

## Border "First Aid"

Borders are often the quilt's biggest problem!

Too long or too short?

Different lengths?

Any of these issues can result in problems for your quilt. They could cause wavy borders, pleats or puffy/raised areas. Sometimes the only solution could be sewing a dart into the border to make the quilt lie flat. We always try to avoid this problem.

**Prevention is the key!**

This should help.

1. Measure your quilt at each side and through the middle.
  2. Average the three numbers to determine quilt's length.
  3. Cut your border strips that length. Pin center of quilt and center of border together. Pin ends. Find the center of quilt top and border between the center pin and the ends, pin. Continue finding centers and pinning until you have the quilt top and the border pinned together with pins about 10 inches or less apart. Ease as necessary when pinning. Sew border and top together.
  4. Repeat the procedure with the width.
- This process will help to 'square' up your quilt and make it lay flat.

