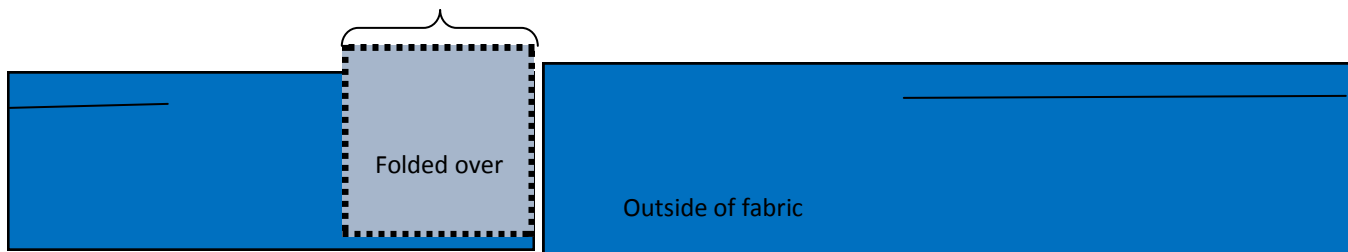


How to Join Binding Ends

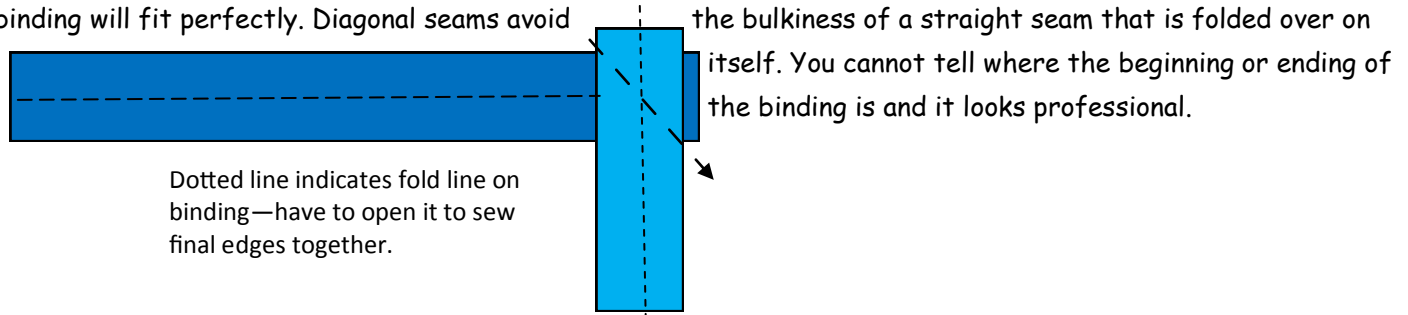
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To join binding ends: Sew binding to quilt edge, leaving an opening of 10 to 12" along one side and longer tails. In the middle, cut one end nice and straight & fold the other back even with the cut edge. However wide your binding is, cut the folded edge that far from the fold usually 2 to 2 1/2" from the fold, leaving the binding longer than the opening.

2 to 2 1/2" depending on how wide your binding is cut



Open out binding & right sides together sew a diagonal seam. Trim. Fold again & complete attaching to quilt. The binding will fit perfectly. Diagonal seams avoid



Dotted line indicates fold line on binding—have to open it to sew final edges together.

the bulkiness of a straight seam that is folded over on itself. You cannot tell where the beginning or ending of the binding is and it looks professional.