

New Ways for Faux-Piped or Two-Piece Binding

For this technique, you will use two fabrics to make your binding. One fabric will act as the Binding itself and the second fabric will appear on your quilt as Piping or a flange along your binding, against the quilt. This style of binding is sewn to the back of the quilt, rolled to the front and machine-stitched down in the seam ditch between the Binding and the Piping. This sheet lets you build your binding the way YOU want!

First, pick the width of your binding from the first column -- Column B. Then, find your piping width in Column P from the corresponding rows of your binding width. The most popular combo is Binding cut at 1½" (B2) and Piping cut at 1¾" (P1). Heads up, cutting these strips can be disconcerting at first because the Binding Fabric strips that will appear wider on your finished quilt will be cut narrower than the Piping fabric!

Lots of Options!				
Cut Width of Binding Fabric strips <i>Column B</i>	Finished size & Binding Effect on right side of your quilt	Desired Finished Piping Width	Cut width of Piping Fabric strips <i>Column P</i>	Piping Effect
1¾" (traditional cut 2¼")	Finishes ¾"; Wide enough for easy machine application	⅛"	1⅝"	Very fine; looks like true piping
		3/16"	1¾"	Visible but still fine
		¼"	1⅞"	Bold; shows more than piping
		5/16"	2"	Even Bolder; can be floppy
		⅜"	2⅛"	Strong; flange width; can be floppy
1½" (traditional cut 2½")	Finishes ½" Most popular for this treatment; traditional look	⅛"	1¾"	Very fine; looks like true piping; Most popular for this treatment
		3/16"	1⅞"	Visible but still fine
		¼"	2"	Bold; shows more than piping
		5/16"	2⅛"	Even Bolder; can be floppy
		⅜"	2¼"	Strong; flange width; can be floppy
1¾" (traditional cut 3")	Finishes ⅝" - ¾"; Wide & strong	⅛"	2"	Very fine; looks like true piping
		3/16"	2⅛"	Visible but still fine
		¼"	2¼"	Bold; shows more than piping
		5/16"	2⅜"	Even Bolder; can be floppy
		⅜"	2½"	Strong; flange width; can be floppy
2" (traditional cut 3½")	Finishes 1" – 1⅞" Very wide – makes a unique statement!	⅛"	2¼"	Very fine; looks like true piping
		3/16"	2⅜"	Visible but still fine
		¼"	2½"	Bold; shows more than piping
		5/16"	2⅝"	Even Bolder; can be floppy
		⅜"	2¾"	Strong; flange width; can be floppy

*** NOTE: results may vary. Finished sizes are based on ¼" seam allowances.