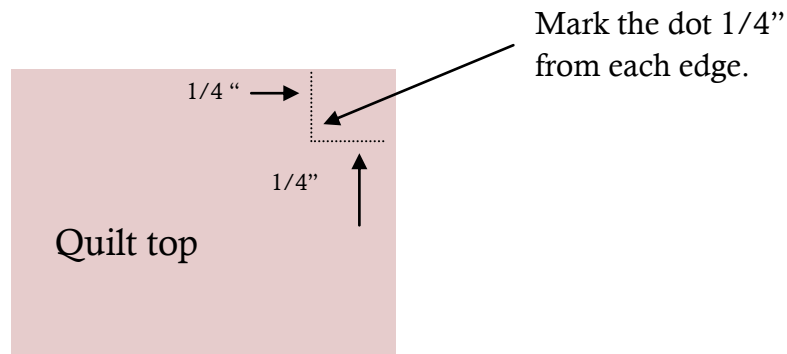


Mitered Borders

Your borders will need to be longer than your quilt by three times the width of the border. Therefore, a 2" wide border will need to be at least 6" longer than the quilt.

On the top side of your quilt top measure 1/4" in from both sides of one corner and mark a dot. (As shown in Diagram One)

**Diagram One:
Marking Corner
Dots**



Repeat this process on all four corners of the quilt top.

Lay first border strip right sides together on the edge of the quilt, allowing half of the extra length to extend from each end of quilt. Line up the raw edges and pin the border down.

Locate the dot at the corner on the quilt top and mark the border strip right where it lines up with the dot on the quilt top. Pierce the fabric with your needle through the dot. Take three stitches down the length of the border and then backstitch three stitches to secure that corner. Stitch down the length of the border, stopping several inches from the bottom corner.

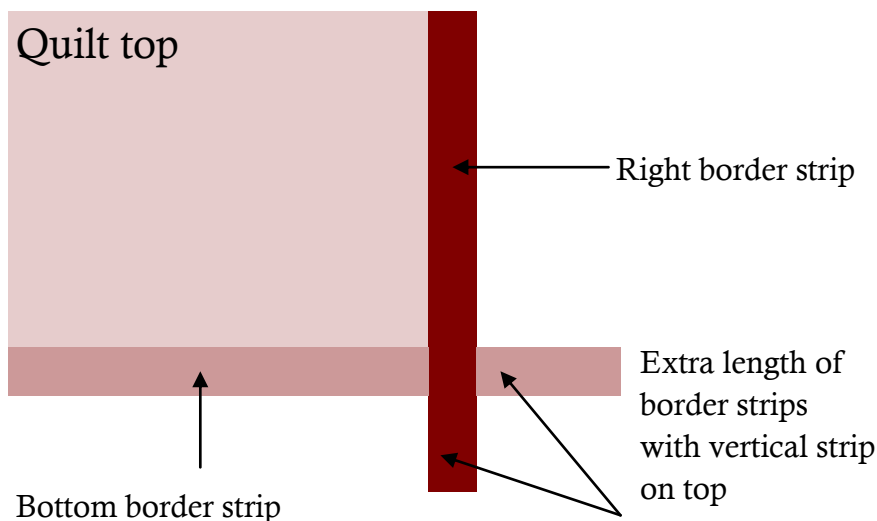
Align the border strip at the bottom corner and mark the dot as you did at the top corner. Stitch right up to the dot and then back stitch three stitches to secure the corner. Repeat this process on the left side of the quilt. Press seams toward borders.

Add top and bottom borders in the same way. Your stitch lines on top and bottom borders should stop right on top of the last stitch on the side border stitch lines forming a perfect right angle on your quilt top.

Mitered Borders (cont.):

Lay the quilt top right side up with one corner flat on your ironing board. Move it around until the bottom right corner of the quilt top is in front of you. Lay both extra strips of border straight out from the corner with the right border strip laying on top of the extended bottom border strip. (As shown in Diagram Two)

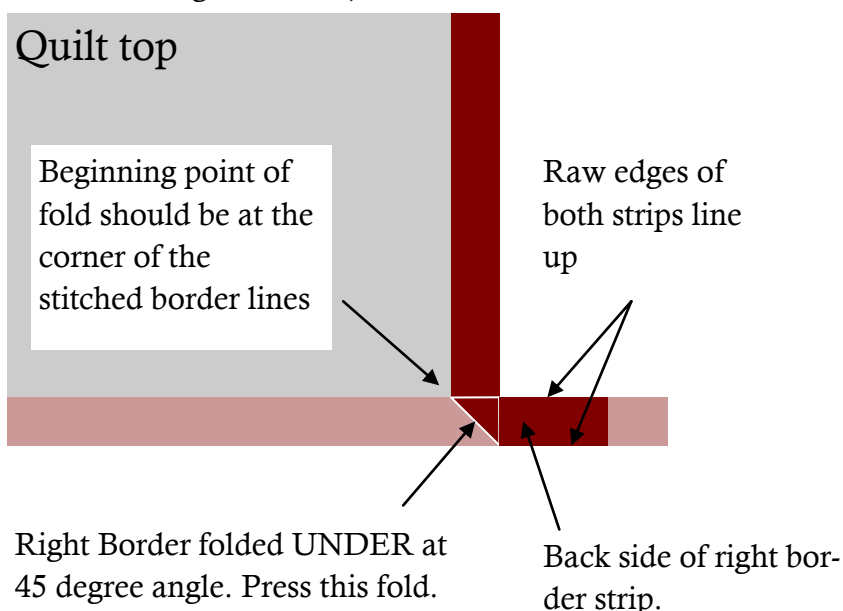
**Diagram Two:
Layout Quilt Top**



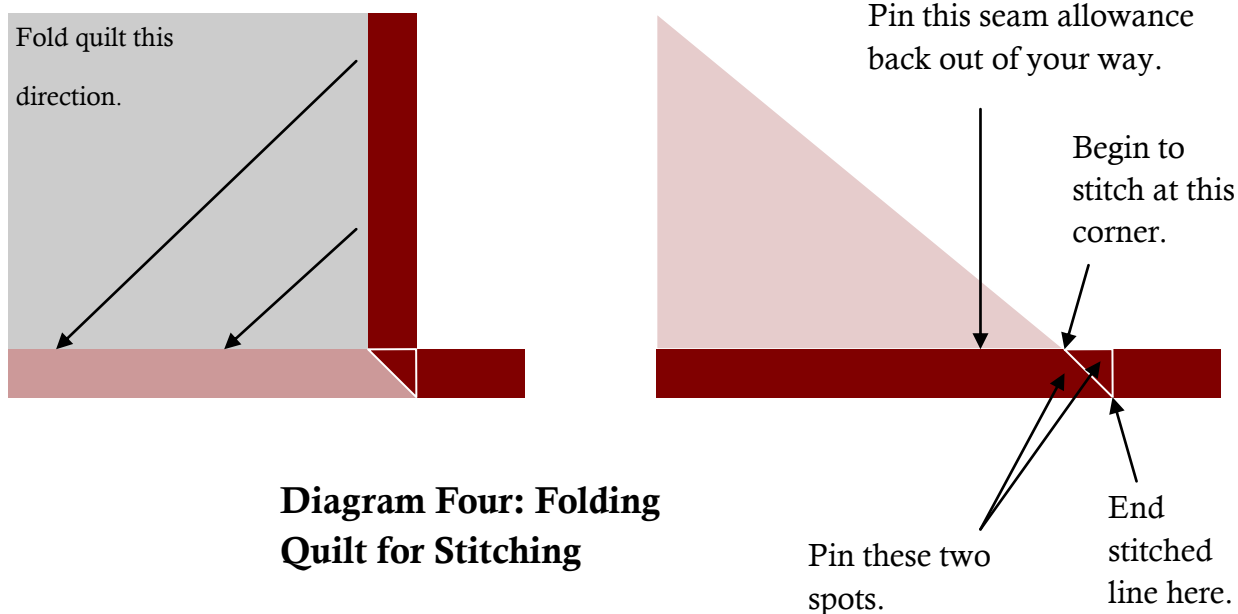
Fold the vertical border UNDER at a 45 degree angle until the sides match up with the bottom border strip underneath. Pull on the folded side just a bit to insure the corner lays flat at the edge of the quilt top.

The beginning point of your fold should be at the point of the angle formed where the right border stitches and the bottom border stitches meet, and it should end at the outer edge of the bottom border strip. (As shown in Diagram Three) Press the fold line.

**Diagram Three:
Folding Borders for
Mitering**



Take the right side of the quilt top and fold it in a triangle to meet the border on the bottom of the quilt. (As shown in Diagram Four) Pin in the three areas indicated and stitch the pressed diagonal line. Make sure this stitched line begins at the corner formed by the border stitches and ends at the bottom edge of the border strips. (As shown in Diagram Four) Don't forget to backstitch both ends of this stitched line.



Remove your pins and check your miter. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4" and trim off the dog ears. Repeat this process on the other three corners. Press the mitered corners from the front side of quilt.