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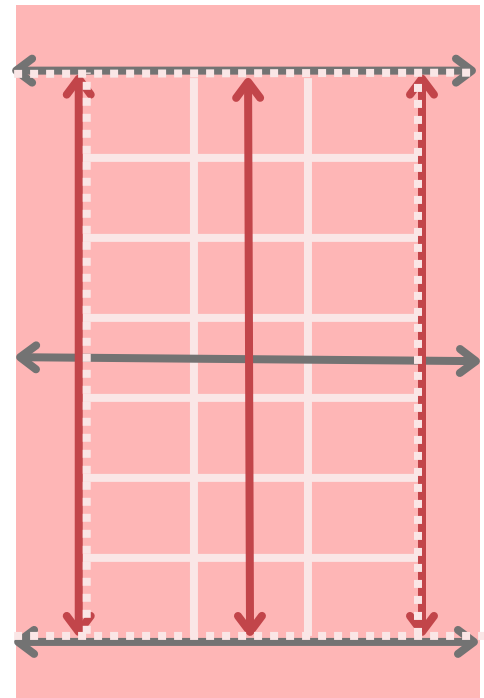
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Adding borders correctly is key to having a quilt that is square, and lays flat.

CUTTING YOUR BORDERS

- Measure the length of your quilt by measuring through the quilt center (top to bottom; **red arrow**), and along the right and left edges (top to bottom, **red arrows**). This will give you (likely) 3 different measurements (hopefully, not more than ~1/2" different).
- Use the AVERAGE of these measurements to determine the length to cut your side borders.
- Cutting side borders from the lengthwise grainline is always best (for less stretch), however if you must cut from crosswise grainline (selvedge to selvedge), join on a 45o angle and press the seam allowance open.
- You will measure the width of your quilt in the same manner (**grey arrows**), once you have applied the right and left side borders.



APPLYING YOUR BORDERS TO YOUR QUILT CENTER

- Apply border strips to the sides of your quilt first:
- Find the center of each side of the quilt center (see green arrow above). Mark with a pin.
- Find the mid-point between the center pin and the edge (see green arrows above). Mark with a pin.
- Find the center and mid-points of each side border strip. Mark with a pin.
- Attach right side and left side border strips to quilt center, pinning at each end, center, and mid-points (at pin marks); ease in any fullness. Press seam toward borders.
- Repeat above to top and bottom borders.