

How to make bias tape binding

Description



The great thing about bias binding tape, is that because of the direction of weave it has the most stretch, so its handy forâ?? sewingâ?? something round or irregularly shaped. If you canâ??t find the right matching bias tape in the shop, with the help of this tutorial you can now make your own bias tape.â?? You could even utilise scraps from another project instead of throwing them away. You can even mix and match different fabric and colour, there are no rules!

Materials

1 yard of IL019 Atmosphere Softened

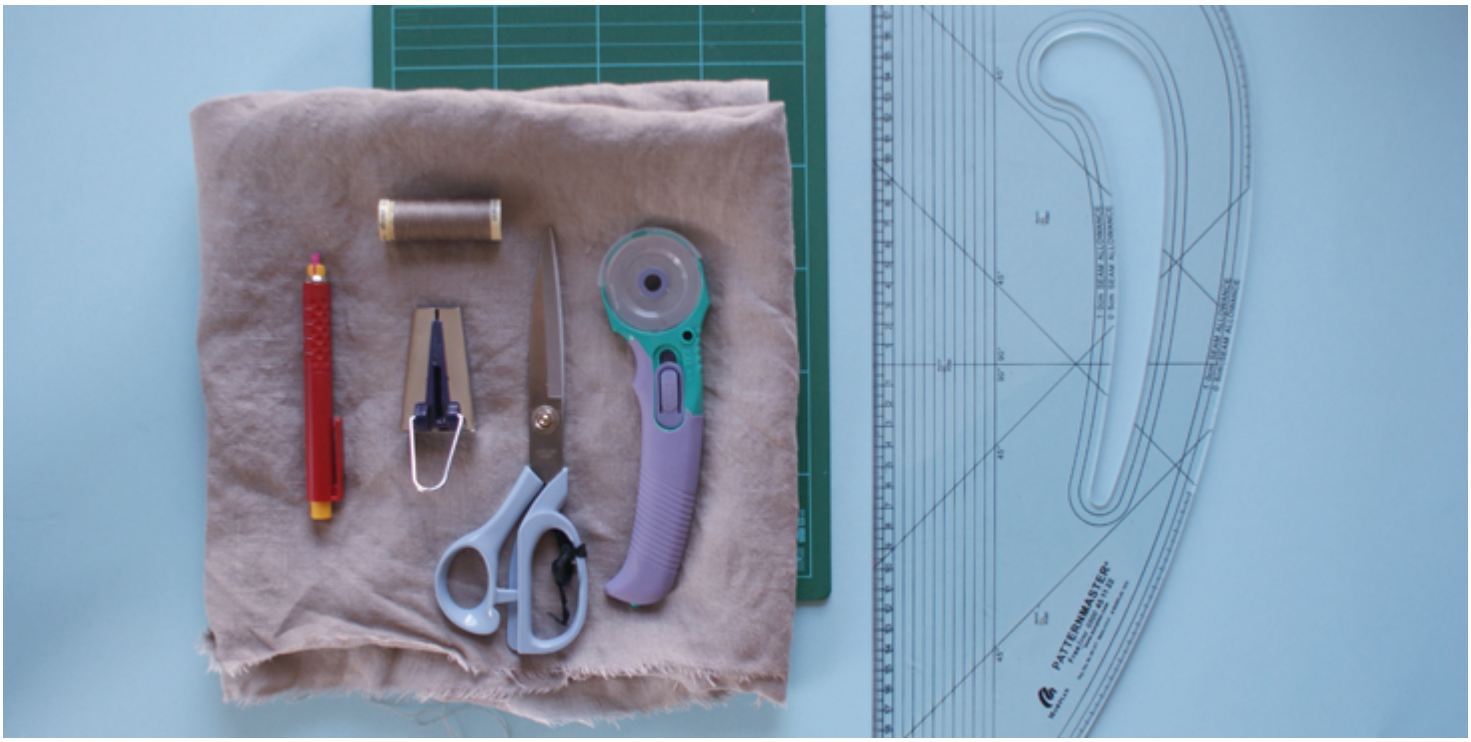
Sewing thread

Bias tape maker (Optional)

Scissors, Rotary cutter, Pins, Erasableâ?? Fabric marker/Chalk, Pattern maker, Cutting board

Sewing machine

Iron



Time

3 â?? 4 hours

Difficulty

Beginner

Steps

1. Prewash your fabric and tumble dry it until it is still slightly moist, let this dry in room temperature.

2. Iron the fabric so it is easier to work with.

3. Place the fabric flat onto the table.

4.â?? Warp is the length of the fabric and weft (woof) is the width of the fabric.

5. Diagonally fold the fabric so one side of the warp meets one side of the weft. The diagonal line is the bias.



6. Pin along the outer edge. This will secure the material as you are working on it.



7. Parallel to the bias, carefully measure out and mark the width of each stripe with chalk, or any kind of fabric marker.â?? If you have a bias tape maker, make yours according to its measurement. However, if you do not have a bias tape maker, take the width you need to cover (i.e. If you have 3/8 inches (1 cm) seam allowance, you need 3/4 inches (2 cm) of binding to cover it. Then you need to double that width so you also have the seam allowance on your bias tape.



8. After making the lines, use a rotary cutter and carefully cut out each stripe. Work your way from outside of the fabric, into the bias fold.



9. Trim off any selvedge from the stripes.



10. Pinâ?? the stripes like so, make sure the diagonal seams overlap so once this is sewn together and pressed open, the tape will be straight.



11. Sewâ?? together at 3/8 inches (1 cm) seam. Press open the seam and trim off the triangles sticking out.





12. Remember to check you are sewing all the strips on the wrong side, make sure you are not twisting the fabric.

Now we are going to split the tutorial up, so if you do NOT have a bias tape maker, stay with me, if you DO have a tape maker, you can proceed onto the next section.

WITHOUT BIAS TAPE MAKER

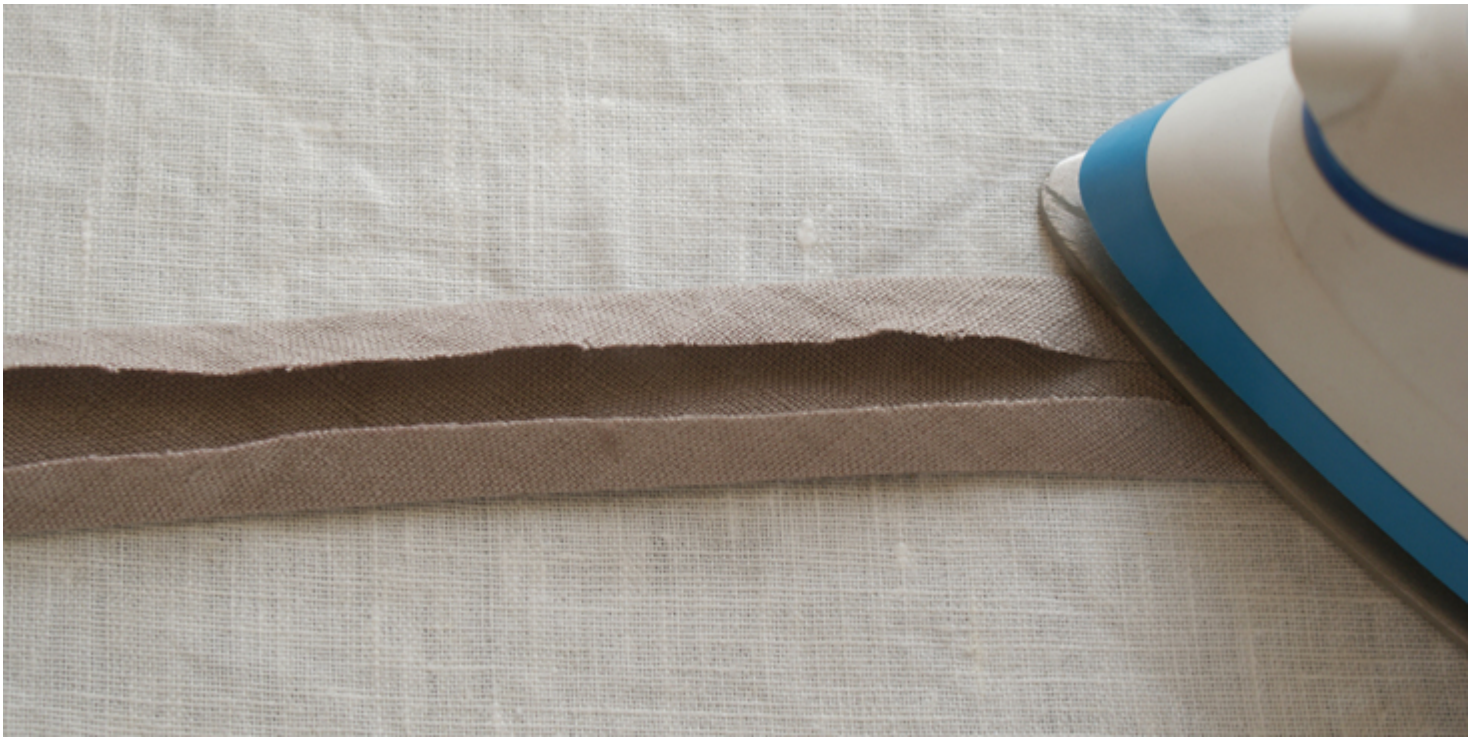
1. Fold the stripe in half and iron it, to mark the crease.



2. Open the stripe, and take one half of it, iron the edge into the centre crease.



3. Do the same on the other side.



4. Once both edges have been iron towards the centre, fold at the crease again and give it an extra press.



WITH BIAS TAPE MAKER

1. Thread the fabric through your maker. You might need a needle to pull the fabric through.

2. Once that is through, slowly and gently move the tape maker as you iron on top of the fabric.



Roll it all together and this is how easy it is to make your own bias binding tape.



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