

Borders

Doing a border is actually very similar to doing sashing, just on a larger scale!

1. The first step is to press the entire quilt, so all the seams are nice and flat. This is important, because if the seams pucker up at all, it will affect the measurement of the whole quilt. If the measurement is inaccurate, the border won't fit the quilt, will usually be too short, and 'draw' the quilt in.
2. For the side borders, measure the height at the middle of the quilt, as sometimes the edges may stretch a little. Cut a border the width you choose – I generally like to make the border 3” to 4” wide, which 'frames' the quilt.
3. Find the middle point of both the border and the quilt, and put a pin there to mark it. Then pin the border to the quilt at both ends, and in the middle where you have the pins marking them. Try to be as accurate as possible. Do the same on the other side. You can also put several pins in between just to keep everything aligned.
4. Sew the borders on, being careful not to stretch the fabric. Press the seams towards the border.
5. For the top and bottom borders, measure the width at the middle of the quilt, as sometimes the edges may stretch a little. Following Steps 3 and 4, pin and sew the top and bottom borders on, then press the seams towards the border. Your quilt top is finished!