

Continuous Bias Binding

Bias binding is used often for quilts using rounded corners or curved edges. They are believed to wear better than straight edged binding because friction and wear is distributed along the many threads of the folded bias versus one thread of the straight edge.

Measure the quilt to determine how many inches of binding you need. Allow 10" extra for turning corners and the closure. The equation is: $[(\text{height of quilt} + \text{width of quilt}) \times 2] + 10$. Refer to chart to find the size square needed. My 18" square yields approximately 120" of 2 1/2" binding.

Length Needed	Size square to Cut			
	1 1/2"-Wide Bias Strip	2"-Wide Bias Strip	2 1/2"-Wide Bias Strip	3"-Wide Bias Strip
110"	14" square	16" square	18" square	20" square
220"	19" square	23" square	26" square	28" square
340"	23" square	28" square	32" square	35" square
480"	28" square	33" square	37" square	40" square

Step 1. Begin with a square.

Step 2. Cut the square in half diagonally.

Step 3. With right sides together to look like a pair of pants, sew the triangles together with a

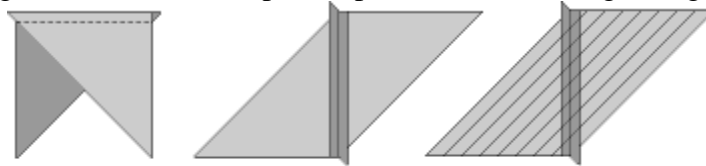


Diagram II

1/4" seam and press open.

Step 4.*** On fabric wrong side long edges, draw lines to make strips of your chosen binding width (**Diagram II**). Use a clear acrylic rotary ruler and a pencil or fine-point permanent pen to draw the lines. Any residual pen markings will be cut off or on the inside of your attached binding.

Step 5. Bring the short diagonal edges together, forming a tube (**Diagram III**). Offset the drawn lines by one strip. With right sides together, match lines with pins at the 1/4" seamline and stitch

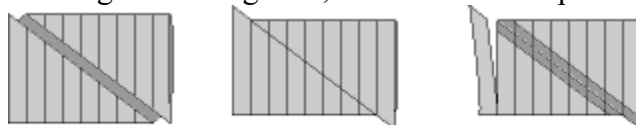


Diagram III

seam; press open.

Step 6. With scissors, cut along continuously drawn line.

Step 4.*** Alternative. Instead of marking the lines you may cut your widths with a rotary cutter. Then sew the strips together to make the long strip of binding.