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Trimming a Fleece Blanket with Satin Binding

Tips:

- Use 2-inch wide pre-packaged polyester satin blanket binding. [CLICK HERE](#) to view this product on the Joann Fabrics website. Note that there is a top side and a bottom side to the binding. The top side of the binding is slightly narrower than the bottom. One package will cover a fleece rectangle measuring 30-inches wide X 36-inches long. You will need to piece the binding for larger blankets. If this is necessary it's a good idea to piece the binding with a diagonal seam for less bulk and a neater finish.
- Make sure all four corners of fleece rectangle are cut perfectly square. Non-Pill polar type fleece fabric is featured in this project.
- Use sharp pins and a new, universal size 12, or stretch needle size 11 for sewing the binding
- Use the closed toe walking foot.
Use a zigzag stitch to sew binding in place using a stitch width of 3.0 and a stitch length of 3.0.

Step 1. For the **FIRST CORNER**, open up one short end of the binding and then turn and press under ½-inch. Slip the **first corner** of the fleece into pressed end of binding, wrapping the folded binding over the edge of the fleece, and having the wider side of satin on the bottom. Stitch binding in place along the first edge, stopping when you reach the **second corner**. Tie off stitch. Remove from machine. See illustration #1.

Illustration #1

Fleece is tucked into folded edge of binding here.



Step 2. Lay blanket flat on with the top side facing up. To form the first mitered corner, begin by folding binding strip to the left at the raw edge and then fold binding down to form a 45 degree angle at the corner. Place a pin along **the fold line** to mark the mitered corner. **NOTE:** The binding is not yet wrapped around the blanket in this step. This is a preliminary fold, use it as a guide for the next step. See illustration #2.

Illustration #2



Step 3. Open up binding. See illustration #3a. Now, Pinch and fold the first miter in place on the *back* of the binding, so it matches the miter on the *front* of the binding where the pin is located. See illustration #3b.

Illustration #3a

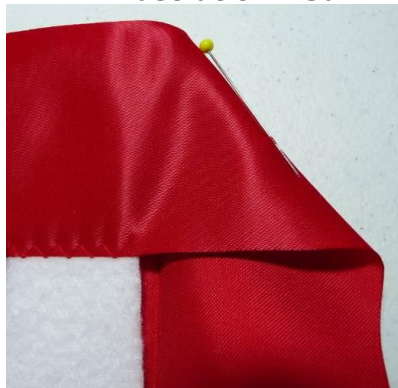
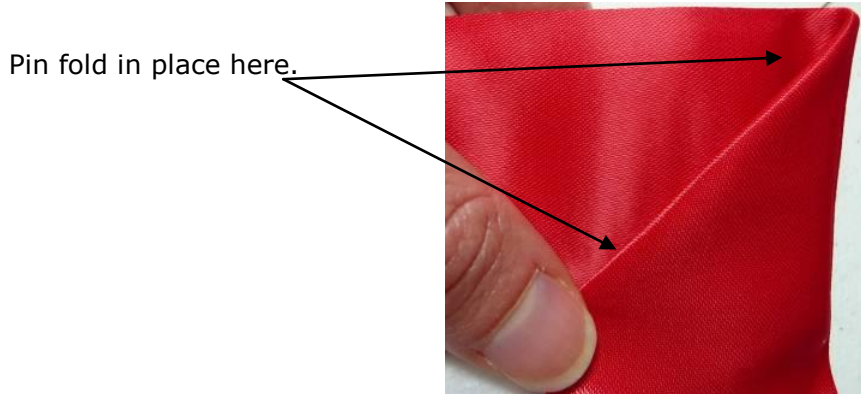


Illustration #3b



Step 4. Finally, wrap the binding around the corner of the fleece, re-folding the miter in place on the top side and using the **pin placement** as a general guide. Check the back and the front to be sure the miter is nice and neat. Adjust mitered fold as necessary, and then pin securely in place for sewing. See illustration #4. Resume your zigzag stitching right at the folded corner. Stop when you reach the next corner, tie off stitch, and remove from machine just as you did in step 1.

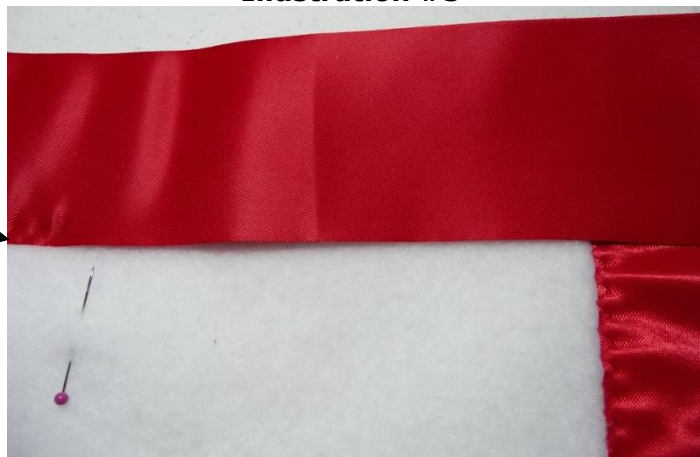
Illustration #4



Step 5. Repeat the folding and pinning process as above for the next two corners. As you stitch toward the last corner, stop approximately 6-inches before you reach the end. Tie off stitch. Remove from machine. See illustration #5.

Illustration #5

Stop and tie off stitch here, approximately 6-inches from the end.



Step 6. Trim the excess binding, leaving one inch at the remaining short end. See illustration #6. Press under the remaining inch. Next, fold each end toward the center, leaving a ¼-inch gap between the folds, and forming a point at the tip. See illustration #7. Wrap the point around the final corner and pin in place. See illustration #8.

Illustration #6

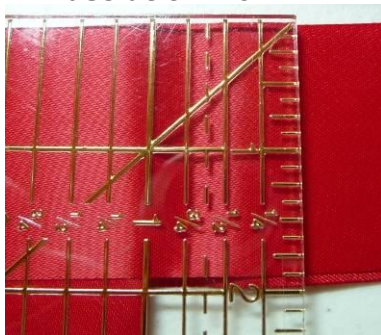


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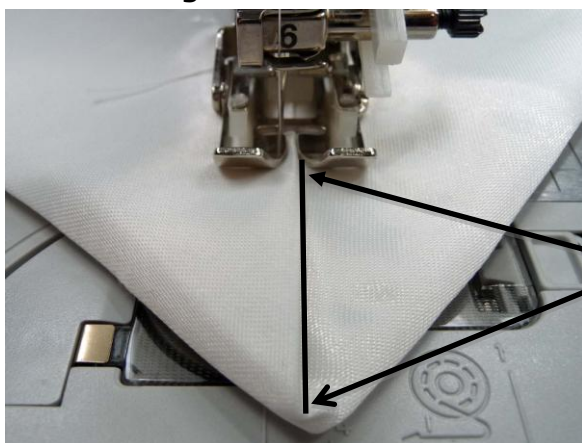


Illustration #8



Step 7. Begin stitching where you left off in step 5 and then continue to the last folded point. Just one more step to complete the satin binding. Close the fold at each of the four corners by stitching along the mitered fold line using the zigzag stitch.

See stitching line indicated below:



Zigzag from end to end along the fold line on each mitered corner.

You are finished! Enjoy!