

Binding Fabric requirements

How to calculate the amount of fabric required to bind your quilt based on the quilt's dimensions and the binding strip width.

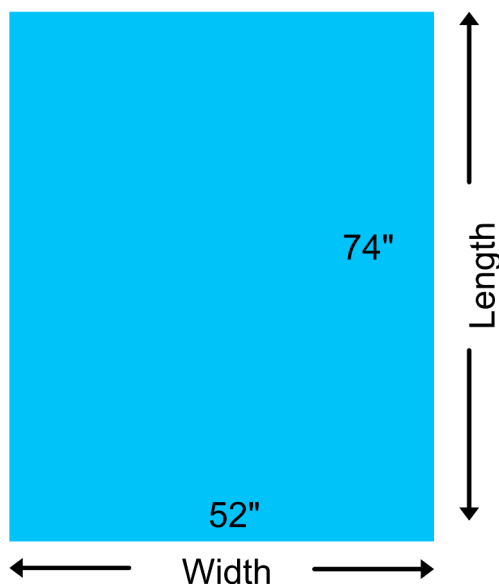
When calculating the fabric for binding, it is always wise to allow, just a little bit extra, remember you go around corners and you have to sew your ends together.

Once I have calculated my total length, I add 10" for margin of error and going around corners etc.....!

All measurements assume a 1/4" seam allowance and are rounded to the nearest 1/8".

Binding Length = 2 * Width + 2 *
Length + 10" margin

eg. $(2 * 52") + (2 * 74") + 10 = 262"$



Now take the binding total length (eg 262")

Divide it by the WOF - excluding the selvage (eg 40") I trim the selvage off my binding strips.

Eg $262" / 40" = 6.5$

You need 7 strips to bind the quilt

The amount of fabric you require depends on the width of your binding.

For the standard 2 1/2" binding

Multiply $7 \times 2 \frac{1}{2} = 17 \frac{1}{2}"$ of fabric or 1/2 yard (44.5cm or .5 metre)

For a slightly wider binding at 3"

Multiply $7 \times 3 = 21"$ of fabric or 6/8 of a yard (53.34 cm or .6 metre)