

The magical world of sewing and crafting fabric trims



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In the sewing world anything that helps to create your project or clothing falls under trimmings – threads, buttons, ribbons etc. But here we will be discussing fabric trims, these are trimmings that decorate your project or garment. Fabric trims are Pandora's box waiting for you to discuss the limitless wonder of decorative trimmings. There is a huge variety of fabric trims, made with beads, sequins, plain, decorative, made from a variety of materials, here are just a few of the ones that I use or have used. I will be going through ribbons that are used for sewing and crafting.

Lace and lace trimmings

Lace trimming



As you can see from the images above, there are so many variations of lace trimmings.

They are made from a variety of fibres/materials – polyester, cotton or blends – polyester/cotton. Some are single layers, others double and others have a gorgeous 3D look – second image – with flowers added to the lace and then the final touch of beads to the flowers.

As some lace trimmings are more delicate than others – check the information on how to wash and press. You can press your layered or 3D lace trimmings and depending on whether you have added to your applique project – gentle handwash - or wedding dress – dry cleaned.

Lace trimming can be hand or machine stitched, again dependent on the lace you are using

The list of uses is limitless – cards, dress up outfits, scrapbooks, tablecloths, hats.....

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Braid or Gimp braid trim



Braid/Gimp braid was always used on upholstery, as the construction of this trim is flexible and strong enough to bend on the curves of your upholstery, lampshades, curtains and other home furnishings.

I have always used this trim for decorative purposes on all my DIY projects, décor and clothing. It is made from various synthetic fibre blends – viscose/polyester; rayon/cotton and woven to form this gorgeous trim.

It comes in varying widths, lengths and is durable. Again, dependent on which braid trim you are using you will need to read the wash instructions, as some are more delicate than others with added sequins and shimmery threads.

Add texture and fun to all your DIY projects, wedding or special occasion decorations, outfits, dress up clothes, curtains, blinds, another trim with limitless uses.

Fringe or Tassel Trimming



There is a huge selection of fringe tassels, with varying lengths, colours and styles. They made from natural fibres such as cotton and synthetic fibres – polyester or fibre blends. You will find delicate trims that can be added to your wedding dress or more durable fringe tassels that can be added to curtains, cushions and other home furnishings.

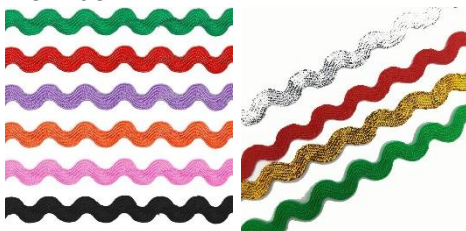
As you can see each fringe tassel has a straight piece at the top and varying types of tassels hanging below. Most fringe tassels are durable, wrinkle resistant and therefore do not need pressing, for the more delicate fringe tassels, please read washing instructions.

Tassel



Make your own tassels using yarn, crochet cotton, macrame cord or you can buy them. These types of tassels are called Bookmark tassels – I do not know why. You can find purchased tassels made in various natural and synthetic fibres – cotton, polyester, terylene. You will find them in a variety of colours, lengths and thickness, some are single tier and others are 3 tiers. They are soft, durable and should be hand washed as they tend to knot when washed by machine. You can machine stitch, but they are mostly hand stitched using the loop to adhere the tassel to your project. Add a single tassel to your bookmark or several on an applique project – serviette holder.

Rick Rack



Rick rack is known for its wavy design. It is mostly made from polyester and other synthetic fibres. It is strong, durable, versatile, does not fade easily and easy to wash. You can machine or hand stitch or add your own detail using embroidery stitches to decorate the rick rack.

As with other trimmings, rick rack can be used on a variety of DIY projects, furnishings and clothing.

Pom-Pom Trim



Pom pom trim has one straight edge at the top and then little pom poms either attached to top or hanging. Pom pom trim is used mostly for edging, on clothing, curtains, furniture, bag. They had fun and colour to your home furnishings – decorate your child's bedroom – duvet covers, pillow covers, window sills or shelves. Create a fun bunting for party decoration, add it to scarves.

This trim is made from synthetic fibre – polyester and nylon, it is durable and easy to wash and always looks fabulous.

Embroidery Trimming



The images above are just two ideas this beautiful and exquisite trim. Most embroidery trims are 3D with or without extra detail – beads, sequins, etc. It is a very delicate trim made from synthetic fibres – polyester.

You will find this trim in wonderful variety of designs, colours, widths and lengths. There are some trims that you can cut into individual pieces and applique onto your home furnishings, applique project or headband. Though embroidered trim is very strong, it is very delicate. It is best to hand wash or if on a wedding dress – dry cleaned.

Faux Fur Trim



Faux Fur trim is soft, fluffy and made from synthetic materials acrylic and/or polyester. You can use this in party or wedding decorations, add to cushion covers or throws, or add to dress up costume. Cut into smaller pieces and make beards.

Gentle hand wash to stop the fur from knotting, a gentle brush can be applied.

Feather trims



Most feather trims come from a bird – ostrich, ducks, turkey and a few more. They are dyed to a variety of colours and then stitch onto a ribbon or elastic.

They are soft and fluffy and quite delicate.

There are so many uses – hats, costumes, bags, add to floral arrangements or create wedding table decorations. Love to be bold – add them to cushion and chair covers.

Applique Trimming



Applique trimmings are layered fabric trimmings, typical designs will include a tape trim base and then highly decorative layers on top which might include delicate laces, beads, shells, and more. The delicate nature of these trims makes them ideal for curtains, decorative cushions, but less suitable for furniture and upholstery.

- ur rhinestone chain is made of alloy and crystal rhinestones, sturdy and solid, thick silver electroplating, not easy to break or deform, with fine workmanship, the rhinestones are not easy to fall off, shiny and exquisite, serving you for a long time.
- EASY TO USE - You can easily cut the crystal rhinestone chain into any size you want, and then use glue or sewing to complete your handmade decoration. Its flexible sizing options, stylish design, and ease of use make it a great choice for anyone looking to add a touch of elegance and sophistication to their projects.
- RICH AND BRIGHT COLOURS - Our Rhinestone Close Chain is designed with rich and bright colors, which add a touch of charm to any project, while its transparent and firm rhinestone crystal and full, making it easy for you to match with other items well, easy to attract people's attention.
- WIDELY USED - Our rhinestone trim can be used for dresses, clothing, shoes, handbags, bottles, mobile phone cases, hair clips, photo frames, bridal belts, bridal champagne, bouquets, wedding suits, and various festivals. A great gift to your friend, colleague, relative, lover, and neighbor, give them leave a good impression.
- This crystal applique is a handmade craft, embellished by sparkling rhinestones, elegant and dazzling. It is suitable for bridal wedding, dress decoration, makes you dazzling enough in the crowd. It is also a great gift for your friends, family or lovers on meaning days.
- Easy to Use: Our applique only requires you to sew it on your clothes, shoes, bags and so on without complicated operation, you can also glue it on anything you want to decorate, but don't forget to sew a stitch on the end to make it more solid.
- Wide Application: This rhinestone applique is suitable for wedding dresses, performance costumes and other kinds of clothing or DIY your headwear, shoes, bags, anything you want to decorate. Great for DIY decoration.
- Notes: Manual measurement, please allow slight errors on size. Due to the difference of the screen light and setting, the color of item may be slightly different from the pics.
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Cord or Piping Trim

Cord or piped trim is perfect for edging cushions and furniture. The trim is typically sewn into the cushion or upholstered item in either a matching fabric or contrasting colour to add detail. Adding cord or piping can help prevent fraying from wear and tear which is why they are so popular on seat covers and sofas.

Basic tips

The tips are very similar to the lace tips

Please note these are basic tips to look out for, there is more in-depth information that can be found.

1. Use fine sewing pins.
2. Always prewash. Depending on the type of lace you have used, it is always best to wash with a delicate or hand wash. Most lace will come with the instruction on how to wash.
3. Always iron with a pressing cloth on a low heat. Beware of the synthetic materials used in lace, they can melt with too much heat.
4. Most of the fabric I use is cotton, linen, denims – non slippery fabrics, but if you are using lace with organza, satin, chiffon or any other slippery fabric, use thin tracing paper or a stabiliser. This stops the fabric and lace from slipping and sliding.
5. For stretch lace it is best to use a zig zag or stretch stitch.
6. Do not go fast when sewing with lace.
7. Depending on the type of trim you are using, some you will have to hand stitch and others can be machine stitched.

Sequins and sequin trims, beads and beaded trims & bias binding, cord –

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