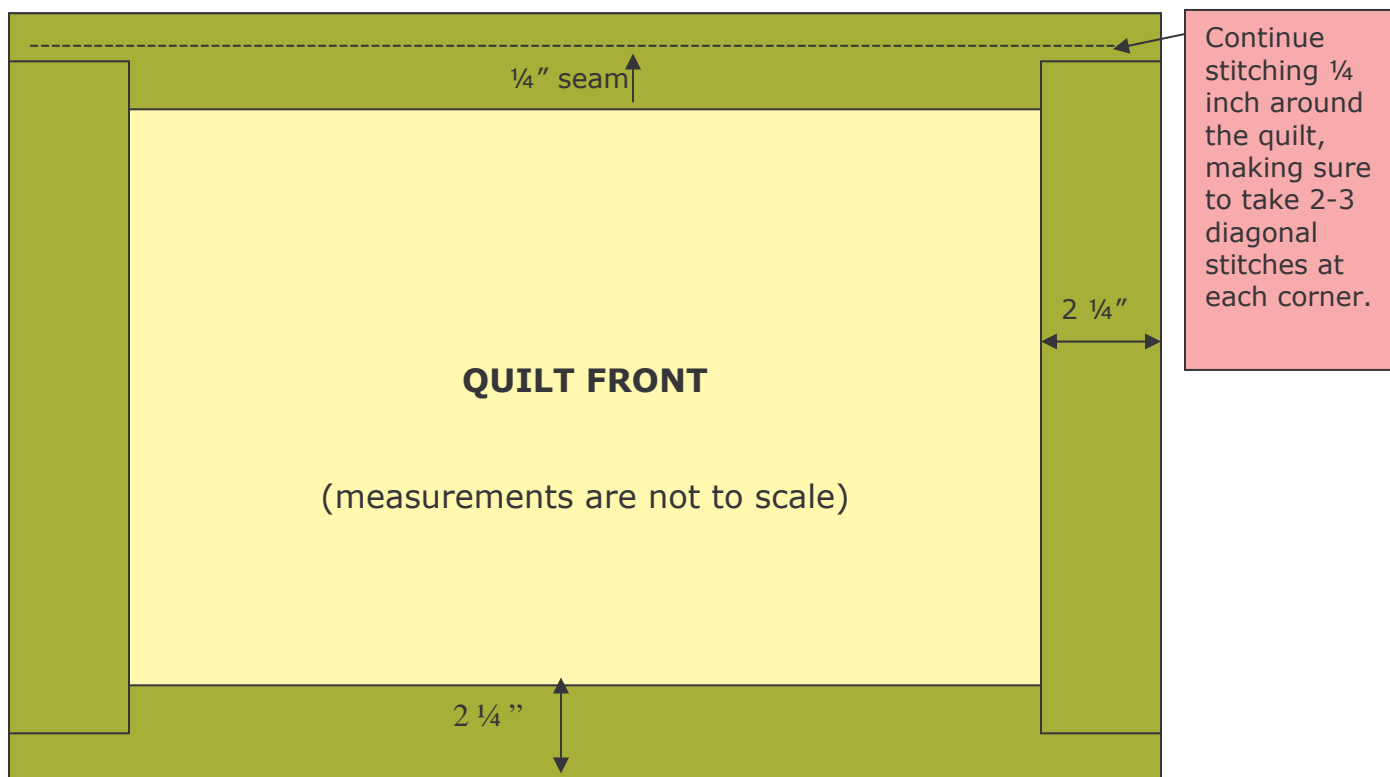
How to Face Your Quilt

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1. Square up your quilt.
2. Lay down your batted and backed quilt face up. Measure all four sides carefully.
3. Cut 2 ½ inch strips of fabric the length of two sides of the quilt (or slightly longer) – either width or length will work.
4. Press under ¼ inch of each length of 2 ½ inch strip.
5. Lay these two strips on the sides you measured face down on front of quilt & pin into place.
6. Cut 2 ½ inch strips of fabric for other dimension (in this case the width), 2 inches shorter than the width of quilt and press under ¼ inch of each width strip.
7. Lay these width strips on the sides, overlapping the length strips by 1 inch on each end.
8. Make sure all four sides are pinned carefully, and trim off any excess of the strips that extend beyond the sides of the quilt.
9. Sew ¼ inch seam around all four sides.
10. Take 2-3 diagonal stitches as you turn the corners. (This will make the corners lie flatter & look neater when the facing is turned to the back side of the quilt.)
11. Trim seam being especially careful to trim at corners.
12. Turn facings to back side of quilt and press.
13. Sew facing down by hand and press again.
14. You have now faced your quilt and it looks lovely!

The point of this method is that you avoid multiple thicknesses in the corners making it much easier to turn and making the corners flat and square.

OPTIONAL – You may use Wonder Under (WU) to fuse your facings down. However, I have found that if you have used WU to fuse your top or your backing to the batting, you will end up with a stiffer quilt. I much prefer the softness of hand stitching. You can, however, use just a narrow strip of WU or Stitch Witchery on the edge of the facings and avoid the stiff feeling.



Note – I've done this in Word and can't figure out how to make a diagonal mark in the corners for the stitching...so just do it.... Be sure to do the facings before you put on the sleeve.