

## "Skinny" borders

If you sew a 1/4" border to a quilt using the conventional method, you will find that the border's width is uneven while the seam allowances are straight. To make a narrow border even, you need to use a different method:

1. Measure your quilt top and bottom and cut 2 strips 3/4" wide. The strips may be pieced.
2. Sew these on using the normal method (right sides together) and carefully press the seam allowances to the body of the quilt.
3. Measure the sides of the quilt and cut 2 more 3/4" strips, Sew them to the sides as above, again pressing the seam allowances to the body of the quilt.
4. Measure and cut the next top and bottom borders.
5. Position these unsewn borders so they lie underneath the 3/4" border, right sides together. Pin the two borders together keeping the backside of the 3/4" border facing you.
6. Sew the borders together guiding **THE LEFT SIDE OF YOUR PRESSER FOOT** along the stitching line you have already made. The distance between your needle and the left side of the presser foot determines the width of the "skinny" border. The most common is 1/4", but you can change your needle position to make this a little wider or narrower.
7. Press the seams toward the wider border.
8. Measure, cut and sew the side borders in the same way.

Note: If you cannot move your needle position to the left and you have a wide presser foot, you may have to cut your strips 7/8" or even 1". Experiment with your needle position and the look that suits your quilt.