

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN PIPING

Sometimes it's better to make your own piping, for different reasons. You don't find the right color, you want some special piping (like jeans piping) or you need some stretch piping (that is hard to find in the shops). Here I explain how it can be done in a very easy way. You can start just from a piece of fabric or if you don't want to, from bias binding.

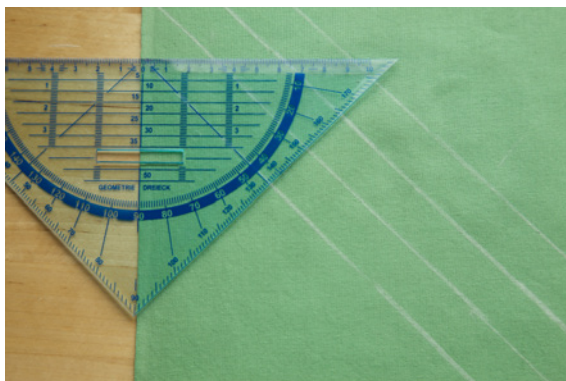
What you need

- Fabric: you can do this with any type of fabric basically: from cotton to jersey (Or bias binding)
- Piping cord
- Coordinating thread
- Sewing scissors
- Tailor's chalk
- Ruler
- Zipper foot



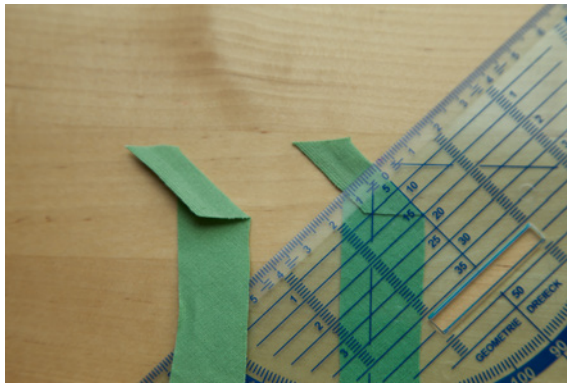
Making your own piping

Cut 2cm fabric strips. Make sure to cut them in the bias direction (45°) of the fabric.

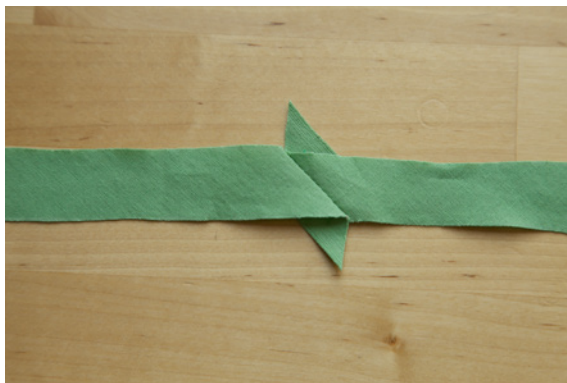


We'll attach the short strips to each other in order to make the piping long enough.

To do this perfectly, I like to iron the 1cm seam allowance first.



Match the ends like shown below: place both creases perfectly on top of each other. Sew at 1cm from the edge (in the crease). Open the strip and cut away the small triangles. You can repeat this step to add more strips. This depends on the length you need.



Cut the end of the strip straight. Actually at this point you've created bias binding (without having it folded).

→ **Start here if you bought some bias binding**

To make piping, put the piping cord perfectly in the middle of the bias binding. Sew next to the cord with a zipper foot to close the bias binding.



Finished!