

How To Cut Bias Binding The Easy Way

Grab a 1/2 yard of fabric and join me as I show you step-by-step, the easy way to cut bias binding strips. The strips will be pre-mitered so there will be no marking or trimming later! It's like magic...

Remove the selvages from a 1/2 yard cut of fabric.



Unfold the fabric and lay it on a cutting mat with the wrong side facing up.



Take the bottom right hand corner of the fabric and bring it up to meet the top edge of the fabric forming a triangle. Make sure the top edges are even.



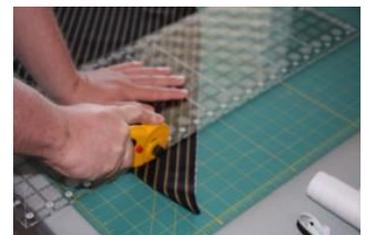
Take the top left hand corner and bring it down toward the middle of the fabric until the edges meet in the middle.



Rotate the fabric until it lays horizontal on a mat line.



Using rotary cutter and a 24" ruler cut off approximately 4 inches from the point to clean cut the fabric and remove the section that is too small to use for binding. (It does not have to be exactly four inches...just eyeball it and cut!)



Next, rotate your cutting mat or walk around to the other side of the table and cut a 2 1/2" strip from where you just clean cut. Be sure to line up the ruler both on the edge of the fabric and along the fold at the top, as indicated by the pink lines, so the strips will be straight and accurate.



BONUS! The strip will already be mitered (cut on the 45 degree angle).

Cut 2 1/2" strips from the remaining fabric all the way across the unusual folded shape of the fabric until you have approximately 4 inches of fabric left. (It is too small to use for binding)



A few of the strips might look like "Daddy's tie" and not have a perfect miter. (Usually 1-2 strips)



Fix the ends by lining up the diagonal line (45 degree line) on a ruler with either the top or bottom edge of the strip and cut. The bias strips are now ready to be sewn together into binding.



NOTE: You may want to wait to fix "Daddy's Tie" until you are joining strips together and know which way you need them to point....