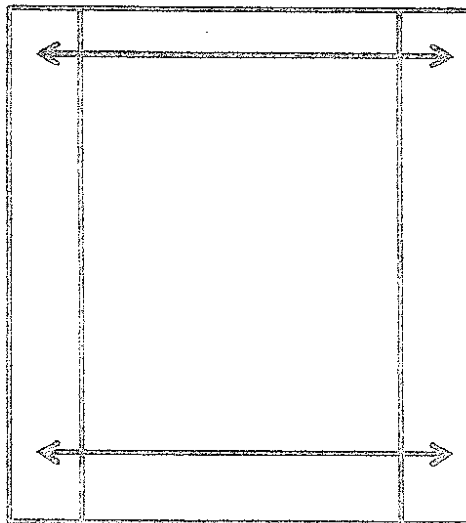
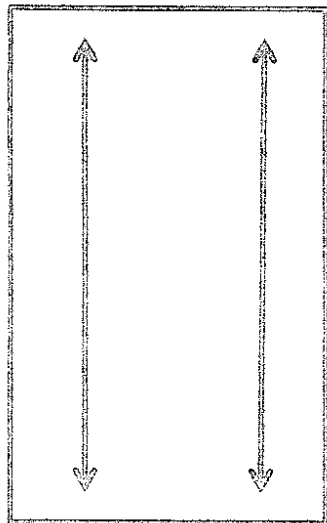


Flat Quilt Tops

To make sure your quilts lay flat these are a few tips I have learned. I hope they will help you.

One of the most important things I have learned is SEW A SEAM, PRESS A SEAM. If you follow this simple rule your quilt tops will be flat.

Opposing your seams will also help keep your quilt flat.



Avoiding Wavy Borders

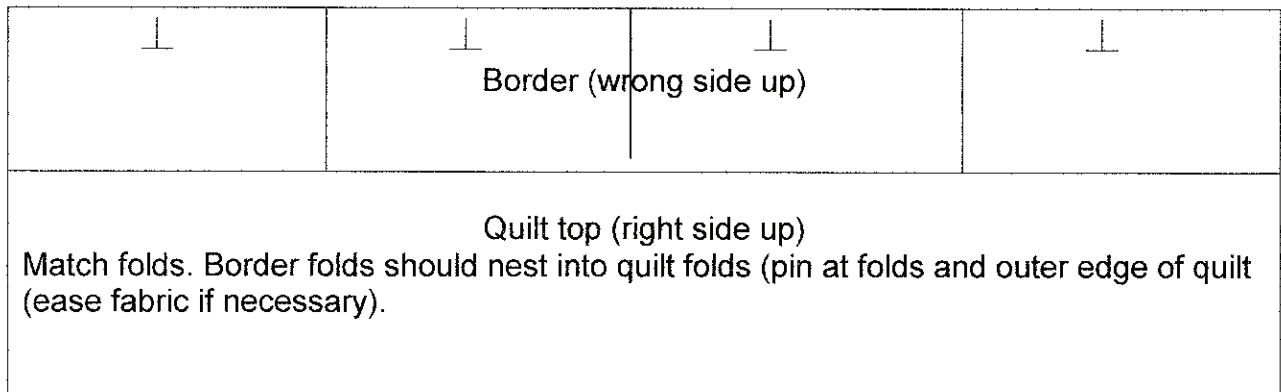
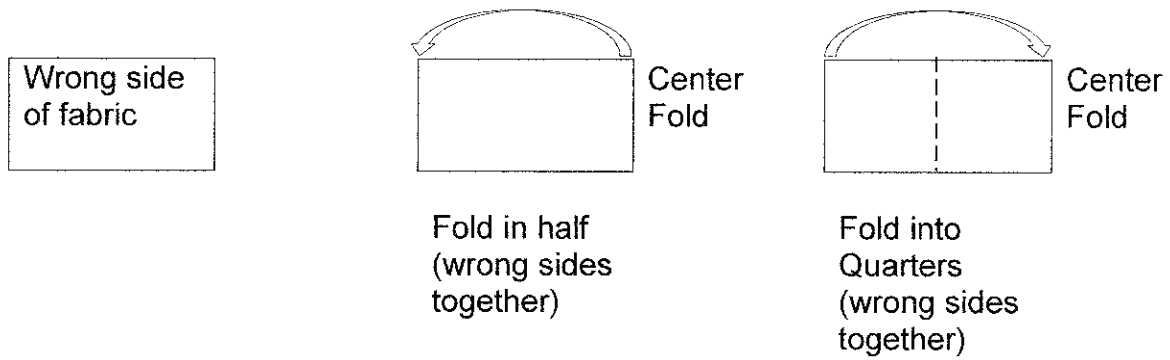
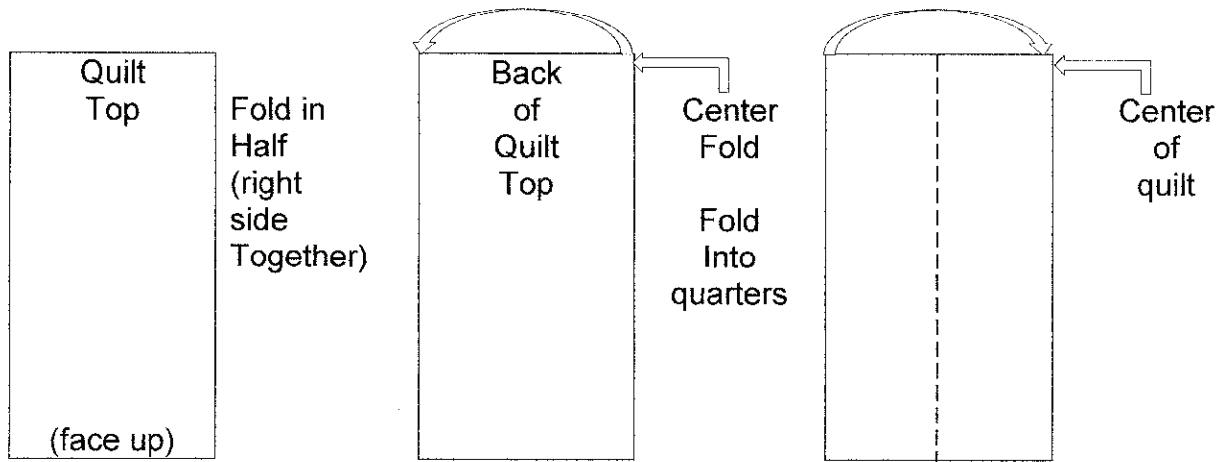
You must measure your border strips before sewing them on to your quilt top. Don't just sew a border and then cut it off. That is a recipe for wavy borders.

Measure your quilt sides. Cut your borders to the exact measurement. Find the center and the quarter measurements on your quilt top and quilt border. Match and pin the quilt center and quarter of your quilt top to your quilt border. Press to the border and measure the top and bottom of your quilt.

Cut two borders to the measurement you just took and sew them to the top and bottom of your quilt, again matching and pinning center and quarter measurements of the border to the quilt top and bottom of your quilt. Press to the border.

Helpful Hint

When possible use the lengthwise grain (parallel to the salvage) when cutting fabric for your border as it doesn't stretch as easily as the crosswise grain. If you do need to sew the crosswise grain, consider using spray sizing to help prevent stretching.



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