Borders

The final strip or number of strips added to frame the edges of the quilt top.

Your entire quilt top is usually bordered, but you can also have borders surrounding your quilt blocks or as part of the quilt block design.

A quilt's borders can be wide or narrow, pieced or applique, or a combination of techniques.

The important first step before sewing any borders to your quilt is to take accurate measurements.

Find side dimensions by measuring through the quilt center, not along the edges, since they may have stretched.

Applique Borders
- (a) Mosaic
- (b) Hawaiian Breadfruit

Mitered Borders
- (a) Mariner's Compass

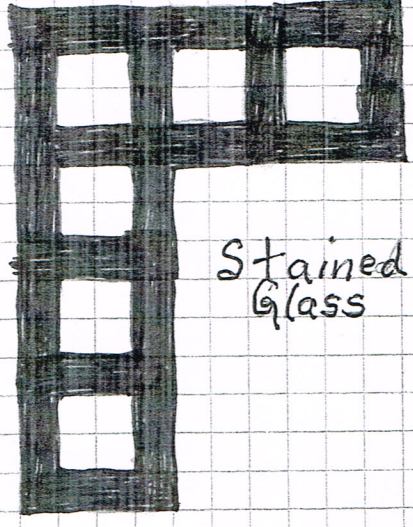
Directional Pieced Borders
- (a) Sawtooth
- (b) Goose Chase
- (c) Spiral

Diagonal Borders
- (a) Zigzag
- (b) Picket Fence
- (c) Streak of lightning

Pieced Borders
- (a) Snowball
- (b) Barn Raising

No Borders
- (a) Crazy Quilts
- (b) Pick-up-Sticks

There is wallhangings and quilts that have applique falling onto and into the borders.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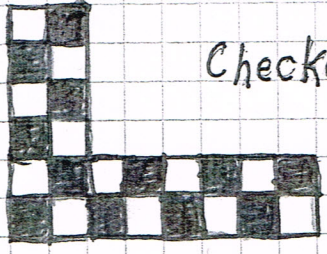
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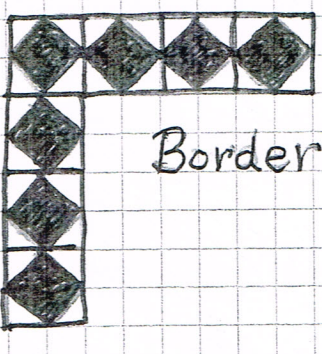
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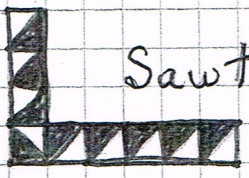
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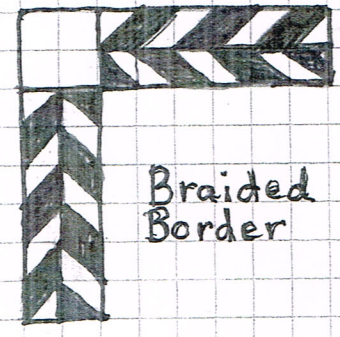
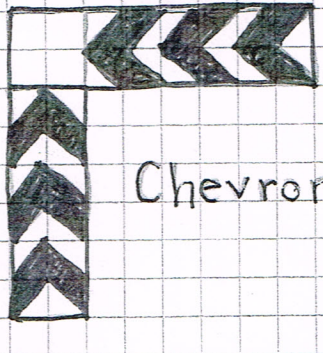

Braided Border

Zigzag

Cupid's Arrowpoint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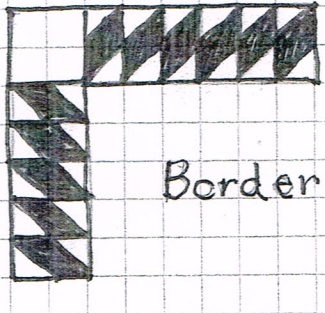
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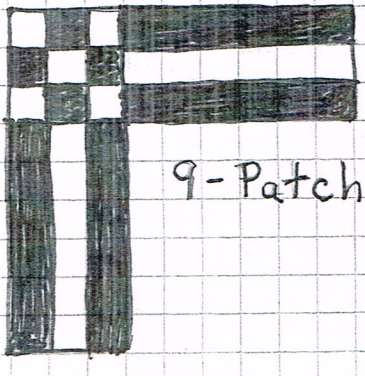
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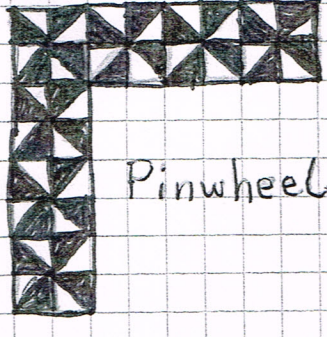
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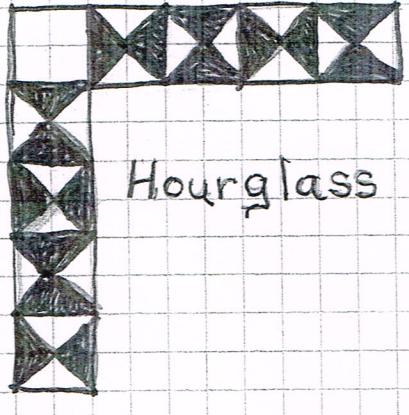
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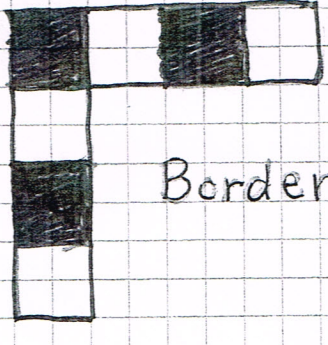
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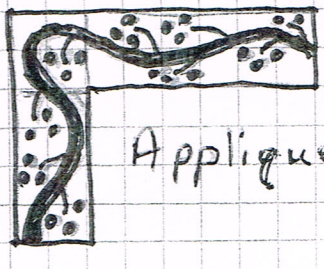
Applique