

## QUILTING AN ODD-SHAPED QUILT

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Normally, when you quilt a top, you make sure the batting and backing pieces are slightly larger than the top and trim once the piece is quilted. In this case, I started with two identical octagonal pieced quilt shapes for a tree skirt/table topper. I found a way to ensure that the pieces would line up and be quilted together.

1. Cut the batting approximately 2" bigger all around than the quilt top and back
2. Lay the batting on the floor and smooth the backing on top.



3. Pin in place along the all of the seamed lines and around the outside edges.



4. Machine baste along these lines and close to the outside edge with a long stitch and a walking foot.



5. Trim the batting to the exact size of the backing.
6. Lay the quilt top on the batting side and pin, matching up the seam lines and the outside edges with the basted lines on the batting.
7. Carefully pin or baste the top in place.
8. Quilt as desired.
9. Bind using your favorite method.



With this method, you can achieve a truly reversible quilt with pieces that are not the typical square or rectangle shapes.