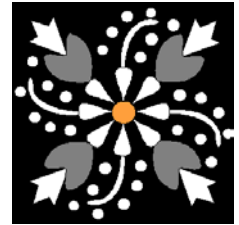


Don't know what to call it...but it'll be fun!

November: Basic Principles of adding strips/borders:



If you are adding a plain border to the quilt top:

1. Fabric for plain border strips will be cut longer than actual measurement required. Strips will be joined to obtain length where indicated with seams pressed open.
2. Fold the border strip in half end to end and mark or pin to indicate the centre. Measure out from centre, half of the measurement needed for the length of the quilt side and mark. Repeat for the other end of border strip.
3. Find the middle of the quilt side and with right sides together and edges even, match centres of border to quilt. Pin. Now match the outer markings to the edges of the quilt. These should line up at the very edge of the quilt. Pin just inside of edge. Do not trim excess fabric.
4. Now pin in between these initial pins to secure border to quilt top and carefully sew with a 1/4" inch seam. Press seams carefully towards border fabric or as indicated in pattern.
5. Once pressed, plain border lengths will require trimming. Lay the quilt top flat. Use a longer ruler (6" x 24") and place along the quilt taking the ruler up the edge onto the added border strip. Use the sewn seam on a ruler line to ensure the outside corner edge is 90-degrees. This will keep the corners square. Now carefully trim any excess fabric off the ends.

If you are adding a pieced border to the quilt top:

1. Pieced borders will be constructed the proper length as designed. Fold the border strip in half and mark or pin to indicate the centre of strip.
2. Find the middle of the quilt side and with right sides together and edges even, match centres of border to quilt. Pin. Now pin ends of pieced border strip to the edges of the quilt. These should line up at the very edge of the quilt. Pin well to secure pieced border to quilt top, matching crucial points where necessary to prevent stretching.
3. At the sewing machine, place pieced border on top surface in order to view any points in the piecing so they will not get chopped off during stitching. Carefully sew with a 1/4" inch seam.
4. Press seams carefully as indicated in pattern.

Accurately pieced borders do not require trimming.

All border strips will be attached to the quilt centre by joining either the LEFT & RIGHT sides first then the TOP & BOTTOM or vice versa. The decision of which to use may be determined by the designer & pattern, best use of fabric, or perhaps the fabric print. Other than using a mitering method (not described) each border is attached separately. Measure carefully. Press seams as instructed in pattern or in the best manner.