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Q6 What is your favorite way to finish the binding? I.e. how do you join the ends together? If you have a favorite tutorial, please share it here.

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#	Responses	Date
1	I use a method by Darlene Zimmerman which creates a diagonal seam.	6/21/2014 10:15 AM
2	I make a Little bag in the beginning, cut the binding in the end and put it in - no measuring	6/21/2014 10:11 AM
3	Cut 45 degree angles at end of strips, then join.	6/21/2014 7:23 AM
4	Angle whenever possible	6/21/2014 6:33 AM
5	I have a cheat sheet my quilting store gave me during lessons. It's the only way I know how.	6/21/2014 5:35 AM
6	Red Pepper Quilts tutorial works like a charm for joining the two ends together!	6/21/2014 5:16 AM
7	"Rotary Magic" by Nancy Johnson-Srebro	6/20/2014 10:49 PM
8	I think it's the Fons and Porter method - overlap the two ends by the width of the binding. If I have cut the binding 2 1/4", I overlap the ends that much. Then I take the ends and put them RST at a 45" angle and stitch across. It's hard to describe but I like that the final seam is a bias seam - less lumpy.	6/20/2014 9:31 PM
9	Slanted	6/20/2014 8:15 PM
10	Join ends with the same 45 degree cut/sew. Like in this tute: http://www.canoeidgecreations.com/2013/02/double-fold-binding-tutorial-part-one.html	6/20/2014 7:59 PM
11	Seems like I try something different every time.	6/20/2014 7:29 PM
12	I use a method described in Quilting Modern. I don't know if that is a common way to join them or not and I don't really know how to describe it, but it works great!	6/20/2014 6:59 PM
13	On the angle	6/20/2014 4:09 PM
14	I like Jaybird Quilts tutorial in the Skip the Borders book	6/20/2014 3:45 PM
15	cut so the two stripes overlap by 2.5, line right sides perpendicularly, sew diagonally and trim, then flip the binding over attach.	6/20/2014 2:29 PM
16	I thought it was pretty standard to attach the ends at 45 degrees. I haven't done it any other way.	6/20/2014 1:00 PM
17	The same angle join that I use to join binding strips.	6/20/2014 12:15 PM
18	Love the book Happy Endings by Mimi Dietrich, it's my go to for binding!	6/20/2014 12:05 PM
19	If bias, on a diagonal, if straight of grain, with a simple 1/4" seam.	6/20/2014 11:57 AM
20	pray, pinch, mark, sew and pray some more. i've tried a bunch of different way, but nothing seems to work easily for me yet.	6/20/2014 11:45 AM
21	Diagonal	6/20/2014 10:18 AM
22	jaybird quilts method	6/20/2014 10:17 AM
23	Straight edge together is too bulky for my machine. I use a mustered join now.	6/20/2014 9:57 AM
24	I google it every time because I always screw it up!	6/20/2014 9:37 AM
25	I use the continuous binding technique.	6/20/2014 9:31 AM
26	My least favorite part until I discover the Missouri Star Quilting binding tool and their tutorial.	6/20/2014 7:52 AM
27	I usually just wing it.	6/20/2014 7:43 AM

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28	I use the Red Pepper Quilts binding method to join the ends. I was trying a different method on every quilt before I found that tutorial!	6/20/2014 7:39 AM
29	When I've got about a 10" gap left to bind I stop attaching. I cut each side of the binding on the diagonal, one 0.5" longer than the other, accounting for the SA on both sides. I sew together the ends, press (or finger press), and sew onto the quilt.	6/20/2014 7:27 AM
30	http://www.52quilts.com/2012/05/tuesday-tutorial-susies-magic-binding.html	6/20/2014 7:25 AM
31	http://patsloan.typepad.com/quiltershome/pat-sloan-machine-binding-tutorial.html	6/20/2014 6:48 AM
32	mollyflanders.blogspot.com/2010/08/tutorial-french-bindingoohlala.html	6/20/2014 6:41 AM
33	On the slant...it took "literally" several years to figure out how to figure it out! :-))	6/20/2014 6:28 AM
34	I avoid anything to do with hand stitching. So machine binding it is!	6/20/2014 6:27 AM
35	diagonal joins, even to bring the ends together	6/20/2014 6:19 AM
36	http://liketosew.blogspot.com/2013/06/quilt-binding.html	6/20/2014 5:57 AM
37	Mitered	6/20/2014 5:49 AM
38	Usually a straight seam.	6/20/2014 5:46 AM
39	The binding tool by missouri quilt co.	6/20/2014 5:27 AM
40	Ugh! I use the binding tool from the Missouri Star company but I hate it. It works most of the time but I still hate it.	6/20/2014 4:59 AM
41	45 degree angle	6/20/2014 4:57 AM
42	On the bias.	6/20/2014 4:32 AM
43	Just sew together, looking for better way	6/20/2014 4:31 AM
44	I love the bias and finally found an excellent rite thanks to Instagram. I found canoe ridge creations double fold binding.	6/20/2014 4:21 AM
45	Don't know where I read it first, but I trim the ends straight to size so they overlap by the width of the strip. Then I overlap the ends, sew on the diagonal just like joining strips to make the binding. Then trim seam allowances and attach to the quilt.	6/20/2014 3:59 AM
46	Fons and Porter tool - it makes the process so easy! I've tried many other methods and this one works best for me to get a bias join without bias edges to sew.	6/20/2014 3:43 AM
47	Overlap by width and sew together on 45 deg. Instructions in denise schmidts book	6/20/2014 2:18 AM
48	The tried and true overlap the two end of the binding by the width of the binding. Sew at the 45 degree angle press and sew it down	6/20/2014 2:14 AM
49	just cut it and sew it together (with a 90° angle).	6/20/2014 1:31 AM
50	It's always a mess, I just can't do it!	6/20/2014 1:29 AM
51	Just straight overlap	6/20/2014 1:24 AM
52	join the ends with the fons and porter binding ruler gadget	6/20/2014 1:08 AM
53	I finish them with a straight seam, but am going to try with a diagonal one next time. I hand stitch the binding down on the reverse of the quilt.	6/20/2014 1:05 AM
54	Straight join.	6/20/2014 1:04 AM
55	I used to just fold it into itself and hand sew. But I like the method Jeni baker does in her machine binding tutorial.	6/20/2014 12:51 AM
56	Mitre cut the ends before joining	6/20/2014 12:22 AM
57	On an angle. It is fussy but I think it is stronger.	6/20/2014 12:18 AM
58	I prefer the continuous method. I refer to Heather Bailey's tutorial (I keep a print out with my sewing stuff).	6/19/2014 11:45 PM
59	So it's continuous, ie. join it to itself away from the quilt	6/19/2014 11:10 PM

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60	http://www.canoeridgecreations.com/2013/02/double-fold-binding-tutorial-part-one.html I finally understood how to join with 45 degree angle.	6/19/2014 11:09 PM
61	I use Rita's tutorial from red pepper quilts. Works like a charm every time	6/19/2014 10:46 PM
62	that's always the difficult decision - depends on my mood of the day - I prefer a diagonal finish	6/19/2014 10:40 PM
63	I used the TQM Products Binding Tool and the Missouri Star Quilt Co video tut for ages, but for some reason I'd end up with some excess length sometimes. So I've started just doing a straight seam there, by overlapping the ends 1/2". Not thrilled with that solution, so I look forward to hearing what tigers say about this!	6/19/2014 10:39 PM
64	I use a special binding ruler	6/19/2014 10:35 PM
65	Learned binding from a YouTube video (like I learned quilting in general). I guess it's called invisible finish.	6/19/2014 10:29 PM
66	I join with the angled seam, and often use the binding tool.	6/19/2014 10:00 PM
67	i have no idea how i came across this tutorial, but i use it every time i bind: http://heatherbailey.typepad.com/photos/continuous_quiltbinding/	6/19/2014 9:59 PM
68	On an angle	6/19/2014 9:59 PM
69	Straight or diagonal to match, depends on what I'm binding.	6/19/2014 9:37 PM
70	I cut the tails the width of the binding.	6/19/2014 9:17 PM
71	I used to join on the diagonal, but now I do it straight because I'm making quilts for our home, not shows, and no one will be judging my non-diagonal join:) It just seems a bit easier to match up the two ends, find the point where they lie flattest on the quilt top, pin the excess quilt out of the way, and sew a straight line down to join the two ends.	6/19/2014 9:10 PM
72	I use a diagonal join. I've seen lots of tutorials but have figured out my own way & it works out perfectly every time	6/19/2014 8:32 PM
73	The way my mom taught me. ILY!	6/19/2014 8:26 PM
74	I still haven't figured that out!	6/19/2014 8:06 PM
75	I think it was a Cluck Cluck sew tutorial...	6/19/2014 7:57 PM
76	I join my ends on an angle. Since I frequently cut the strips on a bias, that would be joining them on the straight grain of the fabric. I fold and press the binding strips in half and machine sew raw edges to the top side of the quilt. Frequently, I press that seam open before whip stitching it on the back side of the quilt.	6/19/2014 7:37 PM
77	I do use Amanda Jean Nyberg's method from her book Sunday Morning quilts	6/19/2014 7:36 PM
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79	Join the ends with a miter at each corner.	6/19/2014 7:25 PM
80	At a 45 degree angle.	6/19/2014 7:20 PM
81	Always searching for a 'good' way.	6/19/2014 7:17 PM
82	Sew four separate strips to the quilt. Machine sew a miter at each of the four corners. The tutorial is on my www. FlourishingPalms.blogspot.com	6/19/2014 7:16 PM
83	Sharon Schamber glue method. Couldn't paste the link	6/19/2014 7:15 PM
84	I use the binding method from the book Transparency Quilts by Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr	6/19/2014 7:13 PM
85	I cut the end off where the ends meet plus the width of binding. I then join on an angle.	6/19/2014 7:13 PM
86	Red Pepper Quilts tutorial	6/19/2014 7:10 PM
87	Join in 45 degree angles	6/19/2014 7:08 PM
88	I join the strips with an angle.	6/19/2014 7:04 PM
89	Continuous bias	6/19/2014 6:59 PM
90	On the diagonal.	6/19/2014 6:54 PM

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91	Diagonal seam. Almost have a tute ready...next week on my Kwilty Pleasures blog	6/19/2014 6:52 PM
92	The first quilt I made was following a purlbee.com pattern so I still make my binding that way.	6/19/2014 6:49 PM
93	On the diagonal. I was taught in person so I don't have a favorite tutorial.	6/19/2014 6:46 PM
94	I use the kiss, triwst and wiggle technique. http://www.quiltqua.com/articles/what-secret-making-sure-your-seam-where-it-needs-be-so-your-quilt-binding-lays-flat-when-you-join-en/	6/19/2014 6:44 PM
95	Diagonal	6/19/2014 6:38 PM
96	I used to just line it up and pin test until it was the way I wanted it. Then, a friend shared this tutorial and I'm hooked. I do it slightly differently, but she captured all the basics on her blog.	6/19/2014 6:29 PM
97	Just overlap	6/19/2014 6:27 PM
98	I cut the end I sew down to the quilt first on a 45 degree angle and press over 1/4". When I get back around to where I started I insert the loose end into the finished end I started with and stitch over the end of my start point.	6/19/2014 6:24 PM
99	I guess it is called the "tucked" method. I learned it from a Sandy Bonsib book a long time ago.	6/19/2014 6:09 PM
100	I join the ends on the diagonal .	6/19/2014 6:01 PM
101	Mitered. I use the method from Fons & Porter ' s Complete Guide.	6/19/2014 6:00 PM
102	I do it the same way Rita, Red Pepper Quilts, does!	6/19/2014 5:59 PM
103	http://www.incolororder.com/2011/07/warm-cool-quilt-along-binding.html	6/19/2014 5:55 PM
104	At a diagonal going the same direction as any other joins in the binding	6/19/2014 5:51 PM
105	I don't cut at an angle, but I sew a comer to comer at the straight edge and trim after so they have a 45 deg angle	6/19/2014 5:51 PM
106	Invisible...there are many tutorials that show this. Missouri Star is one place.	6/19/2014 5:51 PM
107	I wing it. Feed the in to the original fold and hand stitch closed.	6/19/2014 5:50 PM
108	Joining the ends with a diagonal seam to match how I pieced the strips.	6/19/2014 5:43 PM
109	Diagonal..I have an old lessons tom from Quiltmaker '05 that I put in a sleeve. Never need to look anymore but its my security blanket. For online tutorials Julie Herman of Jaybirdquilts has terrific ones.	6/19/2014 5:43 PM
110	Butting up a meeting point and stitching together.	6/19/2014 5:42 PM
111	In color order tutorial. Just sew ends together end to end no diagonal sewing	6/19/2014 5:40 PM
112	Red pepper quilts tutorial rocks my world :)	6/19/2014 5:39 PM
113	I just started joining using Julie (Jaybird Quilts)'s perfect binding tutorial. I love how you can't tell where the binding starts or ends! http://www.jaybirdquilts.com/2010/01/perfect-binding-tutorial.html	6/19/2014 5:38 PM
114	I use the binding tutorial from Red Pepper Quilts to join my binding. Definitely prefer joining on the bias.	6/19/2014 5:32 PM
115	On the bias at the end. I thin Monika on My Sweet Prairie has a good one.	6/19/2014 5:31 PM
116	Diagonal seams	6/19/2014 5:28 PM
117	Aimee Griffin's method	6/19/2014 5:27 PM
118	Whatever wastes the least amount of fabric	6/19/2014 5:21 PM
119	Leaving about 8 in unsewn on each end, I overlap binding by the width of my binding and cut excess. I put the ends together as if I am sewing strips together to make binding (on bias). I make sure the binding fits, then trim. Press seam allowance, fold bias and align with quilt edge. Sew unsewn section using the same seam allowance you started with.	6/19/2014 5:20 PM
120	bias or angle cuts	6/19/2014 5:15 PM
121	Jay bird quilts tutorial	6/19/2014 5:12 PM
122	I join the binding end to end	6/19/2014 5:03 PM

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123	Fons and Porter binding tool	6/19/2014 5:01 PM
124	Liz Porter's lumpless finish	6/19/2014 5:01 PM
125	I use Jinny Beyer's method which is described in her hand quilting book.	6/19/2014 4:59 PM
126	Overlap ends 2.5 inches, trim and join on the diagonal.	6/19/2014 4:59 PM
127	At an angle. Unless I'm lazy. Then straight.	6/19/2014 4:54 PM
128	I put it end to end. I did a tutorial on my blog recently about how I do it.	6/19/2014 4:43 PM
129	I open the binding near the end, butt the loose ends together and join with a seam before re folding the binding and stitching it on.	6/19/2014 4:34 PM
130	I like to just do straight. I mark it and sew a straight line. Sometimes, if I am hand quilting, I will overlap.	6/19/2014 4:30 PM
131	I'd say cluck cluck sew's tutorial on machine binding is the closest to what I usually do. here's a secret, I just cut them both straight and sew them together, pressing seams open to reduce bulk.	6/19/2014 4:22 PM
132	I just fold and tuck one end into the other then finish stitching.	6/19/2014 4:21 PM
133	Diagonal/Bumpless join. I learned it from my big book of quilting (Better Homes and Gardens, maybe?), but it goes like this one: http://www.connectingthreads.com/tutorials/Bumpless_Binding_Finishing_Trick__D41.html	6/19/2014 4:20 PM
134	Mitre the ends together.	6/19/2014 4:17 PM
135	Sharon Chambers binding video on you tube	6/19/2014 4:15 PM
136	I join them together along the straight edge. Camille Roskelley has a tutorial I refer to from time to time.	6/19/2014 4:14 PM
137	I use Sharon Schamber's YouTube tutorial - quilt the angel	6/19/2014 4:13 PM
138	Tuck the end in.	6/19/2014 4:12 PM
139	I just do a straight seam	6/19/2014 4:08 PM
140	I like the tutorial from Elizabeth Hartman of Oh Fransson.	6/19/2014 3:45 PM
141	No, I don't know of a favorite tutorial...	6/19/2014 3:45 PM
142	The technique from Sunday Morning Quilts.	6/19/2014 3:41 PM
143	I attach them together on a 45 degree slant.	6/19/2014 3:40 PM
144	Overlap	6/19/2014 3:32 PM
145	Attach it by machine, press away from the top, fold it over, press again, hem by hand	6/19/2014 3:30 PM
146	Cut one end 1/2 inch longer than necessary at a 45 degree angle and sewed together.	6/19/2014 3:22 PM
147	On a diagonal seam. When I overlap my ends to trim the excess, I subtract 1/4 inch so it will fit tightly enough (2.5 inch width, but I overlap 2.25 to trim excess) and then do a diagonal seam.	6/19/2014 3:12 PM
148	I join ends together diagonally.	6/19/2014 2:59 PM
149	Angled	6/19/2014 2:47 PM
150	tuck the end in if its a quilt for me. I do know how to join the ends properly from a tutorial I got at a class about twenty years ago! It is all hand written and drawn. The teacher was Di Ford!	6/19/2014 2:46 PM
151	joined either on diagonal or blunt	6/19/2014 2:36 PM
152	Diagonally so that you can't tell where it ends. I originally learned this from a book - I think maybe Fons & Porter.	6/19/2014 2:30 PM
153	i join them at an angle.	6/19/2014 2:29 PM
154	I use Patrick Lose's tutorial on bias binding and regular bindings.	6/19/2014 2:28 PM
155	I do the thing where the beginning of the binding (which is diagonal) is folded over to have a finished edge, and at the end, I sew the tail so it overlaps the beginning, and when the binding is folded over, the raw edge is covered.	6/19/2014 2:15 PM

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156	Recently started joining on the diagonal using this tutorial: http://www.mccallsquilting.com/mccallsquilting/articles/Quilt_Binding___Joining_the_Ends Has worked awesome every time so far but is really tricky on a mini quilt!!	6/19/2014 2:05 PM
157	I used to do the tuck/fold, then butting ends, but lately, on the diagonal so it matches the other binding seams.	6/19/2014 2:01 PM
158	I sew the tails together at an angle.	6/19/2014 2:01 PM
159	Wrap	6/19/2014 2:00 PM
160	I finish my binding by sewing it in straight line across after trimming to the right length. I want to try the angle method to reduce the bulk, but I'm going to have to sit down at my machine and figure out how exactly that works.	6/19/2014 1:59 PM
161	Straight line seam when I get to the end	6/19/2014 1:54 PM
162	Machine sew on right side, hand sew to back. Ends are sewn on the diagonal. I follow Mimi Dietrich (Happy Endings) method.	6/19/2014 1:52 PM
163	Susie's Magic Binding! http://www.52quilts.com/2012/05/tuesday-tutorial-susies-magic-binding.html	6/19/2014 1:50 PM
164	Attach the two ends with a diagonal seam (exactly how the binding itself gets seamed) - I learned this technique from the Dread Pirate Shelley Rodgers years ago, from the tutorial "Joining the ends of Double-fold binding, version 2" :D	6/19/2014 1:44 PM
165	Folded end is easiest but I like the look I get with "the binding tool "	6/19/2014 1:38 PM
166	Miter...however, in response to the binding cut, I cut my binding with the selvedge edge of the material, not across the width of fabric.	6/19/2014 1:37 PM
167	Cut one end longer than the other one by the width of the binding. Then joining them diagonally (Sorry, difficult to explain for me en english!)	6/19/2014 1:28 PM
168	I just started doing it this way and I love it! http://www.incolororder.com/2011/07/warm-cool-quilt-along-binding.html	6/19/2014 1:18 PM
169	I use the "Ultimate Binding Tool" I LOVE that thing!!!	6/19/2014 1:11 PM
170	Straight, not at an angle because I am lazy.	6/19/2014 1:09 PM
171	Use bias tape tool to press binding and Fons & Porter tool to join ends	6/19/2014 1:08 PM
172	I leave 5-6 inches at the start, and then join with the end at a diagonal. I still need practice on this!	6/19/2014 1:08 PM
173	Just a straight seam. I'm not very good at doing the diagonal seam thinger	6/19/2014 1:06 PM
174	The ends diagonally	6/19/2014 1:00 PM
175	I don't know	6/19/2014 1:00 PM
176	I join the ends straight.	6/19/2014 12:58 PM