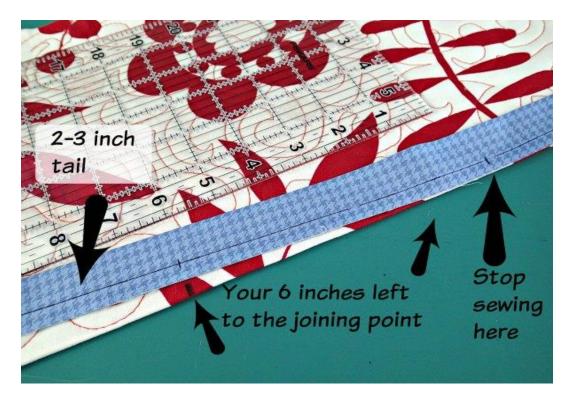
Easy Way to Join Your Bias Binding

• As you approach your joining point from the other side, stop sewing about 6 inches away and make sure you have enough binding left over to go past your joining point by another 2-3 inches.

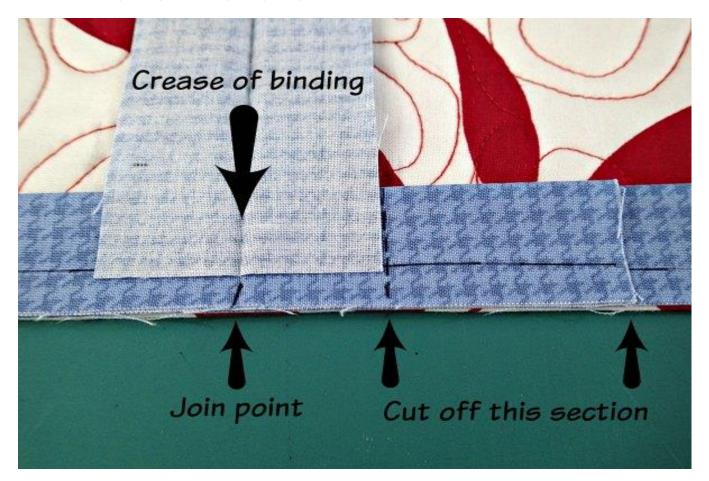




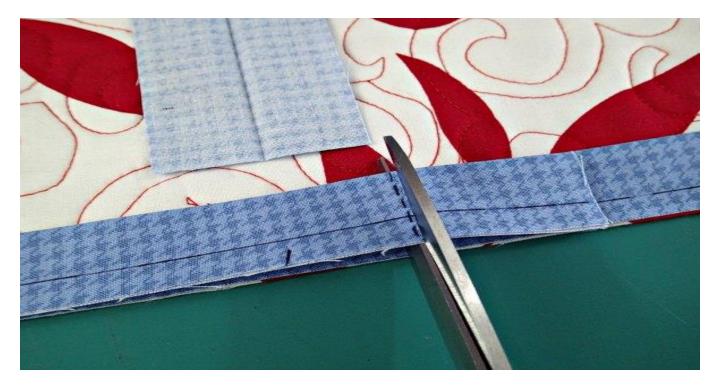
• Snip off the extra binding. If you smooth your binding out now, both ends should overlap and go 2-3 inches past the joining point.



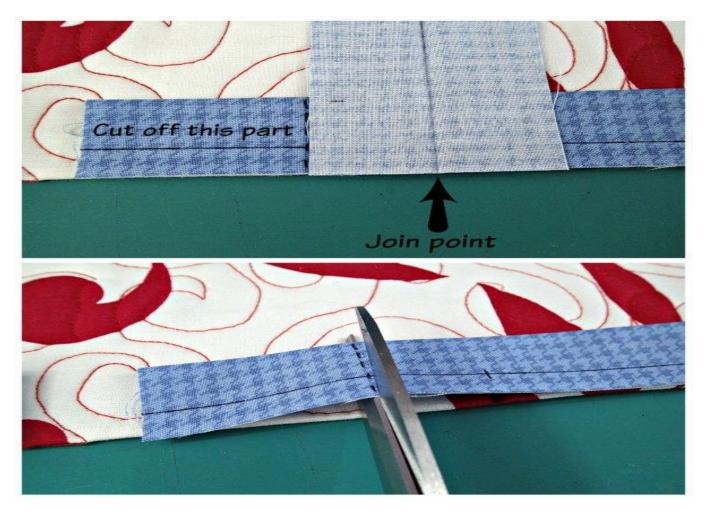
Take some of the extra binding that you have snipped off and open it out to the full
2.5 inches wide. Line up the binding over the join point so the center crease in the binding is right over your join point.



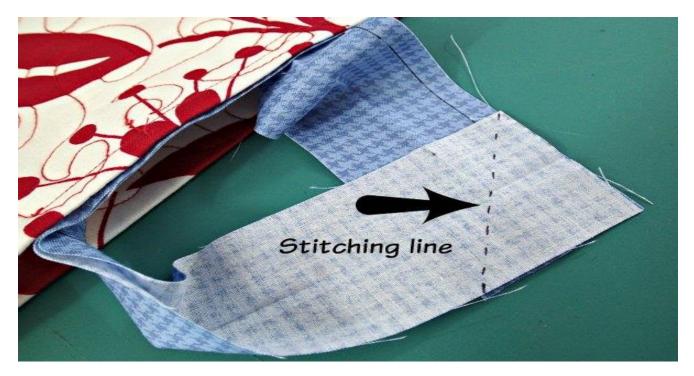
• Mark the top piece of binding on the side away from the stitching, and cut off any extra. Fold this piece of binding out of the way now, this is cut to the right length



• Mark the lower piece of binding on the side opposite to the stitching and cut off the extra. Now if you overlap the two binding pieces they should exactly overlap the same width as the binding strip



• Time to join the two pieces. Fold the quilt in half at the join point to give yourself some working space. Place the two pieces of binding right sides together at a 90 degree angle, matching up the ends nice and square like this. Add a couple of pins if you need to.



• Then sew from the one corner to the other through both layers. To double check which direction to sew, the point should be on the right of your needle and the quilt will be on the left. Open out to check you've done it correctly and if you are happy, cut off the excess fabric leaving a 1/4 inch seam. Press the seam open – finger pressing should be fine.



• Fold the binding back in half, smooth it out even with the edge of your quilt and sew the gap between the two points of stitching. Your binding should fit in there exactly – like magic!



• Now you can turn the binding over to the other side and finish, and you'll barely be able to see the join.

