

Hong Kong Finish with Blind Hem Stitch

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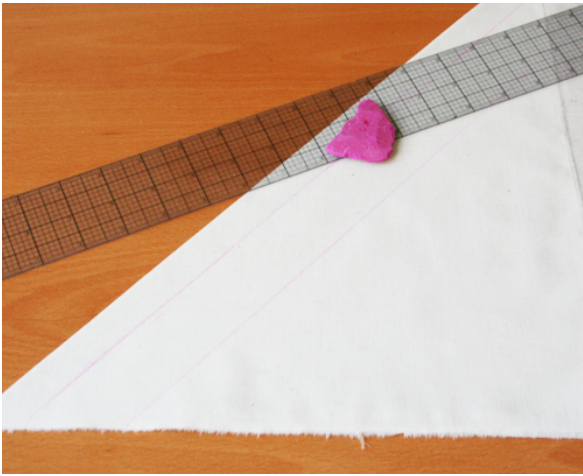
This finish uses the same technique as the Hong Kong binding seam finish, but applied to a hem and utilizing a blind handstitch. Enclosing the raw edge inside a strip of bias, this technique is labor intensive and luxurious, and is used in better-quality garments. This method is especially suitable for heavy fabrics and for summer garments that you wouldn't want to line.

Step 1



Mark a 2" hemline, turn up, and press.

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 single or double fold bias tape and press it open).

Step 3



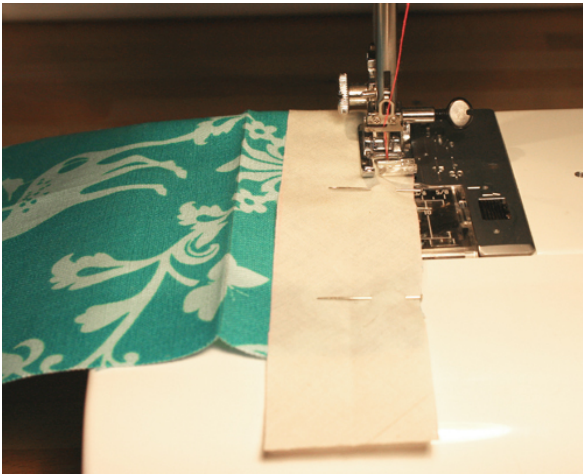
Cut out the strips and square the ends to the length of the seam you are finishing. If you need to make your strips longer you will have to attach the strips, by placing one over the other at a right angle, sewing right sides together.

Step 4



With right sides together, pin the bias to the hem.

Step 5



Now, stitch the bias to the hem with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Step 6



This is what it will look like after stitching.

Step 7



Press the seam of the bias flat, as shown.

Step 8



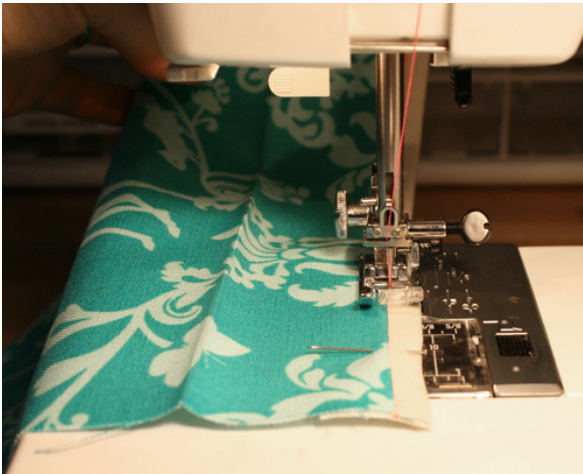
Turn the bias to the underside, over the raw edge, and press.

Step 9



This is what the hem will look like.

Step 10



Now pin and topstitch along the edge or stitch in the ditch of the seam, see the [Stitch in the Ditch How To](#) for help.

Step 11



Like with the binding seam finish, you may have excess bias on the underside, which you can trim.

Step 12



Your Hong Kong hem binding will look like this.

Step 13



Last, you will secure the hem with a blind hem stitch by hand. See the [Hand Sewn Blind Stitch How To](#) for help.

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