

Technique: Adding a 1/8" Accent Border

This easy technique makes adding an accurate narrow border a snap.

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Cutting Directions

If one were using quarter-inch seams, a 1/8" inch border would typically be cut 5/8" wide. For this technique, **cut your border strip 1" wide.**

1. Add the top and bottom borders. Add the side borders.



2. Line up a ruler at the 3/8" mark along the seam line and draw a chalk line at the ruler's edge.



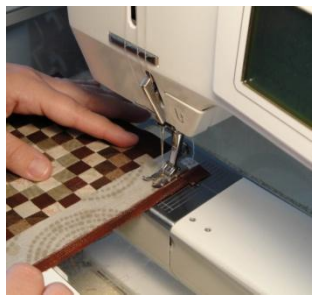
3. Dab dots of Roxanne's Glue-Baste-It to the inside of the chalk line.



4. Place the fabric edge of the next border fabric against the line – lightly press to set glue. (NOTE: Since I have already used fabric glue in sewing the foundation, I don't worry about using more glue in the borders. You could, however, also use pins to hold the fabric in place. What I like about using glue is that nothing shifts as I sew).



5. Line up a quarter-inch foot* with the fabric edge and sew. (* If you don't have a quarter-inch foot, draw a line a quarter-inch in from the edge of the fabric and use this as your sew line.)



6. Trim excess fabric: line up a ruler at the 3/8" mark on the seam line and trim off the remaining fabric. (Staggering your seam allowances allows the quilt to lay flatter).



7. Press open.



8. Add the remaining borders using the same technique.



NOTE: I also used the same technique to sew 1/4" borders to this mini. Instead of adding a 3/8" line in step 2, I measured 1/2".

Directions for making the messenger bag can be found on the [projects page](#) of my website.

