

Mighty Nice Bindings – by Machine!

domestic machine, 3 hours

with Valli Schiller

Give your quilt an attractive, durable finish and save the hand stitching for another day. Learn two different ways to bind your quilts entirely by machine, as well as Valli's fast, foolproof, no measure method for joining binding ends. In this hands-on workshop, you'll bind your own small quilt with crisp corners and smooth joins. Participants receive detailed step by step handouts with diagrams.

Skill Level—Beginner and beyond

You must be familiar with the operation of your sewing machine.

Supplies—required

- Sewing machine with variable needle position (i.e., changing straight stitch “width” causes needle to drop to left or right of center position)
- Open toe appliqué foot OR “Stitch in the Ditch” foot to fit sewing machine.
- Quilt sandwich, no larger than 14” on each side, ready to bind
- Binding fabric: 2 selvage to selvage strips cut 2.5” wide, pressed in half lengthwise
- Clear monofilament thread, size .004
- Piecing thread and bobbin, color matched to binding
- Straight pins (bring plenty)
- Water soluble basting glue OR washable glue stick
- Scissors for cutting fabric

Supplies—optional, bring only if you ALREADY have them

- Walking foot for your sewing machine
- Quilt marking pen/pencil that will show up on wrong side of binding fabric
- Stiletto OR bamboo barbecue skewer OR traditional style seam ripper