

BIAS TAPE KIT INSTRUCTIONS

This Kit Contains

- 4 bias tape makers (tools for ironing the strips)
 - Green: ¼ inch
 - Yellow: ½ inch
 - Red: ¾ inch
 - Blue: 1 inch
- 1 awl
- 1 adjustable bias binder presser foot (universal snap-on presser foot)
- ballpoint pins
- 4 CLEVER CLIPS



NOTE: THIS VIDEO IS HELPFUL IN UNDERSTANDING HOW TO USE THE SET AS WELL:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcwClgXUxa8>

How to use the Bias Tape Makers to make your own bias tape?

1. Make fabric strips

1. Cut your fabric so that it is a big square.



1. Fold your fabric in half diagonally, and cut in the fold so that you get 2 big

triangles.



1. Take your rotary cutter, ruler, and mat, and start cutting strips-- cut right through the 2 triangles

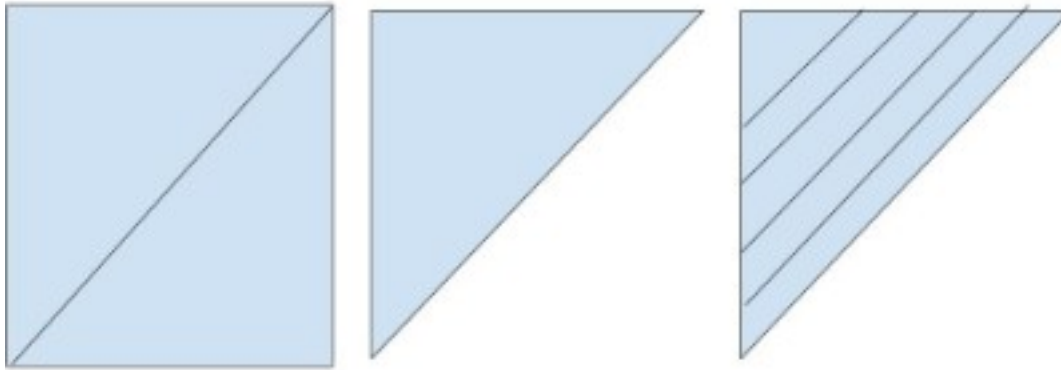


1. Stop cutting when the lengths get too small

How wide should your strips be? It depends on how wide you need your bias tape to be.

Width double fold bias tape	Width single fold bias tape	Width strips **	Bias tape maker number	Bias tape maker color
1/8"	1/4"	3/8"	6MM or 1/4"	Green
1/4"	1/2"	7/8"	12mm or 1/2"	Yellow
3/8"	3/4"	1 3/8"	18mm or 3/4"	Red

1/2" 1" 1 7/8" 25mm or 1" Blue



It's important to cut the fabric on the bias, rather than parallel to the fabric. The bias is the diagonal line of your fabric. If you cut it like this, your bias tape will have stretch. It will be easier to use around curves, it will stay flat, and it won't pucker.

How wide to cut the strips depends on the bias tape you need.

** Note: If you use really thin fabric, cut the strips a little wider. The first strips of your triangle shape will be the longest. Stop cutting when the strips become too short or you will have to make many seams.

When you cut the strips from the triangles, the ends of your strips will automatically have a 45° angle. This is important for sewing several strips together, and it's also easier to pull the strips through the bias tape maker.

2. Sew the strips together

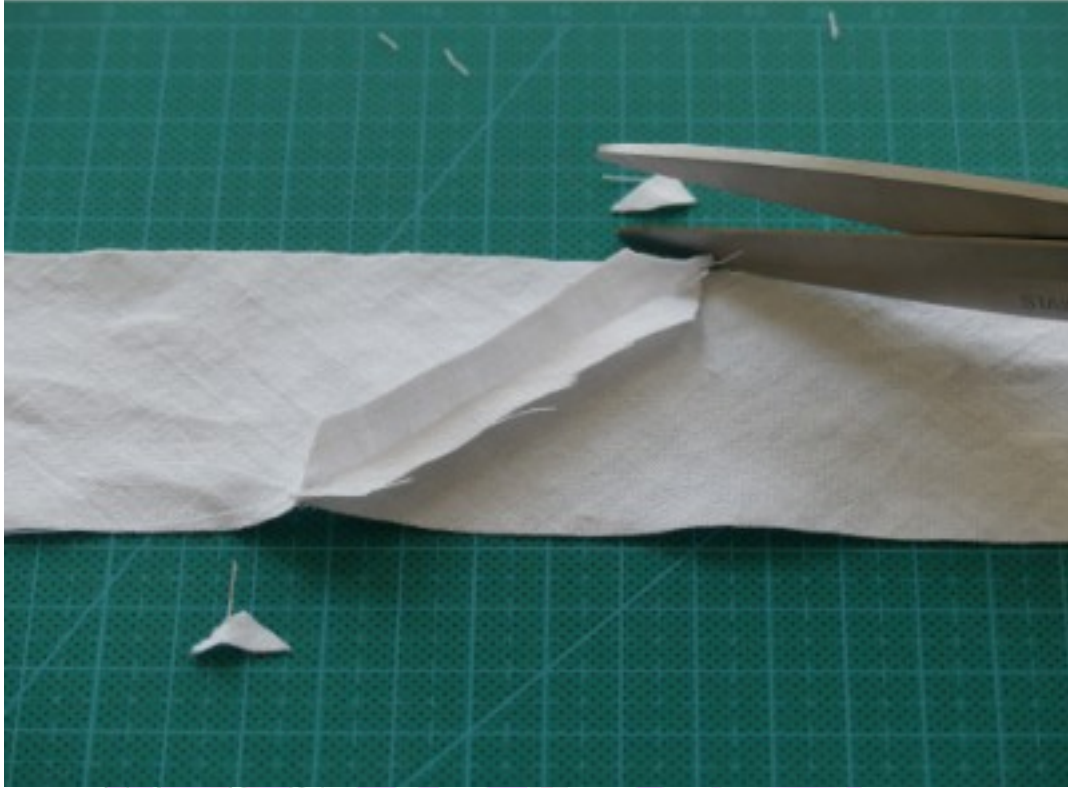
Put your strips in a 90° angle, right sides together. Let each strip overhang the other about a 1/4". This is necessary because we're sewing them with a quarter of an inch seam allowance.





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Cut that little overhang of fabric right off and press the seam open.



Now we have a nice strip of fabric. Just continue like this with the rest of your strips until you have the length you need.

Make the bias tape

1. Get your bias tape maker (depending on the width you need).
2. Put the point of the strip into the wide end of the tape maker. You can use an awl to pull the fabric through if necessary. Take the bias tape maker that you need, depending on the width of your bias tape. You can use the table in step 1.



Put the point of the strip into the wide end of the tape maker. You can use an awl to pull the fabric trough if necessary.





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Pin the end of the strip to your iron board.



Pull the lever on tape maker and press the folds with your hot iron. Keep your iron close to the tape maker, and just continue ironing. Continue to pull and iron even at the seams.



When you come to a seam, just pull and iron.

Now you have a single fold bias tape.

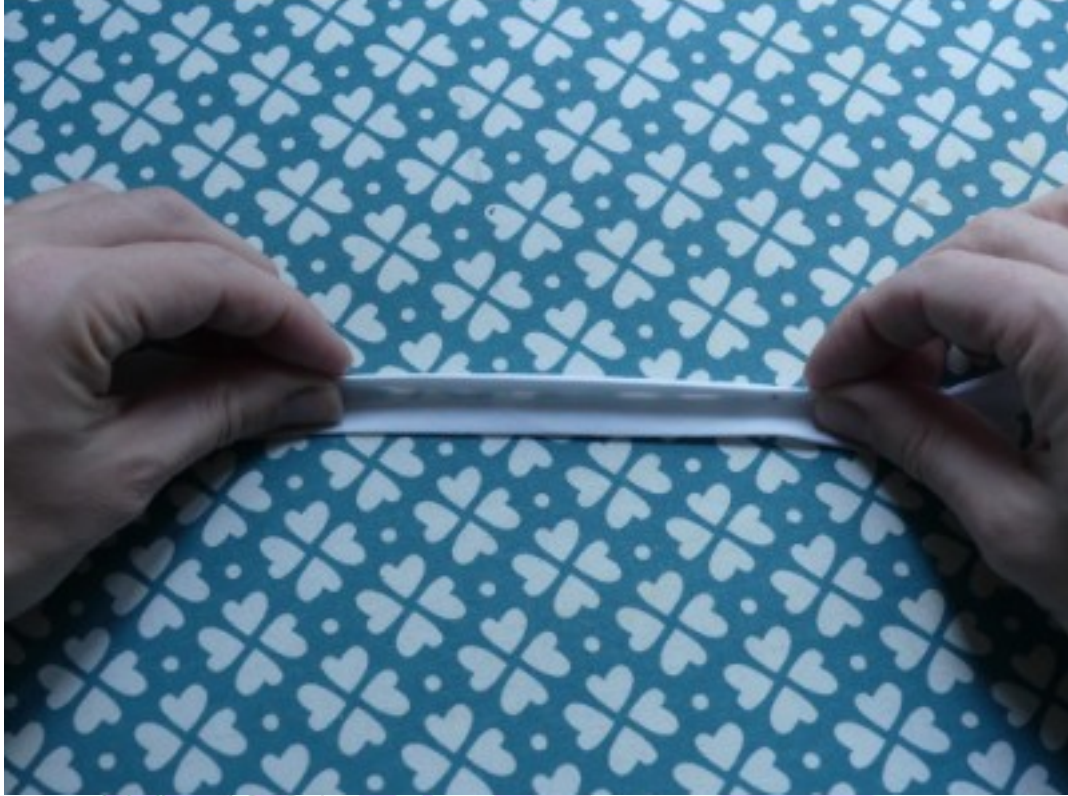


This is a single fold bias tape. See below for double fold.

Organize your bias tape

1. Wrap your tape around an empty paper towel cardboard tube or piece of cardboard.

4. Make double fold bias tape



If you want double fold bias tape, fold the bias tape in half and press with your hot iron.

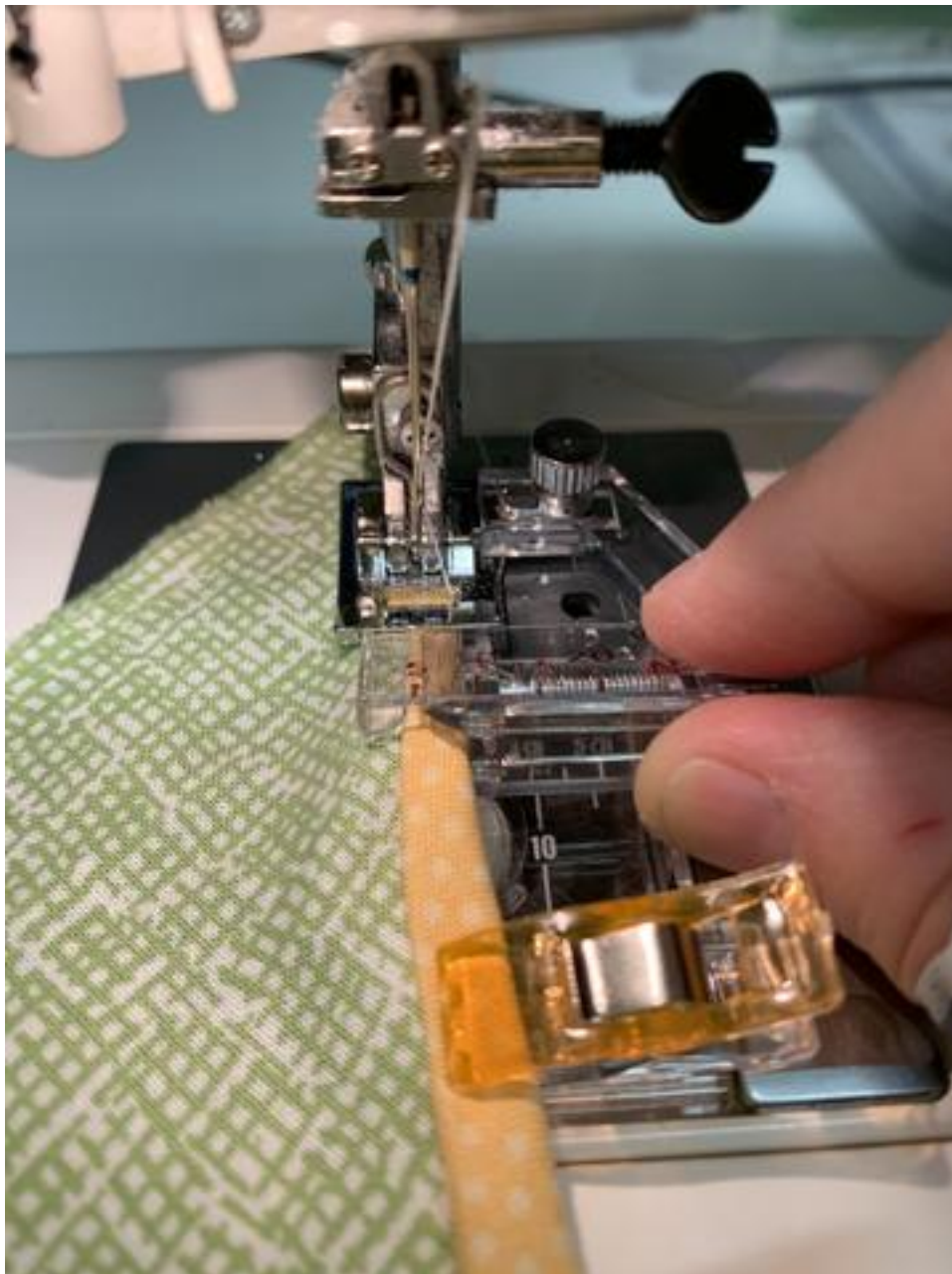
To keep your bias tape organized, wrap it around a little piece of cardboard.

Sewing with the bias binder foot.

1. Snap the presser foot to your sewing machine
2. Adjust the guide of the foot (or the binding channel) to fit the width of your binding with the screw to the front right of the foot.
3. Snip your binding to a point and slide the two halves of the bias binding into the top and bottom of the channel with the fold to the right. Your fabric is sandwiched between the top and bottom part of the bias binding.
4. Now gently feed the bias binding through and under the metal portion of the foot.

5. You are now ready to insert the main body of fabric that is being bound. Slip it between the two edges of the binding into the center groove of the plastic portion of the presser foot. You should now have a bias binding sandwich. You can pin the rest of the bias tape to the fabric.
6. Once in place, check that the needle lines up where you want. If you need to adjust, you can either use the left or right needle positions, or you can adjust the smaller screw at the back of the foot which will allow the whole plastic portion, and the fabric it now holds, to move to the correct position. Make sure you tighten this screw back up again or the results won't be pleasant!





3. You can now sew away, making sure the binding and fabric feed together through the presser foot.



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5. Once you have completed your binding, you will need to snip away any excess binding and pull the work to the back of your sewing machine to remove it without damaging your work.