Super Easy Binding Vienna QU Quilt College Diane Kirkhart, Instructor

<u>Super Easy Binding:</u> Stop twisting and fussing trying to join that binding at the end of a quilt. Super Easy Binding takes the stress out of the final step taken in finishing a quilt. No more excess fabric stuffed into hiding but a diagonal binding joint that is so flawless even you won't remember where that binding came together.

Instructions:

1. After attaching your binding, be sure to leave at least eight inches of space between the two ends of your binding with enough binding fabric to overlap each other by several inches. See image 1.



Image 1

2. Open the binding strip on the right flat and then fold down at a 45 degree angle, making sure the left side binding strip can be encased in the right side. See images 2 & 3.



Image 2



Image 3

3. Using a water soluble glue such as Quilter's Basting Glue or Roxanne's or a watered down Elmer's School Glue and a fine tip applicator, run a fine line of glue right at the crease edge of the lower half of the right side binding strip and lay your left side strip on top encasing it in the right strip. See image 4.



Image 4

4. Press the glue dry with an iron. See image 5.



Image 5

- 5. Using the same glue, run a fine bead at the crease edge of the upper side of the right binding strip and fold it down over the left binding strip and again press dry. See image 6.
 - *Important: To finish this step repeat Step 4 above by press the glue dry with an iron. See image 5 above.



Image 6

6. Open up your binding to reveal the crease created and stitch on that line. See image 7.



Image 7

7. Open up your seam and give it a little tug to loosen the glue so you can press your seam open. Press and trim your seam and trim your little dog ears (See image 8). Your binding should lay flat on your quilt. Sew between your start and stop points on your binding and you're done. You can also use the glue to temporarily hold your binding folded in it's finished position. You will of course need to stitch it as this is water-soluble glue and will wash out, but this way you won't have to use pins or clips to hold your binding in place while you sew.



Image 8