

X's and O's
Kathryn Greenwold Quilts

Part 6

Before sewing on your borders, square your top as needed. Your borders will not waiver or bow if you have properly squared your quilt center before applying them.

Finally you get to use your Border #1 fabric! I have planned simple borders. This is an area where you might want to get creative. Think about adding a pieced border made with leftover strip sets, 4-Patches, or a wider border with added appliqué after applying Border #1. Then add your feature fabric as the 3rd border. Additional yardage would probably be needed.

Cut 6 strips that measure 1 ½" x WOF for the first border.

Sew three strips together and then piece them to the top and bottom of your quilt top. Trim the excess. Press the seams to the border fabric. Sew one strip to the remainder from your top and bottom borders and apply this to one side. Piece the remaining two strips and apply them to the last side. Trim both sides and press to the border fabric. Your top should now measure approximately 50" x 62".

Cut 7 strips of your featured fabric that measure 5 ½" x WOF. Piece 3 of these strips together. Do not use a bias seam for this join.

Sew this border strip to the top and then the bottom of your quilt top. Trim and press to the outer border. Sew 2 pair of strips together for the sides of your top and sew them on. Trim and press to the outer border.

Your top is complete. It should measure approximately 60" x 72".

Now get it quilted! This is a busy enough design that very simple home machine quilting would be fine to do. We can't wait to see what you have created!