

How to calculate how much 2½" binding you need for your quilt

1. Measure the width and length in inches
2. Add length to width and multiply by 2. This gives you the perimeter of the quilt.
3. Divide this number by 40" (which is the average width of fabric.) This tells you how many strips you will need.
4. Round this number up to a whole number and multiply by 2.5 and this tells you how much yardage you need for 2 ½" strips. Allow an extra 2" for cutting the strips the width of the fabric.

Here's an example:

Quilt is 65" x 80"

Perimeter is $(65 + 80) \times 2 = 290$ "

Number of strips required is $290/40 = 7.25$

Therefore you would need 8 strips

$8 \times 2.5 = 20$ " Add 2" = 22" = roughly .6m

This works every time and will save you \$ when buying binding for your quilts.