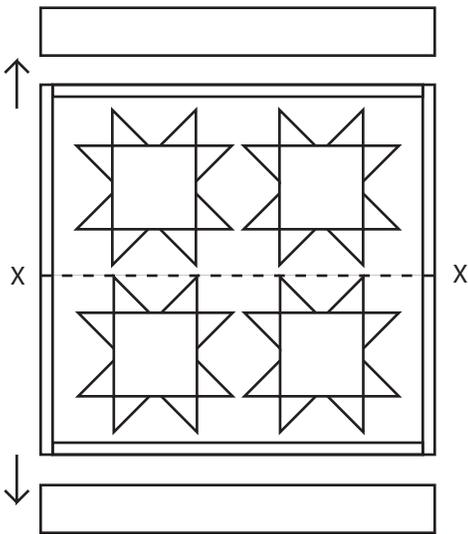


Adding the Outer Border to the Four Star Quilt

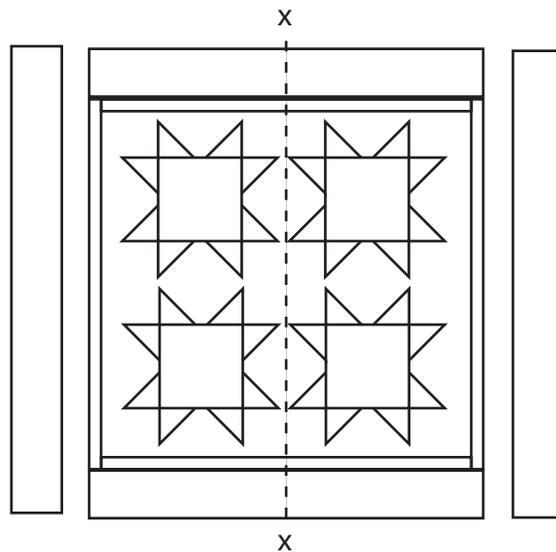


Measure your quilt through the centers as shown in the diagram. (These measurements should be about 33 1/2".) Find the average of the measurements - add and divide by 2.

Cut 2 of your border strips as long as your measurement. Your strips may end up being larger or smaller than your quilt's side edges. This is why you measure through the center -to square up your quilt; the quilt's center, top edge and bottom edge should be the same size. When you pin these strips to your quilt, you may have to "ease" the quilt's edges to fit the strips.

Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew 2 of these strips to your quilt. Press toward the outer edge of your quilt.

Follow the above procedure to add the next two border strips. Pin the strips to your quilt; easing when necessary. Sew and press.



YEAH! You have completed the quilt top! Pick a quilting technique and design for your quilt. Mark your design on the top. (You may have to press your quilt first before marking!)

Press your quilt top and backing. Your backing should be a few inches larger than your quilt top.

Find a large flat area to lay out your quilt. Place your backing face down. Tape the edges; gently stretching the fabric. Place your batting on top of your backing. Smooth out any wrinkles.

Now you are ready to complete the quilt sandwich. Place your top over the batting. You should have some extra batting/backing peaking out from behind all four sides of the top.

Baste your quilt; safety pins, basting thread, spray adhesive for fabric..... Check out "Finishing Your Quilt" under the Beginner Basics tab for more info.



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