



Steam Engine
Whistle Stop Tour
 Changing the Width of
 Your Spacing Strips



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You have sewn your rows together and are ready to add your spacing strips. You've discovered that your quilt doesn't measure the exact size of 43"x 51½". Don't worry, with on-point quilts this can sometimes happen. If you use the tables below, you can determine what size to cut your spacing strips to make the pieced borders fit the quilt center.

Cut Size of Side Spacing Strips

If your quilt doesn't measure 43" at this time, that is ok. Pick the measurement from the table that is closest to the measured width of your quilt. Cut your Side Spacing Strips the size indicated.

Remember the length of your strips will need to be cut the average length of your quilt interior. Use at least three measurements to determine this average length.

Quilt Top Width Measurement	Cut Size of Side Spacing Strips
42"	2¼" x length of quilt
42½"	2" x length of quilt
43" - exact measurement	1¾" x length of quilt
43½"	1½" x length of quilt
44"	1¼" x length of quilt

Cut Size of Top and Bottom Spacing Strips

Technically, your quilt should measure 51½" high. If yours does not, you will repeat the same steps as above. Measure your quilt height, consult the chart, and cut your top and bottom spacing strips the listed size. There is no need to recheck the width measurement, because you just perfected it with the first two spacer strips. Once the top and bottom spacing strips are stitched on, your quilt will measure 45 ½" x 53½".

Quilt Top Length Measurement	Cut Size of Top and Bottom Spacing Strips
49½"	2" x 45½"
51"	1¾" x 45½"
51½" - exact measurement	1½" x 45½"
52"	1¼" x 45½"
52½"	1" x 45½"