

# Web Bonus: Making and Applying Extra-Wide Binding

**1** Stitch 7 strips  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x length of fabric together end-to-end to make extra-wide binding strip. Fold extra-wide binding strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together; press. Starting on any side (not too close to a corner) align binding with quilt top raw edge (**Photo A**). Sew through all layers  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from raw edges until you approach first corner; stop stitching  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from quilt edge, and backstitch to secure. Remove from machine.



**2** Fold binding back on itself and mark dot on quilt corner at stopping point of first seam (**Photo B**).



Measure from stopping point to binding fold (**Photo C**).



Mark second dot that measurement ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ " if using  $5\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide binding strip) from stopping point, and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from binding raw edge (**Photo D**).



Fold binding strip away from quilt (**Photo E**), aligning raw edges and forming  $45^\circ$  angle.



Fold binding back over itself, aligning dots and keeping binding raw edges even with raw edges on second side of quilt (**Photo F**). Pin in place.



Starting at dot and securing each end with tiny stitches, sew binding to second side of quilt, stopping  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from next corner. Remove from sewing machine; prepare and sew third and fourth sides. Join binding ends with technique of your choice.

**3** Referring to **Photo G**, trim batting and backing all around quilt **half** of Step 2 measurement from binding stitching line ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ " from binding stitching line if using  $5\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide strip). Be careful not to cut binding strip at corners.



Wrap binding around to back side, manipulating each corner to make a miter on both front and back sides (**Photo H**).



Pin and blindstitch binding in place (**Photo I**) and stitch miters closed.

