

Seam Finishes: Hong Kong Finish

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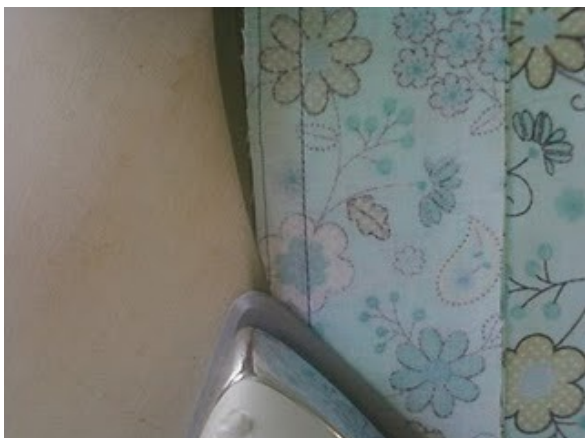
Uses: This stitch can be very time consuming, so it is best used for seams that will be seen, such as the seams on the inside of a jacket that will be exposed when you set it over a chair or hang it up. Notes: Consider using a coordinating color for your bias tape, or making your own out of a fun print. Materials: Single-fold bias tape. Check out more techniques at: <http://sewhappyclothes.blogspot.com/search/label/Techniques>.

Step 1 — Attach bias tape



Sew your seam with a 5/8" stitch allowance (or what the pattern calls for), right sides together. Press the seam open and sew the bias tape to one of the seam allowances, right sides together.

Step 2 — Press



Flip your seam allowance over, folding your bias tape over the raw edge. Make sure that you do not unfold the bias tape while you do this, so that the raw edge stays tucked underneath. Press so that the bias tape completely covers the stitch line that you just made. The farther the bias tape covers the stitch line the better.

Step 3 — Stitch



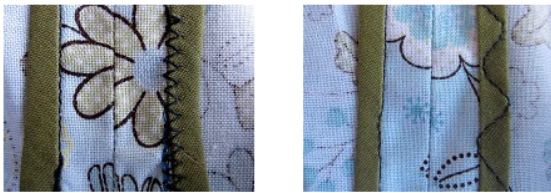
Flip the seam allowance back over. Stitch "in the ditch," or where the bias tape meets the seam allowance. If you have done the steps above correctly, this should catch the bias tape on the other side, holding it in place, while looking nice and neat on the side that you are stitching on.

Step 4 — Repeat



Repeat on the other seam allowance.

Step 5 — Variations



Instead of sewing in the ditch, sew a decorative or zig-zag stitch, either along the ditch (left) or right on top of the bias tape (pictured at right). This is easier than sewing in the ditch and trying to catch the bias tape on the under side, and is still fun and decorative.

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