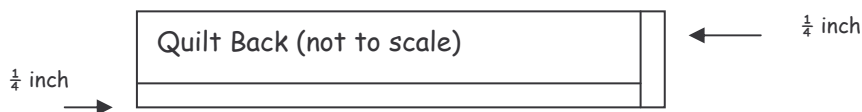


THE ESCAPE HATCH FINISH

Melody Johnson's (<http://fibermania.blogspot.com> Miraculous Method for the No Binding Finish with Additional Tips from Rita Faussonne

- ◆ Melody says this only works well with fused, wall-sized quilts. I agree with the wall-sized quilts statement, but have found that as long as you fuse the front of your quilt (no matter what its construction technique) to the batting, it will work well. I pieced a quilt, applied wonder-under and then used this method and it worked fine. However, it's not a good idea to use this technique for anything other than wall quilts.
- ◆ If you are embellishing your quilt with beads, etc., do this after Wonder-Undering the front to the batting.
- ◆ Use Hobbs 80/20 batting, as it has no web structure in it which would show on the quilt front when fused.
- ◆ Use Wonder-Under only.
- ◆ You can do your quilting after fusing the front to the batting (my favorite since no nasty thread nests show on the back), or you can wait until the quilt is turned and then quilt as usual. If you quilt before turning, you may need to do some quilting after turning to hold the front and back together more securely.

1. Wonder-under the completed front directly onto the batting. Square up the front/batting piece and measure it accurately. Cut your backing piece to the same size as the front, and then trim off $\frac{1}{4}$ inch any two **adjacent** sides of the backing piece.



2. Cut strip(s) of wonder-under 3 inches wide, by width of your quilt, less a couple of inches, i.e., if your quilt is 30 inches wide, cut your wonder-under 3 x 28. Apply strip of wonder-under to inside of backing, approximately 2 inches down from the top. (Depending on the size of your quilt, you will adjust all of these measurements to fit.) If you are doing a larger wall hanging, you will need to apply one or two more pieces of wonder-under to your quilt back in approximate thirds. Make a horizontal cut in the center of the top strip of wonder-under across the strip approximately 26". **Do not remove the wonder-under paper!**

3. Sandwich your quilt like this:

- Quilt back, right side facing you.
- Front/batting of quilt, with right side of quilt facing in.

4. Pin your quilt sandwich together easing slightly since the back is a smidgy smaller than the front. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam all the way around. Trim the seams, particularly at the corners.

5. Reach inside the slit and turn your quilt right side out. **Do not remove the wonder-under paper!** Press the quilt top thoroughly, making certain to roll the edges of the front toward the back so that the backing fabric is not visible on the front. Pay special attention to the corners.

6. When you are satisfied with the way your quilt looks, reach inside of the slit and pull the backing paper off of all the strips of the wonder-under. Press wonder-under down securely.

7. Now is the time to do any additional quilting or application of any other embellishments that you wish.

8. Prepare your sleeve & hand stitch sleeve down. You're done! The sleeve covers the slit in the backing....making the whole thing a miracle!