



Pam Damour's Foot Notes
The Bias Binder Foot

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The bias binder is a foot that, years ago was standard equipment on the old straight stitch sewing machines. I remember as a child, fondling the exotic accessory feet in my grandmother's sewing box, wondering what each of them could do. Being a woman of simple needs, she never used them, and I doubt if she even knew how. The bias binder foot was essential in making custom clothing, as it was used to finish seams in the days before the serger. (These really are "the good ol' days"!)
 When I worked for VSM years

ago, and helped develop the "Home Dec" kit, we introduced one of the first wide bias binders on the home sewing market. Fortunately, we have many bias binders available now for every brand and some of them are even adjustable!

Here's a fun and easy Reversible
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Materials:

- Your favorite Apron pattern (or order this one at www.pamdamour.com)
- Apron front fabric – one panel from Hamil Group Susie Bee Collection (or two panels if you want or 1 yard of light weight fabric)
- Apron Back fabric – one yard
- 1/2 yard for ties, binding and pockets
- 1/4" bias binder foot, 1/2" bias binder foot OR and adjustable bias binder foot which can make both sizes
- 1/2" bias tape maker
- 1" bias tape maker
- Matching thread
- Optional: Embroidered Monogram
- KK 2000 temporary spray adhesive

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Apron project to offer in your store.

To Make:

Cut out each side of apron fabric, and pockets. Cut 4 pockets 8" by 14 1/2"

From leftover fabric: make 5 1/2 yards of 2" wide bias and one yard of 1" bias.



Using your bias tape makers and stiletto, make 1/2" single fold bias tape from the 1" bias and 1" single fold bias tape from the 2" bias. There's no need to fold in half again.



With right sides together, sew pocket sides and bottoms, using a 1/2" seam allowance. Clip corners, turn right sides out and press. If using bias already press into a single fold bias tape, insert tape into the back slot of the funnel. This will guide the tape and keep it in position.



Using your 1/2" bias tape, and small bias binder to bind top edge of pocket. Leave about 1" or so of extra bias tape at each end to fold under.



Pin bias ends over to the wrong side of pocket.

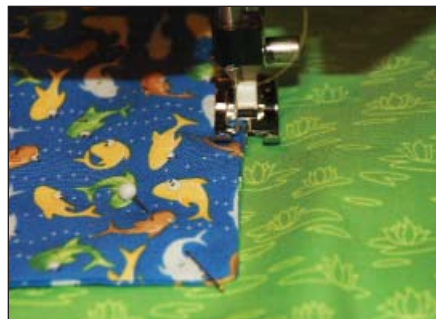
Press down the center of pocket, to make it easier to center on apron. Repeat for second pocket.

Press both apron sections down the center, for easier placement of the pockets.



Follow guide with your pattern for pocket placement. Using the "stitch in the ditch" or "edge Joining" foot, and needle in the left position, stitch down pockets, making sure to reinforce at the top.

Stitch down the center to make two pockets.

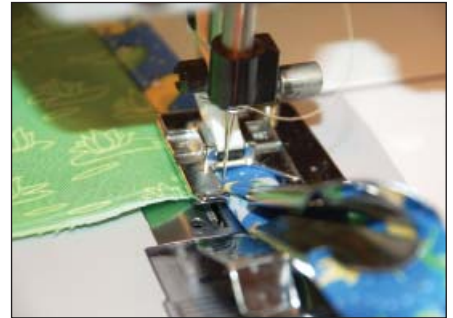


Spray the wrong sides of apron, and layer together to prevent shifting, when applying the binding.

Using the 1/2" bias binder, sew the top edge first. Then sew sides and bottom in one piece mitering at the corners.

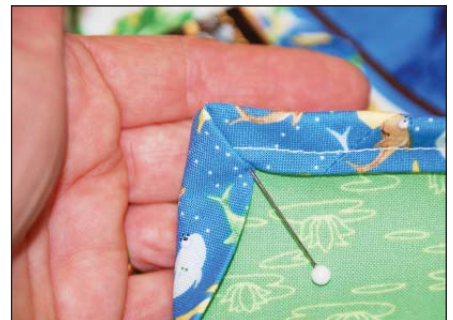


To miter with the bias binder foot, sew all the way to the edge, as shown. Cut thread and remove from machine.



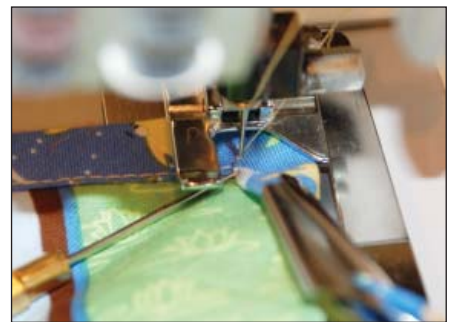
Floss bias out about 6" to do mitered corner.

Fold over back to miter, and pin as shown.



Fold front and miter, and hold miter in place with stiletto. Start with a lock stitch, removing pin from back. Sew bias and repeat at next corner.

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With remaining bias, sew in one long piece along curved edges, leaving about 36" at the neck. (The tie can be knotted to adjust to size.) Leave about 24-30" at each side for ties. □



Here are some notions/products you can sell in your store, with the Bias Binder:

- Your favorite Apron pattern (or order this one at www.pamdamour.com)
- Fabric from Hamil Group Susie Bee Collection
- ¼" bias binder foot, ½" bias binder foot OR and adjustable bias binder foot which can make both sizes
- ½" bias tape maker
- 1" bias tape maker
- Matching thread
- KK 2000 temporary spray adhesive.



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