

Grandeur Borders for Bloomington

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- ① Iron the border print to insure it is completely free of wrinkles and creases and study the fabric so you understand the repeat of the print.
- ② Open the fabric to its full width on a large work space or cutting surface. Clearly mark the same starting point of the repeat along the selvage edge. It is important that the marks be made at the same point in the repeat on both selvage edges to insure the patterns will match when the strips are sewn together. Mark the same point along the center repeat as well.



- ③ Using a ruler, draw a line across the fabric connecting the three marks. When all the lines have been marked, carefully cut the fabric into repeat segments along the marked lines.



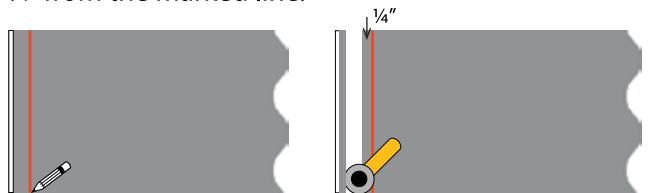
Bloomington Lap Border:
Cut 4 repeat segments

Bloomington Queen Border:
Cut 6 repeat segments

- ④ Fold the selvage ends under and match the ends of two segments together. Adjust the location of the fold until you are satisfied with the pattern match between the two ends.



- ⑤ Finger press a crease to mark the fold. Using a ruler and pencil, mark a line along the fold on the wrong side of the fabric. Trim away the excess material to a 1/4" from the marked line.



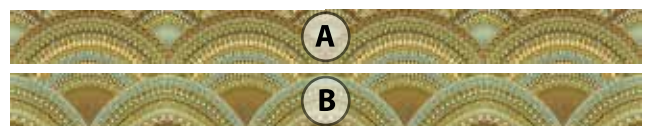
- ⑥ Sew the ends together along the marked line and press the seam open to reduce bulk. Repeat these steps, as needed, based on your size quilt.



Bloomington Lap Border:
Make 4 borders, 2 segments each

Bloomington Queen Border:
Make 4 borders, 3 segments each

- ⑦ Once all the segments are joined into strips, carefully cut them in half as illustrated. Each half will give a distinctly different repeat (A & B).



- ⑧ Fold each finished border strip in half and press a crease at the center point. Fold and press a crease into the center of the sides, top and bottom of the quilt top. Beginning with the left side, match and pin the center points of the border and quilt together. Use additional pins to ease and hold the pieces together as needed. Sew the border to the quilt, trim the ends and press to the least amount of bulk. Sew the remaining side, followed by the top and bottom in the same fashion. **To achieve the same look as shown on the Bloomington Pattern Cover use repeat B, on the sides and repeat A on the top & bottom with all the fans facing "in" toward the center of the quilt.**