BINDING BASICS

PREPARE BINDING



A. Cut 214" bias strips. Note: The Simplicity EZ Bias Ruler[™] is shown here on a fat quarter:



B. Overlap the strips at a 90° angle with right sides together.



C. Stitch. Note: the long tails should both be to your left as you stitch!



- **D.** Trim seam to 14" and press open.
- **E.** Press in half, wrong sides together.













- F. Press the end under at an angle and trim to ¼".
- **G.** Stitch the binding to the first edge, with raw edges even, using a ¼" seam. Stop ¼" from the corner and backstitch.
- H. Remove from machine. Turn the panel as shown and fold the binding up exactly as shown. The angled fold must point to the corner!
- I. Fold it down, making a pleat at the corner. Beginning at the raw edge, continue stitching a 1/4" seam.

Repeat Steps G - I.

J. When you reach the starting point, trim the end and tuck it in.

CURVES AND INVISIBLE FINISH







 Stitch the binding to the edge, with raw edges even, using a ¼" seam. Leave a big opening along one long edge.

> Turn the corners as shown in Steps G - I on page 1.

- 2. Ease the binding as you go around the curved edge. *Do not stretch the binding!* The raw edge will be smooth, and the folded edge will ripple as shown.
- **3.** Fold the binding back on itself so it does not quite meet. Press.









4. Measure 11/e" from from the Step 3 fold and trim the binding tails.

> **TERRY'S TIP:** Use the folded binding to measure - it's exactly 11/8" wide.

The trimmed tails will look like this.

- **5.** Unfold the binding ends and place them at a 90° angle (with right sides together). The creases will line up. Stitch as shown.
- 6. Trim seam to ¼" and fingerpress the seam open. Refold the binding and finish stitching it to the edge.