

How to Face your Quilt

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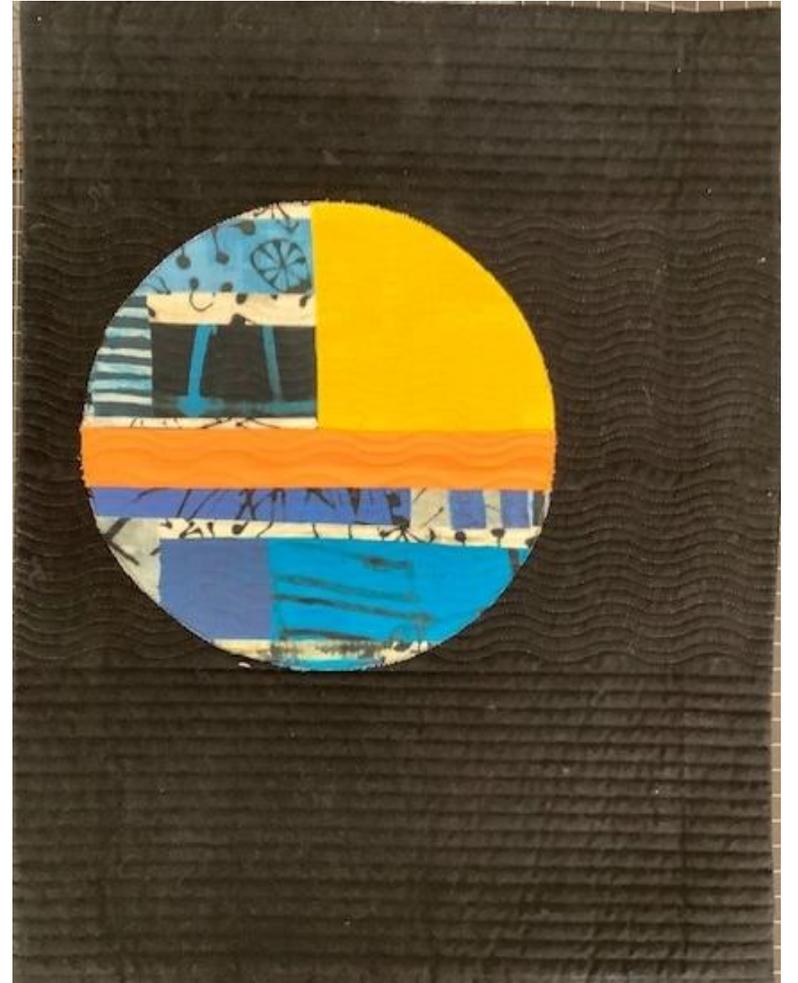
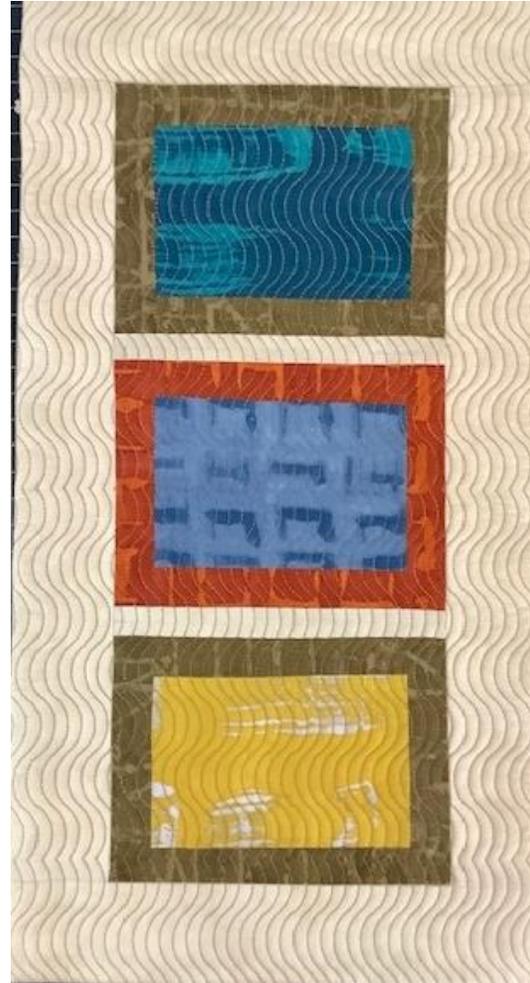
What is a facing

A facing is similar to a binding on a quilt, except that it's turned completely to the back so there is no visual line around the edge of a quilt.

Facing is a finish that gives the edges of a quilt a clean look without the frame of traditional quilt binding

Uses

- Mini- quilts
- Art quilts



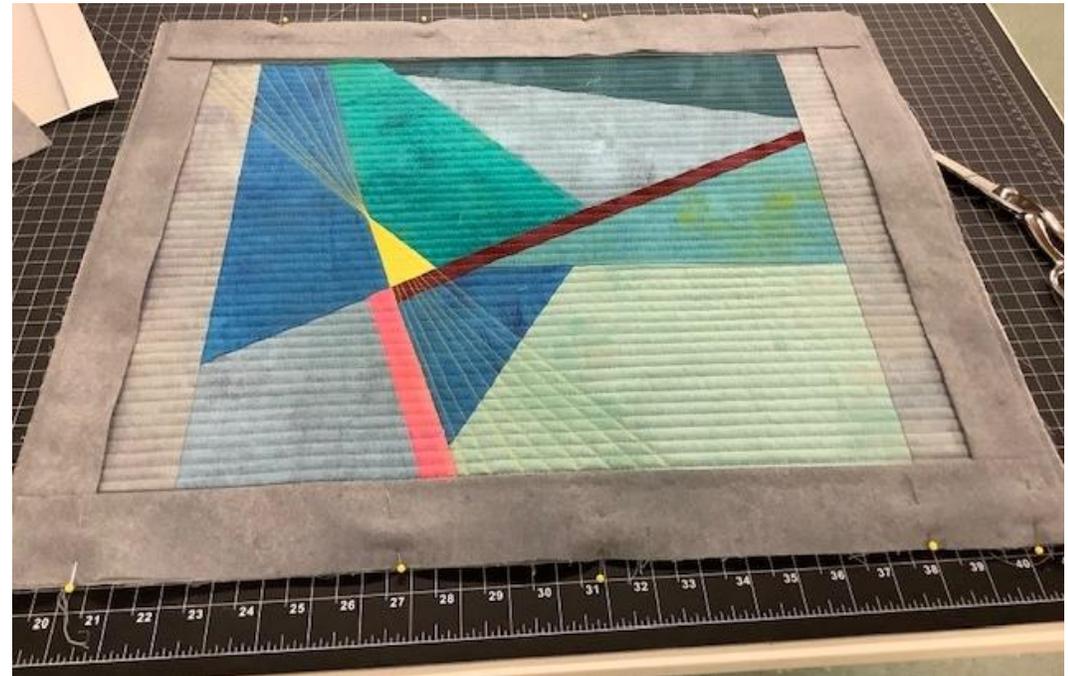
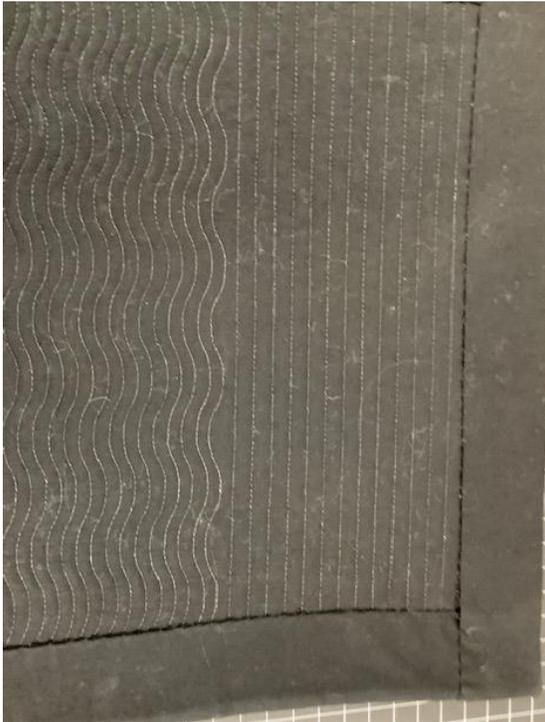
Many ways to face a quilt



- There are numerous methods available online to face a quilt
- A popular one adds a triangle to the corners for hanging.

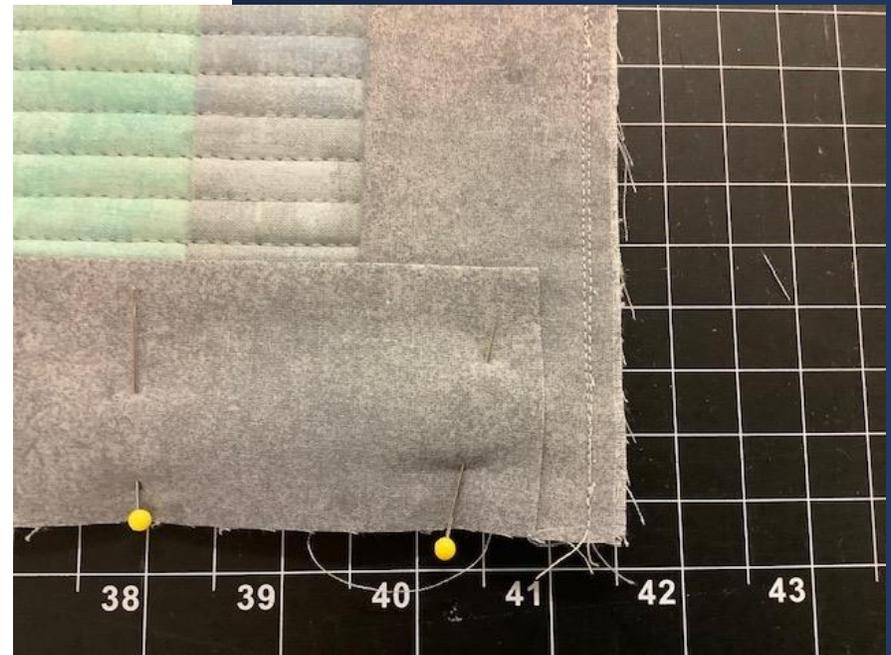
Width of Facing Strips

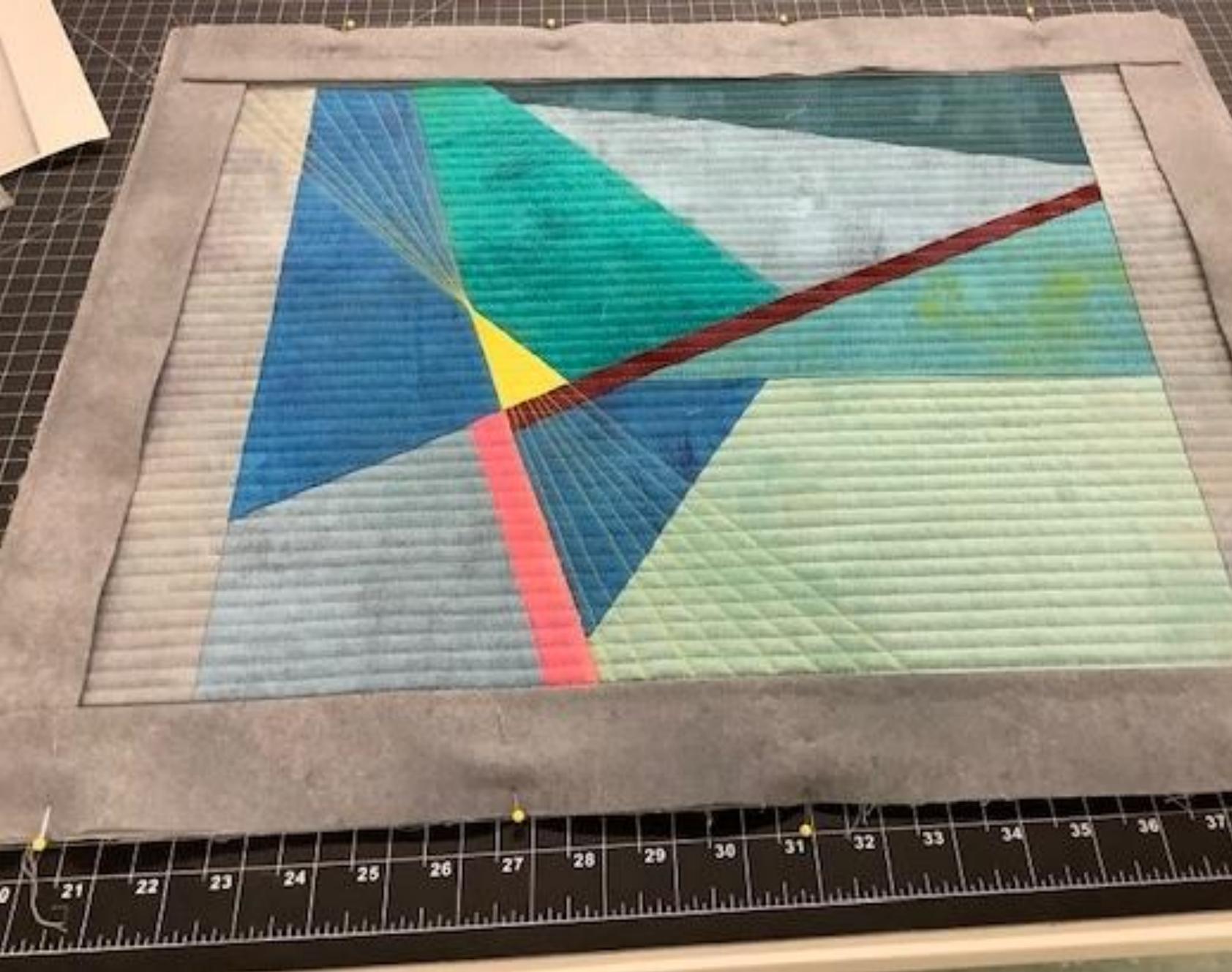
- Should be in proportion to the quilt
 - Too narrow and has bulk when you want it to lay flat
- Moon has 3.5" strip, Rainforest 2" and QuiltCon swap 4"



How to make the Facing

- Cut 2 strips the size of the quilt (length or width)
- Cut 2 strips the size 1" shorter of (length or width)
 - Do you want rod holder as part of facing
 - This example- sides are length, top and bottom 1" shorter





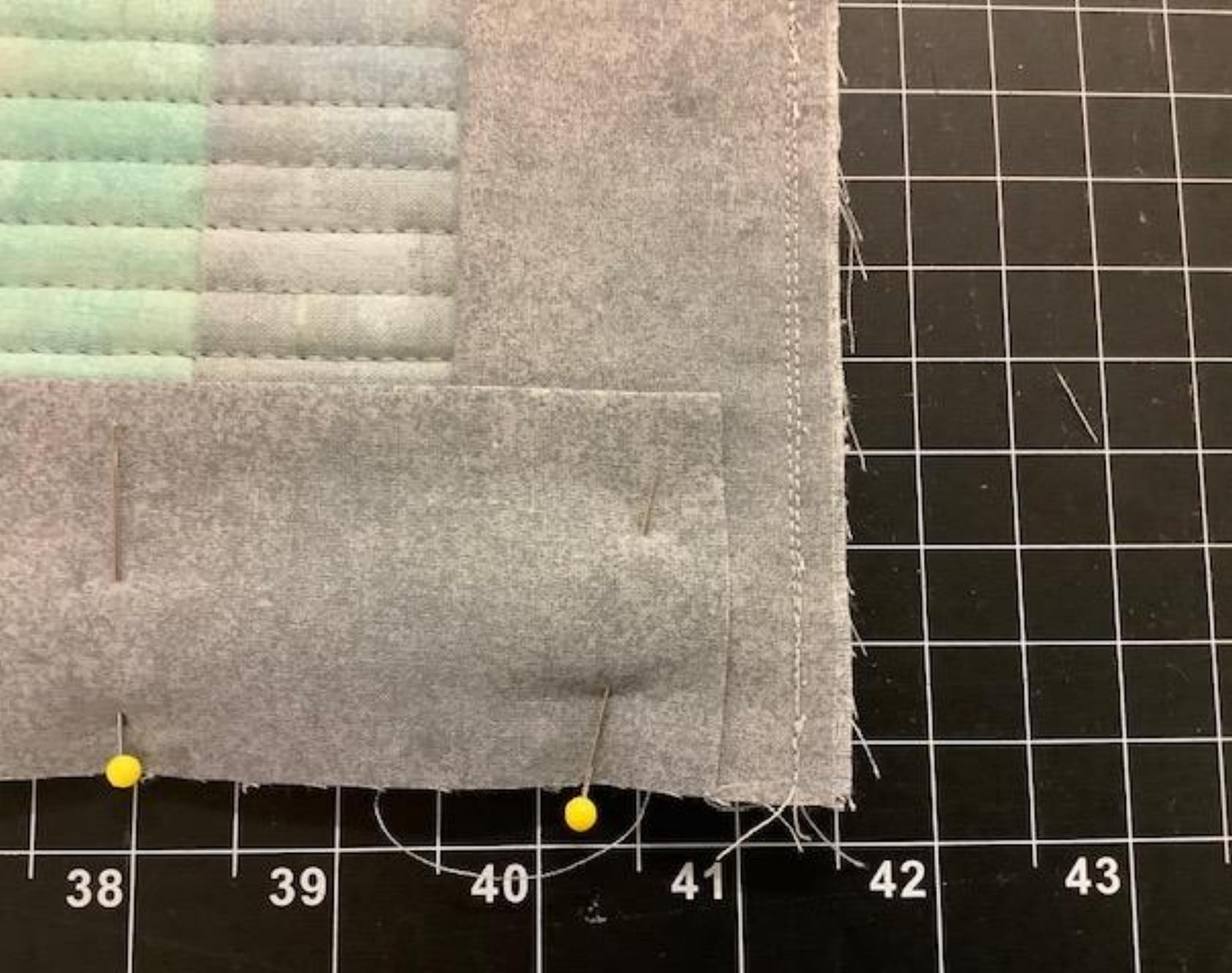
Ready the fabric

- Fold fabric in half, wrong sides together, Press
- Then pin top and bottom, or left and right sides



Sew two sides

- Sew 2 sides, either top and bottom or left and right sides, then add on the other two sides and stitch.
- The last strips put on should be the shorter ones



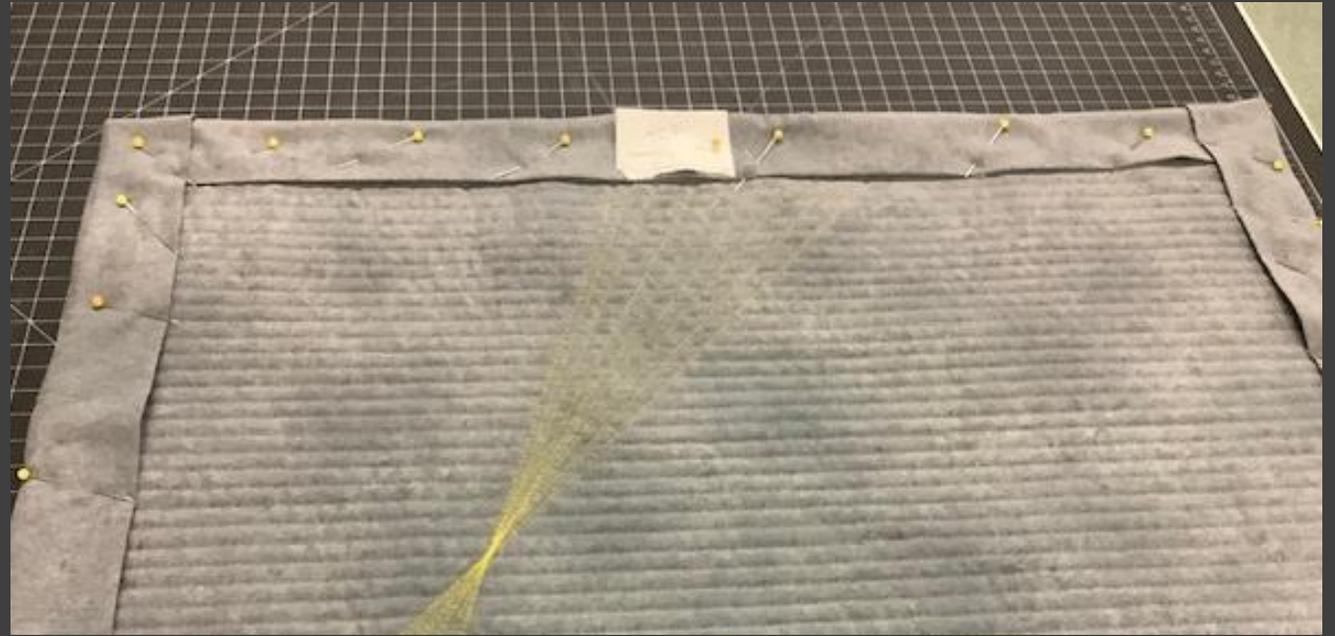
Facing Example

- In this example I had the top and bottom be the shorter fabrics as I wanted to incorporate a way to hang it without adding triangles or adding a sleeve



All sewed?

- Do a simple $\frac{1}{4}$ " stitch across the corners
- This stay stitch will give extra strength
- Clip the corners just to the right of the stitching
- This reduces the bulk as you turn the facing



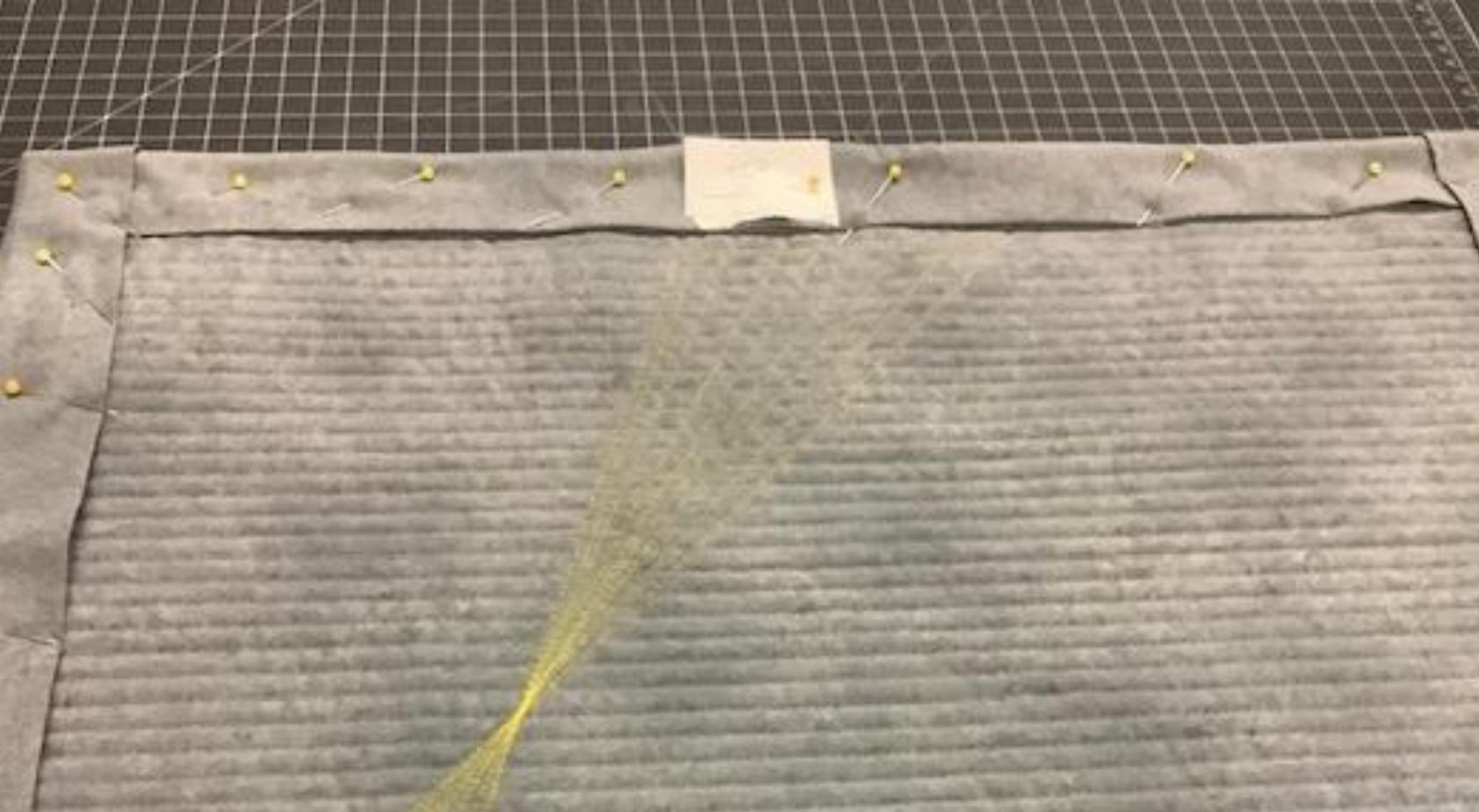
Turning the facing

- Turn each corner carefully – a faced quilt
 - I use a chopstick to push the fabric and make the corners square

Press

- Press the facing
- Make sure all the corners are all pushed out and the facing strips are on the backside of the quilt, re-press along the edges with a hot iron, making sure everything is nice and crisp and laying flat





Hand sew the facing

After hand sewing the facing you have a finished quilt

Resources

- Adds a triangle for easy hanging
<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/finishing/how-to-add-facing-to-your-quilt>
- Similar, but slightly different way to face a quilt
<https://thesillyboodilly.blogspot.com/2012/09/tutorial-super-duper-easy-way-to-face.html>
- Or google how to face a quilt for many other versions

