

BEFORE GOING ON TO MAKE BORDER

SCALLOPS layer quilt top, batting, and backing and quilt in your favorite method.

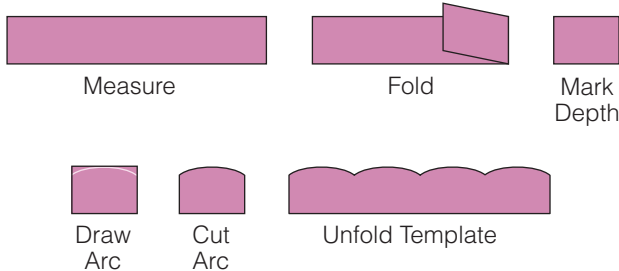
Scalloped border - (optional make straight edge borders)

After quilting and lining up and trimming borders, you are ready to do the scalloped border. This quilt has six scallops on the sides and five scallops on the top and bottom plus the corner scallops. You may use ready-made templates, or make your own templates.

To make your own templates use the following method.

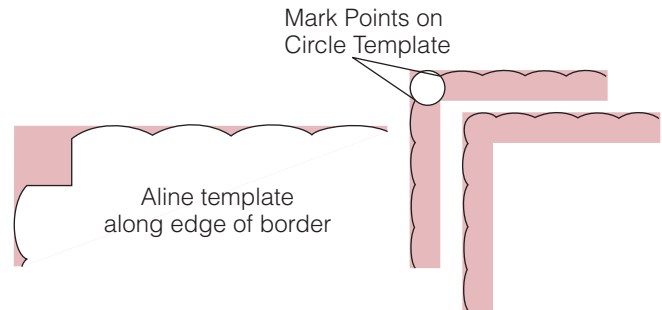
Step 1: Cut two pieces of freezer paper using the measurements of the quilt sides and top **BEFORE** adding the borders (approximately 54½ by 66½ inches). Fold the piece of freezer paper that is approximately 54½ inches long evenly into fifths (top and bottom borders) and the 66½ inch long piece evenly into sixths. Scallops are approximately 11 inches wide, but you may need to adjust the width of your scallops to fit your border.

Step 2: Where the folds are on the freezer paper, from one fold to another, draw a line to mark the scallop. You may wish to use a dinner plate, or platter for the arc shape of your scallops. Keep in mind that the shallower you keep the arc of your scallop, the easier it will be to sew on the bindings. Place the pieces of freezer paper on the border, one on the long side and one on the top.



*"In the dell in our garden
My dolls and I take tea,
And days when I have raisins
The catbirds dine with me"*
Elisabeth Merrill

Step 3: Line up the curved edges of the freezer paper with the outside edges of the border. Using a water soluble marking pen or chalk pencil, draw the scallops onto the border from your freezer paper templates. Repeat on the other sides. Where the two pieces of freezer paper meet, they do not cover the border corners. Mark the points of the scallop, and using a dinner plate mark your corner scallop. Repeat for all four corners.



Step 4: Important! Do NOT cut the scallops before sewing the binding on. Using bias binding and working on the front side of the quilt, line up the raw edges of binding to the chalk markings of your scallops. When sewing the binding to the quilt front, sew into the top V between the scallops. Leave the needle down, and pivot the fabric to sew out of the V.

Step 5: After the binding has been sewn on, THEN trim your border fabric around the scallops. Clip fabric in the V to make it easier to turn binding and hand stitch to back of quilt.

Bias Binding

Cutting your binding strips on the bias will allow for more stretch, and will give your scalloped border a better finish.

Using fabric 8, open remaining fabric (approximately 1¼ yards). See diagram. Cut binding strips 2¼ inches wide at a 45 degree angle. Seam together and press seams open. Fold raw edges together, right side of fabric out, and press.

