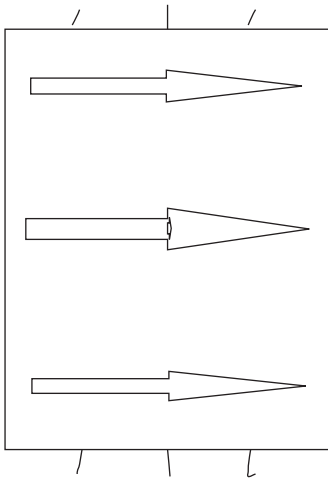


## HOW TO APPLY STANDARD BORDERS

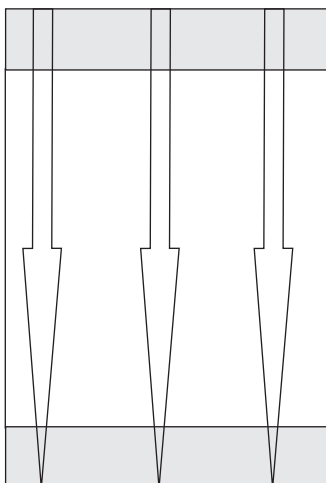
1. Press your quilt top.
2. Lay the top on a firm area.
3. Measure the top from one side to the other in 3 places.
  - Measure about 2 inches in from the raw edge of the top (first measurement)
  - Measure in the middle (second measurement)
  - Measure about 2 inches in from the raw edge of the bottom (third measurement)

See below:



Add these measurements together and divide by 3. This gives you the *average* you will cut for your top and bottom borders. **EXAMPLE:** 1st measurement is 55 ½, 2nd measurement is 56 and 3rd measurement is 55 ½. Sew your border pieces together in one long piece. Cut 2 border pieces your *average* measurement. In our example case, cut the border at 55 ½ inches.

4. Find the center of your quilt top and mark using pins. Fold the edge in to meet the center pin and mark at the fold. Repeat for the other side. You now should have 3 pins poking out on each end as in the above picture.
5. Fold your cut border pieces in half and mark. Fold the short cut edges of the border to meet the center and mark. You now have one edge of your border(s) marked with 3 pins.
6. Match up the border to the pins on the quilt top. Pin the border to the quilt top, right sides together.
7. Sew the border to the top. **TIP:** If the border seems to have more fabric in it between pins, place the border down next to the feed dogs. If the quilt seems to have more fabric, place the quilt next to the feed dogs. Sew from pin to pin. Remove the pins once you get to them. **PRESS** the border seam.



Now measure from border to border from about 2 inches in from the cut edge of the top as in the picture. Again add the 3 measurements together and divide by 3 finding the average. Cut the side borders by this measurement. Find the center of both the quilt top and the border. Mark with pins. Fold the edges in to meet the center and mark as you did on the previous side. Match the border to the quilt top, right sides together. Ease the border to the quilt as in step #7.