

ALL ABOUT the adjustable bias binder

Applying double-fold bias tape to an edge is easy when using the adjustable bias binder. First, determine the width of the finished binding desired and adjust the foot accordingly. Then select a straight stitch. For more detail interest, try a decorative stitch to attach the binding to your project.

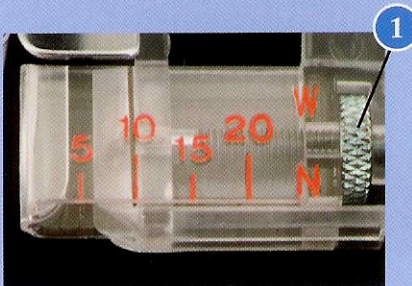
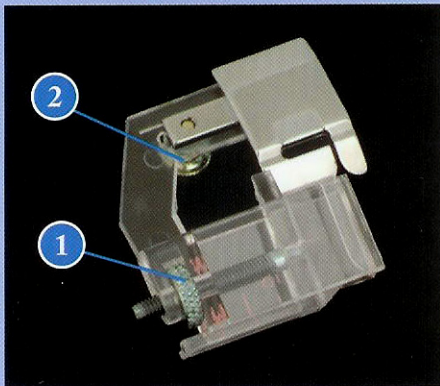
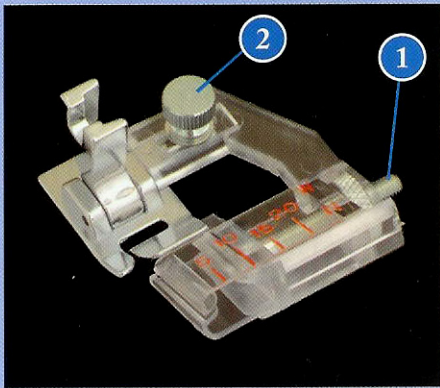
There are two adjusting screws on the foot to make sure the binding is sewn accurately. The first screw (1) is used to hold the bias strip while sewing. The size range for the finished binding can be anywhere from 1/4" to 3/4" wide.

The second screw (2) is used to slide the binder, itself, to the right or left of the needle making sure the stitching catches the edge of the binding.

Both commercial and self-made double-fold bias strips can be used with this binder. For self-made bias, cut the bias

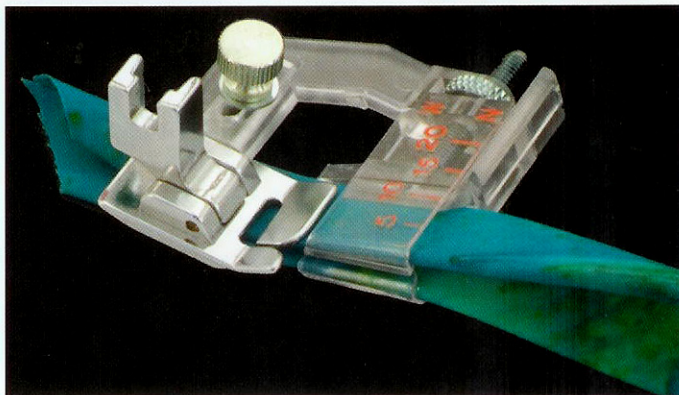
strip to the size desired and then use a bias tape maker to press in the double folds.

Trim one end of the bias strip to a point to make it easier to thread into the foot. Pull the strip under the foot extending a small amount of fabric in the back. Insert the fabric to be bound between the lips of the attachment with the binding encasing the edge. Turn the screw (1) to move the guide against the fabric for sewing. If necessary, loosen the screw (2) and adjust the binder attachment to the right or left making sure the needle will sew through all layers. If you have chosen a decorative stitch to attach the binding, you may want to test sew a sample first to align the stitches on the edge of the binding for the look you desire.



TIP

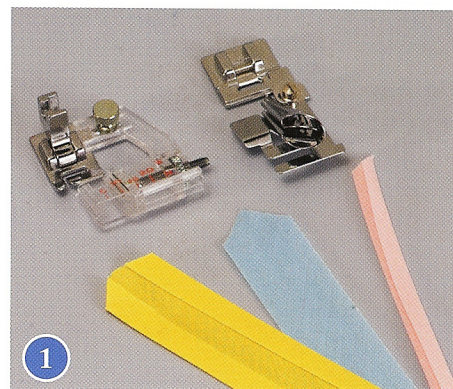
When adjusting the position of the guide with the screw (1), tighten the guide against the fabric as much as possible while still keeping the binding flat. As you sew, keep the bias strip feeding into the foot evenly with the same amount being fed on the top as on the bottom.



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Add a bias strip of fabric to an edge as a seam finish. Lace or rick rack trims can be added at the same time.

1. Either the standard or adjustable bias binder can be used to finish an edge. (#1)



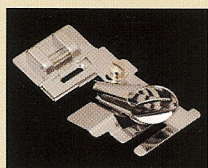
2. Narrow single fold, double fold, and 1"-wide flat bias tape can be used in the standard bias binder. First, trim the end to a point and feed it into the cone. Using a straight stitch, the single or double fold tape slides through the cone on the foot as you sew. (#2)



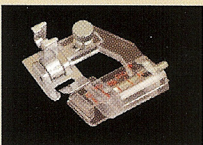
3. With flat bias tape, the binder will also turn in the edges as you sew creating a finished 1/4"-wide taped edge. Cut a 1"-wide strip of bias fabric and feed it into the cone on the foot. Slide the fabric to be bound between the lips of the cone. As you sew, the bias tape will be fed through the foot and fold around the raw edge of the fabric. (#3)



4. Add rick rack or lace trim at the same time as you bind the edge. If desired, baste the rick rack or lace to the edge of the fabric to be bound. Feed the bias tape into the cone on the foot and slide the flat fabric and trim between the lips of the cone. Select a narrow zigzag stitch and sew the trim and binding to the edge. (#4)



Bias Binder Foot
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Adjustable Bias Binder

Stitch: *Straight, Zigzag or all-forward decorative stitches*

Width: *Pre-set*

Length: *Pre-set*

Tension: *Pre-set*

Fabric, needles, notions required:

Cotton solids or prints; universal, size 80/12; all-purpose polyester, rayon or cotton embroidery thread for needle and bobbin; flat, single or double fold bias tape

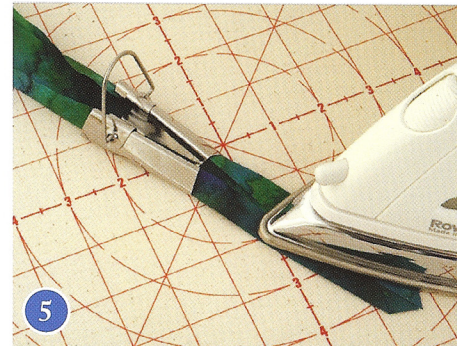
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FOOT FACTS

Each of the binder feet has its own particular positive features and unique limitations. The standard foot will only produce a narrow bound edge however, it will automatically roll in the edges of flat bias strips.

The adjustable bias binder handles only double fold bias strips however, it can be adjusted to sew up to a finished 3/4"-wide binding. Heavier or thicker fabrics can be bound with the adjustable bias binder also.

5. Use the adjustable bias binder to attach, double fold bias tape. Cut the bias tape to the size desired using a bias tape maker, press in the edges. (#5)



6. Trim the bias tape to a point and feed it into the adjustable bias binder. Tighten the adjusting screw up to the bias tape to hold. Place the fabric to be bound between the lips of the binder. Carefully sew the binding to the edge keeping the bias strip feeding evenly into the foot. (#6)



7. For additional detail, use an all-forward decorative stitch to apply the bias tape to the raw edges. (#7)



TIP

When feeding the fabric and binding into either the standard or adjustable binder feet, keep the flat fabric in your left hand and the bias tape in your right. Keep the bias tape feeding straight into the binder so an equal amount of tape is fed on the top and bottom. Make sure the fabric does not slide from between the lips of the binder as you sew.