

Two Color Double Binding

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Although this technique has been around for some time, I originally found it in *Reversible Quilts: Two at a Time* by Sharon Pederson. The idea is to create one binding for both sides of your quilt, especially if they are extremely different colors. Her binding is very “loose” but I prefer a binding that fits well on both sides. Practice with scrap pieces beforehand to find the widths that you are most comfortable with. Here are my rewritten and adjusted directions:

Binding A = front of quilt Binding B = back of quilt

Cutting

For Binding A, to match **front** of quilt, cut enough **7/8" width of fabric strips** for perimeter of quilt plus extra for seams. Join strips together to make one long strip.

For Binding B, to match **reverse** of quilt, cut enough **1 1/4"width of fabric strips** for perimeter of quilt plus extra for seams. Join strips together to make one long strip. Fold this binding together, right side out, and **press strip lengthwise**.

Joining

Place pressed Binding B on top of Binding A (right side up) with raw edges aligned and sew together with 1/4" seam.

Pressing

Press the seam open- this is very important for later.

Sewing

Place this double binding on edge of quilt to sew. The quilt should be right side up and Binding A should be right side down with attached Binding B towards the left side. Using a walking foot, sew on binding using a 1/4" seam. Use your favorite joining technique where the binding meets. Look for tutorial videos for binding basics on You Tube.

Tacking

When turning binding towards the back, check the pressed seam to be sure that all of Binding A stays toward the front with Binding B and its seam allowance towards the back of the quilt. Tack Binding B on the back side by needle and thread or preferred method.

