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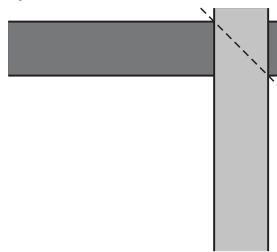
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Binding for 8 Sided Table Toppers

1. Cut 3 strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

2. Stitch right sides together using a diagonal seam as in Illust. 1. Repeat for third strip. Trim seam to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press seam open.



Illust. 1.

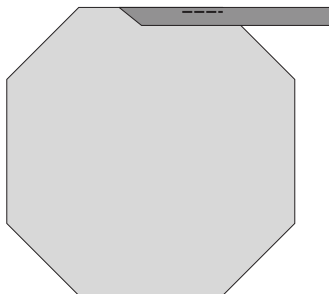
3. Trim left end of long strip at 45° angle as in Illust. 2.



Illust. 2.

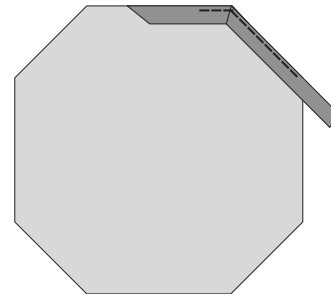
4. Fold binding in half, **wrong sides together**, lengthwise. Press.

5. Place raw edges of binding even with raw edges of table topper. Start sewing about 6" from diagonal end of binding. Stitch a narrow $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam. Stop stitching about $\frac{3}{8}$ " from first 45° angle of topper. Lock stitch. See Illust. 3.



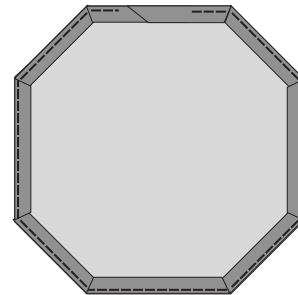
Illust. 3.

6. Turn the binding 45° keeping the raw edges even. Start stitching on the fold created in the binding. Continue down second side, stopping approximately $\frac{3}{8}$ " from next corner. See Illust. 4.



Illust. 4.

7. Turn the corner and continue until you have turned the 8th corner. Stitch only about 2" on the last side. See Illust. 5.



Illust. 5.

8. Lay beginning of binding on top of end. Use a pencil to mark the line where they overlap. Open up binding and trim end at 45° angle **$\frac{1}{2}$ " past the pencil mark**. You are adding seam allowance!

9. Stitch two ends of binding together using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press seam open. Lay binding flat on topper. Finish seam.

10. Trim backing and batting to match topper. Fold binding to back side and hand stitch in place.