



How to Make Yards & Yards of Bias Strips

To make welting or binding for all kinds of sewing projects, you need a long continuous bias strip.

Take a square of fabric about a yard wide and a yard long. Cut it diagonally down the middle from corner to corner into two triangles. (Actually, this method will work just as well from any square of fabric. Since home decorating fabric is generally 54" wide and many home décor projects require long pieces of cording or welting, starting with 1 ½ yds. of fabric and using a 54" square to start is a great idea and will give you the long runs of cording you often want.) Mark the edges with one, two and three pins so you can match up the proper edges. See **Diagram A**

Now match the top and bottom edges of the former square and stitch them right sides together. See **Diagram B**

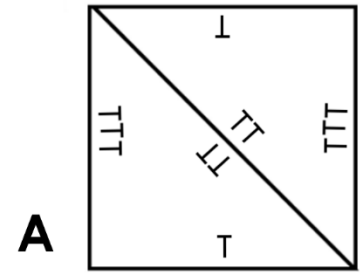
Press the seam open. Using a straightedge and a pencil or fabric marking pen, draw lines 1 ½" apart across the wrong side of the fabric as shown. **Diagram C**

Now match the straight edges of the piece (see arrows in Diagram B) forming a twisted tube of the material. Before you stitch these edges together, slip one edge to the side so that it extends 1 ½" beyond the other edge. Stitch together. See **Diagram D**

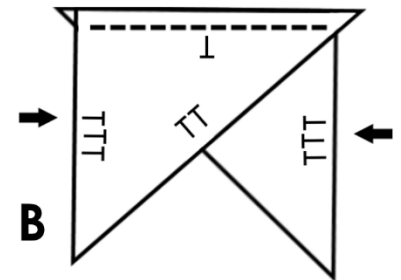
Now, start at one of the extended edges and cut a 1 ½" wide continuous strip around the tube until you reach the other end. You'll have twenty-four yards of bias stripping from one square yard of fabric! See **Diagram E**

For Welting or Covered Piping

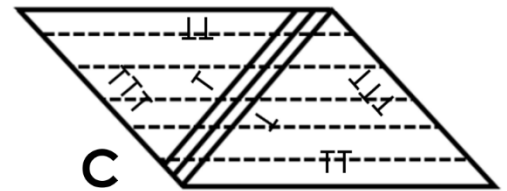
Wrap the bias stripping lengthwise around your cording, right side out. Stitch the whole length using a zipper foot to get as close to the cording as possible.



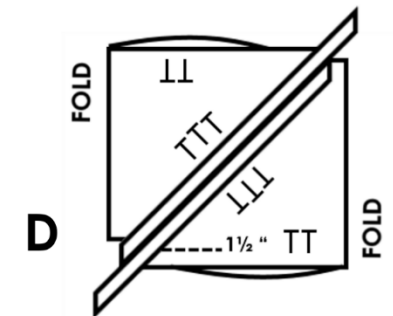
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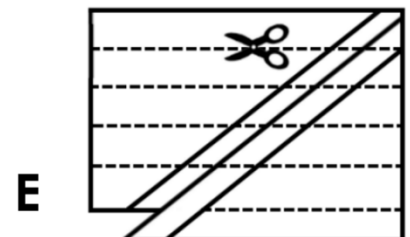
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