

DEEZIGNER QUILTS ...nothing but quilts!

Technique Sheet 6

Attaching Borders

Borders cannot simply be cut and attached to quilts and the remaining overhang trimmed from the edge!

Precise measurements need to be applied to ensure your project is square and hangs straight.

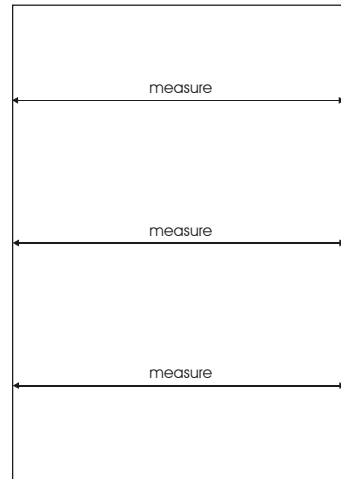
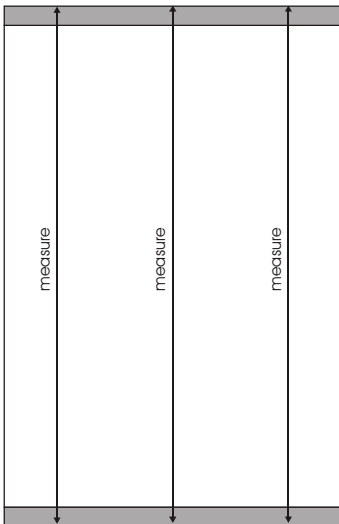
This technique describes a "long horizontal" method i.e. the side borders are applied last. The same techniques apply if a "long horizontal" finish is desired.

With the quilt top relaxed but flat on a surface, measure the quilt top in three places along the width. DO NOT measure the raw edges; take the tape in a little way.

From these three measurements calculate an average. This will be the measurement for both the top and bottom borders.

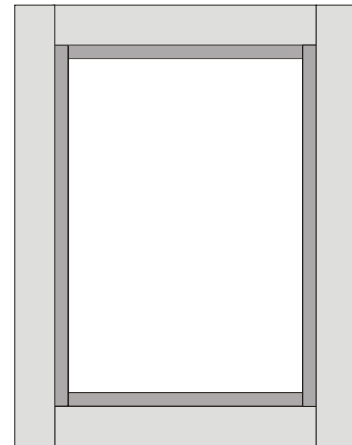
Cut to this size, pin the centre to the centre of the quilt top and pin each end in place. Ease to

fit if required and continue to pin in place. Sew in place; do not allow any overhang at either end. Repeat on the bottom edge.



Measure the quilt three times from top to bottom. Use the techniques described above to create the correct side borders.

Apply each border using the same technique and ALWAYS follow the same order ie if border one is "long vertical" then border 2,3, and so on should be the same.



These techniques will:

- help to flatten a skewed quilt
- make quilting easier
- allow a quilt to hang straight
- helps to square the edges, no stretched "dog ear" corners.

HINT: Cutting borders along the length of a fabric will help to create a square and flat project. This grain has little or no give to assist in correcting any problems. This is ultimately more expensive but can also result in border sections created in one piece and not joined. If a border piece needs to be joined use a soft diagonal join rather than a square one. This join tends to disappear in the finished project.