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Give Your Quilt That Special Edge With Prairie Point Binding

By **RachaelDaisy** on May 18, 2014

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Are you looking for a different way to finish your quilt other than simple binding? Or, have you ever thought your quilt would look wonderful with folded fabric prairie points, but you didn't quite know how to add them to your quilt? Read on to find out that prairie point binding is not as tricky as it looks, and it's especially easy with our 10 step method for attaching prairie points!



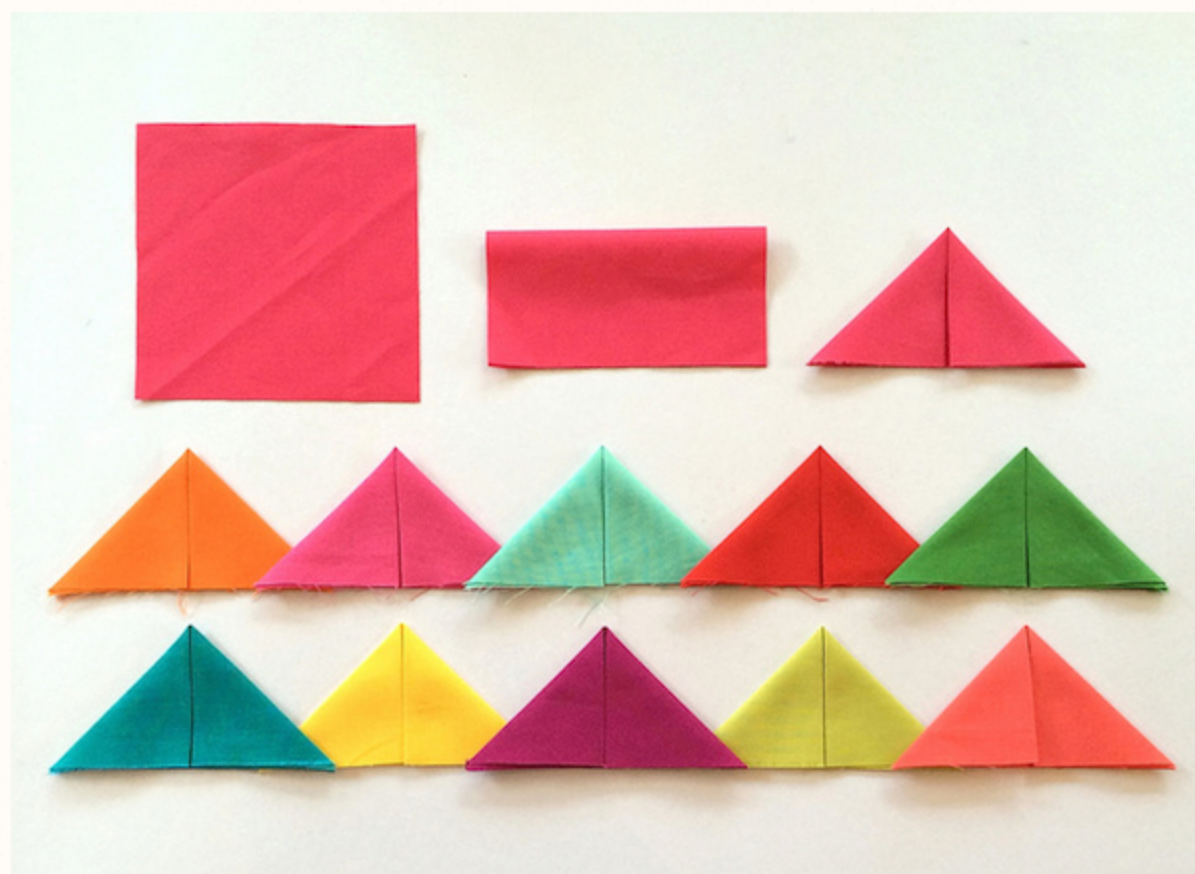
LET'S START BY MAKING PRAIRIE POINTS

There are many different ways to make prairie points, but here are two popular methods using squares. To determine the size of the square required, start by figuring out how high you would like the finished prairie points to be. Then, use this simple formula to calculate the size of the squares: finished height x 2 + 1/2". For example, for finished points 1" high, multiply 1" by 2 = 2, then add 1/2" = 2 1/2" square.

CENTERFOLD PRAIRIE POINTS

THESE **PRAIRIE POINTS** BRING THE OPEN FOLDS TO THE CENTER OF THE POINT. THEY CAN THEN BE OVERLAPPED IN ALTERNATE POSITIONS OR PLACED ALL IN THE SAME DIRECTION. YOUR CHOICE OF OVERLAPPING DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOUR TASTE AND THE LOOK YOU ARE AFTER.

To make centerfold prairie points, fold your square in half, right sides of the fabric out. Press with an iron, then bring the folded corners to meet in the center to create a triangle.



NESTING PRAIRIE POINTS

This style allows you to nest the points inside each other. To make simply fold a square into a half triangle and then again into a quarter triangle. Press with an iron.

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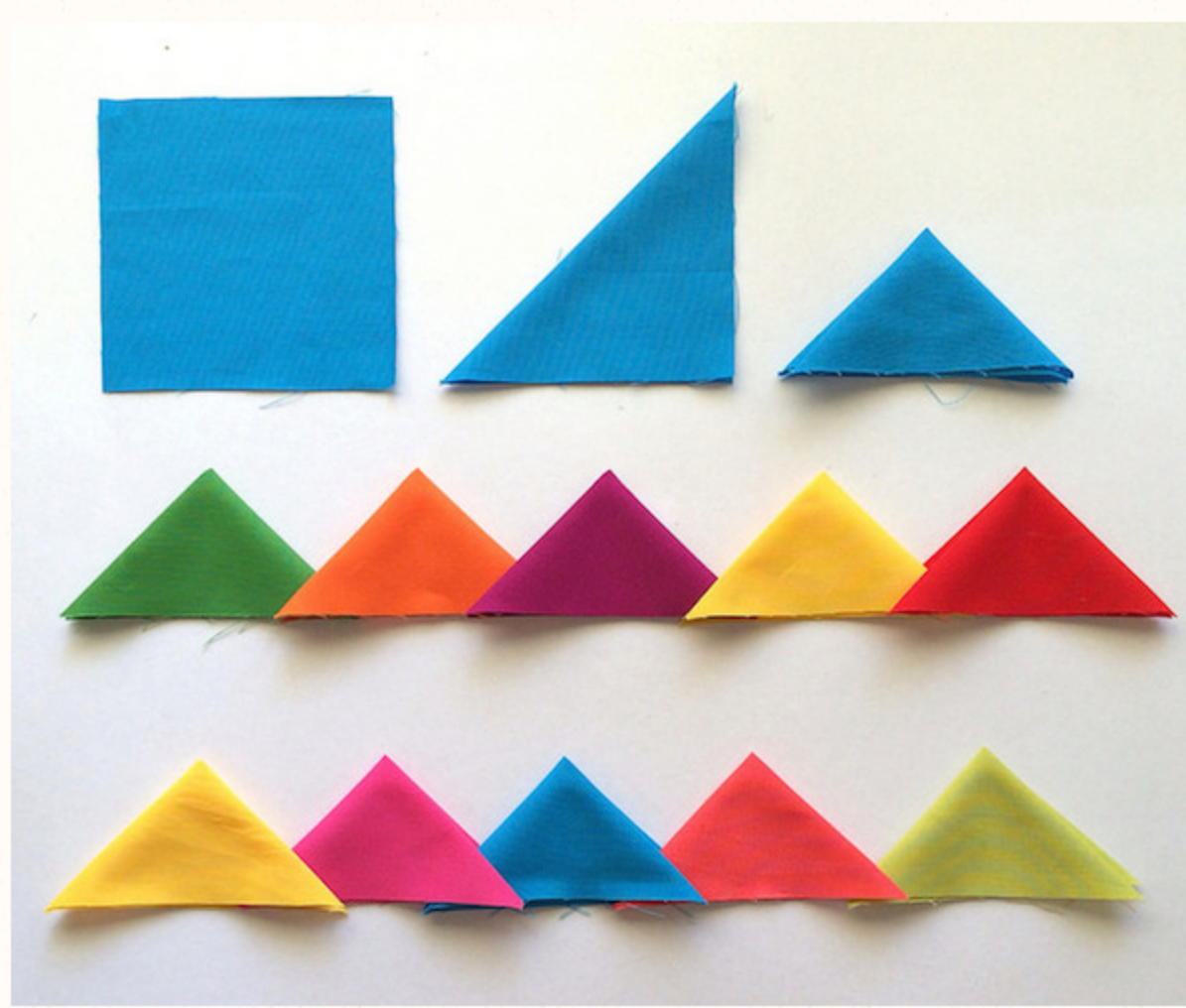
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ATTACHING PRAIRIE POINTS TO YOUR QUILT IN 10 EASY STEPS

STEP 1.

Prairie points should be attached to the quilt after it has been quilted, but be sure to leave 1.5" un-quilted around the edge of the quilt.

STEP 2.

Trim the quilt sandwich, making sure edges are squared up.

STEP 3.

Fold the backing away from the edge and pin to keep it out of the way. Prairie points are sewn to the quilt top and batting only.

STEP 4.

Working along one side at a time, align the raw edge of the quilt with the raw edge of the prairie points. Adjust the points into position to create even spacing. Pin into place.

STEP 5.

The corner points should sit next to each other without overlapping.



STEP 6.

Sew the raw edge of the prairie points to the edge of the quilt and batting using a quarter-inch seam.

STEP 7.

Trim batting at the corners to remove excess bulk.

STEP 8.

Turn your row of prairie points outwards pushing the seam towards the back



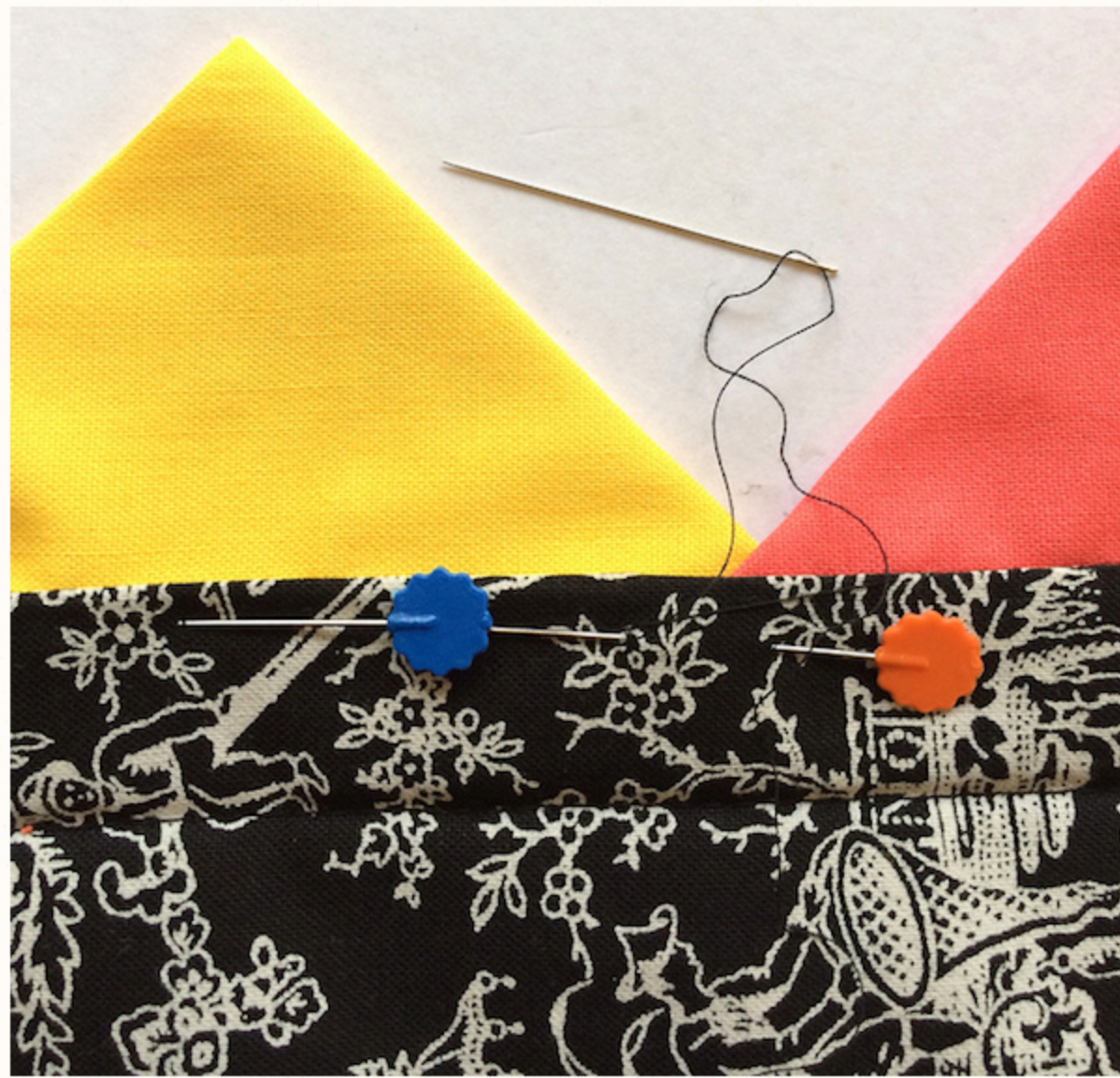


STEP 9.

Finger press backing 1/4" under, and pin into place to cover the seam stitching.

STEP 10.

Blind stitch the back down. And that's it. You're done!



Now you know how to make and attach prairie point binding you can add these decorative points to everything. Don't just use them on quilts, you can also add them to table runners, pillows or even as a fun edge to a skirt or pajama bottoms.

Find out more about different kinds of [quilt binding here](#).

WHAT WILL YOU USE PRAIRIE POINTS FOR? LET US KNOW HOW YOU'VE USED PRAIRIE POINTS IN YOUR PROJECTS!

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Emmy Murawski

May 18th, 2014

love this idea. I'll try it on next baby quilt!

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Maria Laurence

May 19th, 2014

Love this idea. It can be used on several types of quilts.

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Maria Laurence

May 21st, 2014

Love this idea. It can be used on several types of quilts.

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Valerie Reynolds

April 14th, 2015

Thank you for this easy to follow tutorial! I highlighted it on my weekly Tuesday Archives linky. I can't wait to make a prairie point binding! Val from myplvl.blogspot.com

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Aurora Longoria

April 16th, 2015

I really like this method ,I will try on my next quilt, thank you so much

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Kay Senger

April 27th, 2015

This really helped me. I didn't understand the procedure on the pattern. I'm making a Christmas tree skirt.

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dorothy carbone

May 12th, 2015

I will try this it looks nice should be easy thanks

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Bette Albert

May 12th, 2015

IT SURE LOOKS EASY.WILL TRY IT SOON,

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Julie Martin

May 24th, 2015

I thought this was a somewhat 'original' idea when I added these to my granddaughter's pin-wheel quilt....until it was done and I started seeing them everywhere! I was sitting around playing with different folds of the fabric pieces and came up with these. The only difference is that I sewed mine to a border THEN added the border to the quilt and it worked out great! Also, I decided to put them on with the 'opening' side up...for a little more depth and personality!!

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Louise

January 9th, 2017

I always wanted to know how to do prairie points,have everything & ready to start

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Jane

January 27th, 2017

How can I add prairie points with a binding??
There has to be a way – I don't like it without ..

Anyone??

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Elaine Smith
May 11th, 2017

Thank you for the tutorial – I'm doing my first prairie point binding and couldn't figure out how to do the corners of the quilt – you made it so simple, I'm anxious to get to work!

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Catherine Kochan
April 20th, 2018

I have always wanted to Prairie Point Binding. How do you figure out the yardage for the points that you will need for your quilt?

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