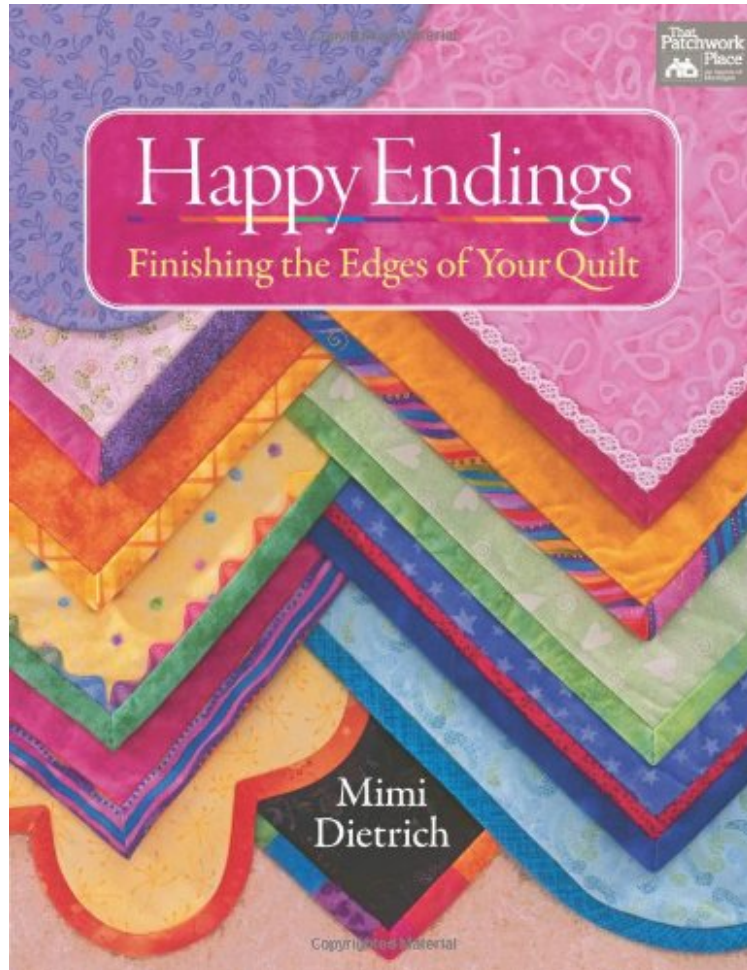


# Happy Endings

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**Mimi Dietrich : Happy Endings** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Happy Endings:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very helpful techniques and diagramsBy PaulaThere are lots of helpful techniques in this book. This will not teach you how to quilt, or give you patterns--this is strictly about finishing, binding and other edge techniques. I got the idea for finishing my first major quilt with "Prairie Points" from this book. There are nice diagrams also. This is the second copy of this book I have bought. I was always bringing my first copy over to my mom's house for reference and ideas, so I bought her a copy of her own. Anyway, there is a finishing technique in this book for just about every type of quilt project. Very helpful. Also, not a super thick and heavy book--easy to store and carry with you.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Recommended---great pictures and simple helpBy EmparkI'm a beginning quilter and this book was recommended in a Quilt Binding class. Now I'm disappointed not to find other beginning quilting books in this series (I think that they're out of print, but I

haven't looked very hard because I have found a lot of great information for free online). This book has great illustrations and it's colorful and it calmly describes bindings. I also recommend looking for websites and online videos to help you with quilting queries. I have looked up "quilt bindings" and "paper piecing" and in both cases found some sites and videos more helpful than others. I have yet to find a beginning "machine quilting" video or description that is as helpful, but I did find a great discussion of all of the things that can contribute to skipped or missed stitches when machine quilting. The point is that these quilting books may be less popular given the number of resources available online, but this book does a great job as a binding resource. There are helpful illustrations here about the decision between straight-grain vs. bias binding for different binding fabrics. It turns out that binding is intimidating but not as difficult ultimately as many other quilting skills such as matching corners. It turns out that binding corners is not that difficult. I think that the best recommendation comes from my classroom instructor who describes going to the 1/4 inch point from the corner and then stitching to the corner--using this as the fold for your mitered corner makes everything easy. So even if you send out your quilt to a long arm quilter, with a book like this or some of the online resources, you can do the binding. Good luck with your quilts!

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Valuable information  
By Vanessa  
A lovely book and lots of helpful advice on the hows and whys of different methods of finishing a quilt. I plan to use the information for a mitered double (or French) binding, but there is so much more...

A must for every quilter's library, this is the classic book on finishing--back by popular demand! First published in 1987, this popular resource has sold more than 275,000 copies and is still the one quilters want. Well-known author and quiltmaking expert Mimi Dietrich shows you all you need to know about finishing quilts with style. Discover dozens of creative ways to finish your quilts, from easy to advanced Find terrific ideas for quilt backings, battings, bindings, and hanging sleeves Get creative with a great section on quilt borders Learn from Mimi Dietrich's "Happy Ending Hints," sprinkled throughout the book NOTE: Title is available in different packaging, however content is the same.

Happy Endings: Finishing the Edges of Your Quilt teaches how to finish a quilt and is a recommendation for beginners and experienced quilters alike. New ideas cover quilt backings, battings, bindings and more, offering a new section on quilt borders and new creative ideas for finishing edges. Patterns, step-by-step color illustrations, and fun finishing techniques make for a fine collection of ideas perfect for any quilter who wants to produce polished borders and finishing touches. --Midwest Book , August 2013 Expert quilt maker and nationally-known teacher Mimi Dietrich shows you all you need to know about finishing your quilts with style. You'll discover dozens of creative finishing techniques, both easy and advanced. She'll give you new ideas for quilt backings, batting, bindings, and hanging sleeves to help you achieve a great finished project. --Fons Porter's Love of Quilting, November/December 2013 This is a recently revised edition of a quilting classic. Finishing a quilt is my favourite part of the process, and I think it's worth spending a little extra time on this last step. Mimi Dietrich wrote this bible for quilt bindings 25 years ago and it's still incredibly useful today. This updated version includes a section on making perfect borders in addition to the original text. With step-by-step instructions and lots of great hints, this covers absolutely everything you could ever want to know. Mimi shows you how to finish without binding, by hand or machine, create imitation binding, work with sculpted edges, bind using your backing fabrics or with single- or double-fold binding and so much more. Your quilts deserve lovely edges, and Mimi's hints and tips will help you to achieve just that. --Popular Patchwork, January 2014 From the Inside Flap Quiltmaking expert Mimi Dietrich shows dozens of creative ways to finish your quilts, from easy to advanced. Find great ideas for quilt backings, battings, bindings, and hanging sleeves. About the Author Mimi Dietrich is a nationally known teacher and the author of many best-selling books, including Martingale's all-time best seller, Happy Endings. Her books have sold over a half million copies to date. She has lived in Baltimore all her life and is inspired by the beautiful Baltimore Album applique quilts made in her hometown more than 150 years ago.