

## Basic block weaving

### 4. Securing the woven block. [Video link](#)



1. Securing the edges... every strip needs to be secured to the backing at both ends in order to keep the weaving from coming apart and shifting. There are 3 methods i use to do this.

1. **Pin and machine stitch** ... using straight pins, carefully pin each horizontal strip at both ends, attaching it to the backing. Turn the piece 90 degrees and do the same. Turn the block over and trim any excess strips hanging over the edge. this gives you a clear edge to work against on the machine. Stitch all around the edge, to secure all the strips to the backing and remove the pins.
2. **Safety pins and no stitch**... using safety pins, secure all strips at both ends catching the backing. Leave them in while doing any other stitching and embellishing.
3. **Pin and hand stitch**... this my personal favorite, the one I use the most, just because I am a hand stitcher and I don't like the look of a machine stitch. Pin as in number one, hand stitch all around, taking the pins out as you go. Use a running stitch or if you want to leave it in, an invisible basting stitch which is a tiny stitch on the face and a loooong stitch on the back. What a stitch!