

Hong Kong Binding Seam Finish

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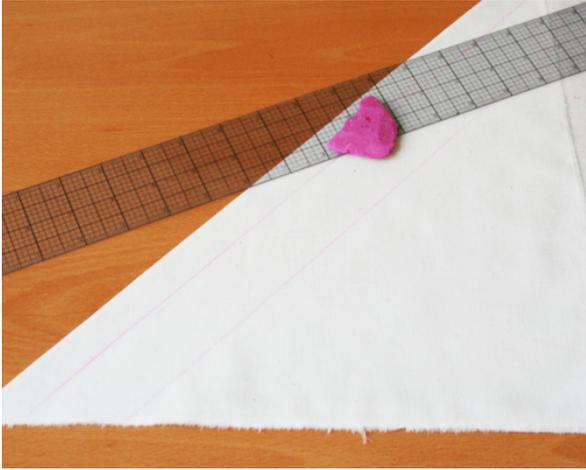
The Hong Kong binding seam finish encloses the raw edges of the seams inside strips of bias. Both sides of the seam require two passes to sew the bias, and because it is so labor-intensive, it is mostly used in very high-end clothes. This method is especially suitable for heavy fabrics and for summer garments that you wouldn't want to line.

Step 1



Sew your seam, then iron your seam allowances apart.

Step 2



To make the bias strips, fold your fabric so the selvages lie at a right angle; the fold will be at exactly 45 degrees. Check out our Sewpedia definition for help, [Bias/diagonal cut \(cutting on the cross\)](#) and also, [Make French Bias Binding](#). Use a lightweight material that matches the garment. Measure 1" wide bias strips along the fold with a ruler and marking tool. (You can also use store-bought single or double fold bias tape and press it open).

Step 3



Cut out the strips and square the ends to the length of the seam you are finishing. If you need to make your strips longer you will have to attach the strips, by placing one over the other at a right angle, sewing right sides together.

Step 4



Pin the bias strip to the seam allowance.

Step 5



With right sides together stitch the bias to the seam allowance $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from the edge.

Step 6



Do the same to the other side. It should look like this.

Step 7



Press the bias strips flat along the new sew lines.

Step 8



Turn the bias to the underside, over the raw edge, and press.

Step 9



After pressing both seams, it should look like this.

Step 10



Now pin and topstitch along the edge or stitch in the ditch of the seam, see this how to, [stitch in the ditch](#) for help.

Step 11



You may have excess bias on the underside, which you can now trim.

Step 12



This is what your finished Hong Kong binding seam finish will look like.

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