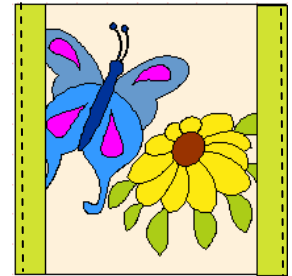


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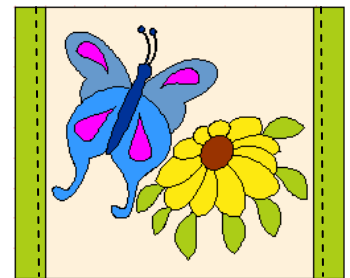
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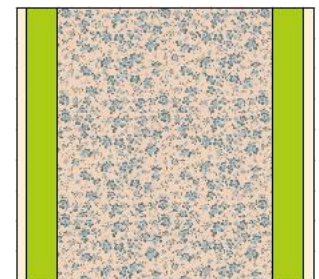
1. Square off quilt. If a particular size is required, then allow 1/2" per side seam, or 1" larger than desired size. Determine which are the sides, top and bottom of the quilt.
2. Cut two 2" strips, the same length as the sides of the quilt.
3. Place the facing on the front side of the quilt. Using a walking foot, sew the facing on. I use the width of the foot as my guide, which is about 3/8". Do this to both sides.
4. Fold facing away from the quilt (toward the seam allowance. Using the walking foot again, sew about 1/4" away from the seam, being sure to top stitch over the facing and catching the seam allowance. If you miss the seam allowance, you will have mysterious forces working against you!) While sewing, also pull gently on the facing away from the quilt to keep the work flat without pleats or other things. Repeat for the other side.
5. Turn the raw edge of the facing to the wrong side, about 1/4", and press or finger press.
6. On one side, roll the whole facing to the back of the quilt. Roll it about 1/8" beyond the seam to ensure that the facing is NOT visible from the front. If your batting is cotton, or 80/20, press well. Polyester batting does not handle pressing, as it compacts. Pin close to the edge to hold it in position. Then re-pin at the turned edge of the facing. Hand stitch the turned edge to the back of your quilt. Repeat on the other side, checking to be sure the piece is the correct width before you hand stitch.
7. I usually cut about 5" wide for the top, 2" wide for the bottom, to make the sleeve for the quilt. The strips should be about 3" longer than the measurement of the top and bottom. (Holding it up and guessing 3" is good for me!) Turn the ends 1/4" to the wrong side and stitch.



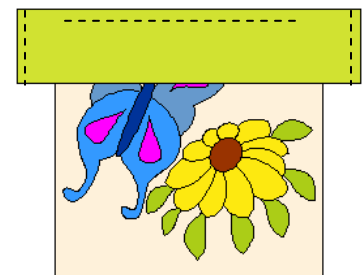
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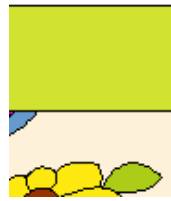
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8. Center the strip for the top on the quilt. Start stitching the facing about 1" from the end of the quilt. Sew until you are about 2" from the end.

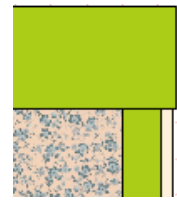
9. Fold the end back to the back of the quilt, giving a bit of a tug as you round the corner without rumpling up the quilt. This ensures the facing does not hang over when you fold things back.



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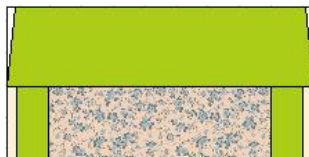
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Finish the seam. Flip the quilt over and sew the beginning shut, pulling the facing towards the back of the quilt

just a tad as above. Turn the facing to the back of the quilt, and check to be sure that the facing is smooth to the edge of the quilt. If not, rip and fix it now.

10. Turn facing back to the right side of the quilt and top stitch as you did for the sides. You will probably not be able to stitch all the way to the corners. Turn to the back of the quilt again.

11. The fold back you did in Step 7 is now loose. You may leave it loose, or you may stitch it down. If you stitch it down, fold the bottom edge just a bit toward the quilt so that it is not even with the edge. Stitch so that it will not catch the edge of the hanging rod when it is inserted. Don't stitch the ends closed!



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12. Finish the facing as you did in Step 6. Repeat for the bottom, checking to be sure that the measurements are correct. If you leave the ends on the bottom open, you can insert another rod, to help your wall hanging hang correctly.

13. You are done! Label, and you are on to the next project.