

BASIC GUIDE TO BIAS BINDING/TAPE



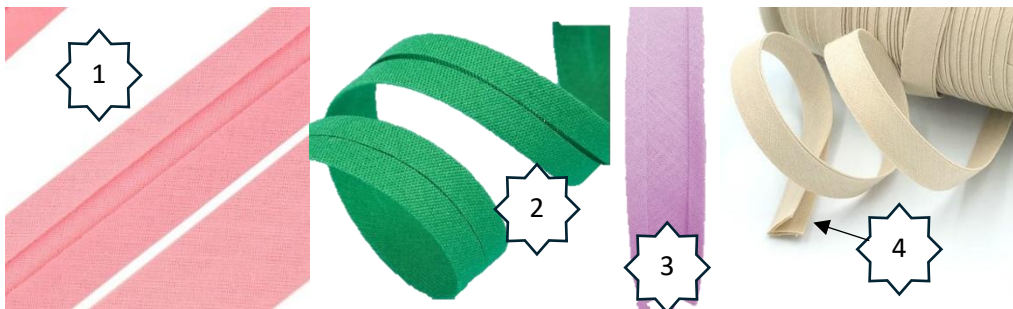
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Bias binding is a folded strip of fabric cut on the bias - bias is any diagonal direction on fabric – basic information – and pressed.

Bias is made from cotton, satin or a mix of cotton and polyester. You can find bias binding in plain colours, florals, dots and many more wonderful designs. You can buy it readymade or make it yourself, using a bias making tool. Bias binding can be found in varying widths from 10 mm to 140 mm and lengths. As you can see below the folded section also varies, you get two types of binding – a single fold and double fold. Images 1 to 3 are all single fold, this means the edges of the binding has been folded over once – inwards - towards the centre of the binding and Image 4 is double fold, this means that the edges have been folded over twice and pressed.



Single fold and double fold bias binding is used in clothing, kitchen décor – oven mitts, party décor – bunting. The single fold is often used where only side of the bias is visible, such as arm hole or oven mitt, whereas the double fold is often visible on both sides and used for binding raw edges and seams – placemats, aprons. There is no hard and fast rule to where you use binding, my only suggestion is that single is not as bulky as double fold binding and therefore single fold is perfect for clothing – necklines, armholes and double is great for placemats.



Uses

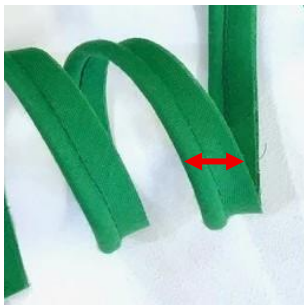
Single – Bag Making; Shoulder Straps; Bag Handles; Belts; Clothing
Double – Bunting, Apron; Edging

Other types of bias binding

Piping



Piping bias is perfect to add the final touch on your cushion cover edges, bags, DIY projects. Piping bias binding is made from a blend of natural and synthetic fibres – cotton and polyester or 100 % polyester and come in varying widths. The width measurement is from the top to the bottom – the measurement stated online, or information sheet includes the piping – red arrow.



The binding below the piping is stitched into your DIY project and the piping is visible – yellow arrow. This is known as the tail.



Picot bias



Picot bias is the same as the piping, the main difference is that instead of piping you have this gorgeous picot edge.

It has the same uses as the piping, but it does add the beautiful delicate look to collars.



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