

Make Your Own Piping!

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Learn how to make piping in fabric of your choice!

Step 1



There are plenty of beautiful piping and trimmings out there, but what if you just can't find the right color, or you would like to have something a bit different for striped or printed piping. Here is how you can easily make your own! You need your fabric of choice. Depending on how much piping you want to make you will need about 1/2 yard to 1 yard (= 0.5 to 1 mtr) You also need a cord (see picture above) about 1/8" thick. If you want a more prominent piping use a thicker cord. Get as many yards of the cording as you need piping for.

Step 2



Cut Strips of Bias out of the Fabric of your choice. Check out our sewpedia entry for [cutting on the bias](#). The width of those strips should be determined by the thickness of the cord and the seam allowance that you are working with. We are using a 1/8" (0.3cm) thick cord and our seam allowance, as in all BurdaStyle patterns is 5/8" (1.5cm) Double the width of the cord and add the amount of the seam allowance twice to it. That makes in our case: $(1/8" \times 2) + (5/8" \times 2) = 1 \frac{1}{2}"$ Cut as many strips with that width as you need for your desired yardage of piping.

Step 3



Make one long strip out of the strips you just cut in order to get one continuous piping. Place the separate strips right side facing right side on top of each other in a 90 degree angle. (as you see on the picture), then attach the two by sewing along the bright green line.

Step 4



When you have sewn across, flip the strip over, press the seam allowance open and trim it

Step 5



When you flip it over it should look just like that.

Step 6



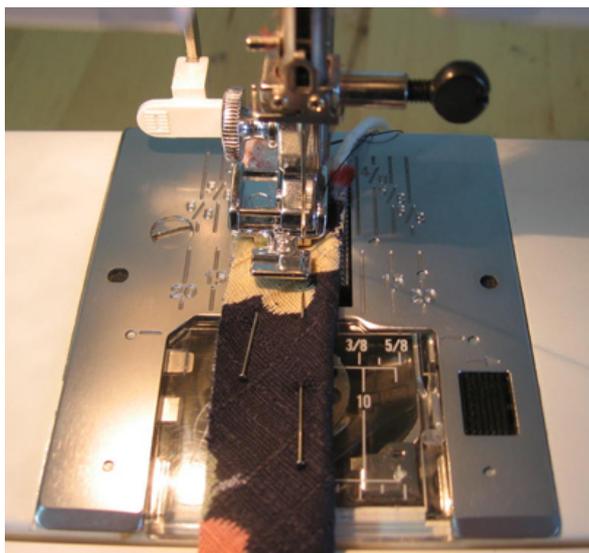
Place the cord in the center of your bias strip

Step 7



Fold the strip over encasing the cord. Pin the strip close to the cord, keeping it up in the fold.

Step 8



Sew the strip together as close as possible to the cord, by using the zipper foot.

Step 9



That is how your final piping looks like!
