

HOW TO MAKE BIAS TRIM IN TWO METHODS

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PHOTOS ABOVE: On the left are the steps for making the bias trim from a single layer that gets folded in on itself. On the right is an alternative (bias trim for dummies), but it is a bit bulkier so not as desirable unless your bias is particularly fine weight (for instance, you may be using a silk - even on cotton - or a batiste or voile for the bias). In the event the trims are of a fine weight, then the simpler method - the folded method - is good. Keep in mind that trim to be applied to even the slightest curve, needs to be cut on the bias. If the application is on the straight grain, trims can also be cut on the straight grain. Bias cut trim can be used on either curves or straight or sometimes the pattern print of the fabric will look more interesting cut on the bias. And another tip is that most often cutting on a true 45 degree is not completely necessary as long as there will be some stretch.

Best Steps (on left):

(a) Sew SA; (b) Iron up raw edge to seam; (c) Iron up and slip stitch the folded edge to the garment.

Simpler Method Steps (on right) :

(a) Rough cut bias wider than needed, iron in half longways RS out and sew SA the desired measurement from the folded edge; (b) Trim SA close to stitching; (c) Iron up and slip stitch the folded edge to the garment.

OR, instead of rough cutting, then trimming the SA after, you can initially cut an accurate width so that you can sew a measured width SA for the desired result.

HINT: Did you know fabric cut on the bias will not ravel. This hint can come in handy in doll sewing where bulk can be a problem.