

## Quilt Facings Liz Thornton - MQG Victoria Demo - April 2026

- Modern, clean edge, no distraction from the design
- Better for wall hangings than working quilts

This method - my mash up of several different tutorials and garment sewing tricks - gives nice square corners.

### Step 1

- Trim the quilt to the size of the top with no overhangs.
- To reduce bulk, carefully clip out about a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " square or triangle of batting only from each corner (pop a few stitches if needed).
- Stay-stitch around the entire piece at about  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge.

### Step 2

- From 2" wide strips of facing fabric cut: 2 pieces slightly longer than the quilt left and right sides and 2 pieces 1" shorter than the quilt top and bottom.
- For each piece, fold one long edge under  $\frac{3}{8}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", press, and top stitch if desired.
- Optional: Write your label directly on one of the facings just below the top stitching.
- Tip: For a less noticeable look use a fabric that matches the quilt top.

### Step 3

- Sew side strips to edges, right sides together and raw edges aligned, using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.
- Trim off any excess length of facing (easier to see from the back).

#### **Step 4**

- Center the remaining strips on the top and bottom edges with a half inch gap at each end.
- Fold previous seam allowances under by  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- Sew through the folded corner and along the edge, using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, making sure to keep the end corner tucked under as well (use a hump jumper if needed).

#### **Step 5**

- Before turning the facing strips to the back, pre-fold the seam allowances under at the corners and finger press well, 90 degrees to previous folds.
- Slide your thumb under the facing in the corner, pinch the fold in place and pull the facing to the back over your thumb, forming a nice square point. Adjust if needed.
- Optional: Clip corners of seam allowances  $\frac{1}{8}$ " or so to reduce bulk.

#### **Step 6**

- Roll seam allowances so the facings are entirely on the back.
- Press well. Pin or clip in place.
- Hand stitch the facings to back, pulling the facings fully to the back.
- Optional: For a mini quilt, leave the side facings open over the top facing. The gap creates a pocket for a dowel.

#### **Other methods and tutorials available at:**

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