

Bias-bound edges

You can use strips of bias lining or underlining, double-fold bias tape, or fold-over lace to enclose seam edges. Wrap folded edges of the bias around the seam allowance with the wider side of the bias to the underneath. Stitch close to the edge of the top fold, catching the underneath fold (figure 13). Bias-bound edges may be used on light- to medium-weight unlined jackets or coats.

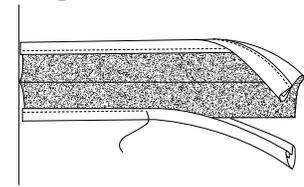


Figure 13. Seam finish—bias-bound edges.

Hong Kong

Cut 1½-inch-wide (4-cm) bias strips of lightweight material. With right sides together, stitch the bias strip to the seam allowance ⅛ inch (3 mm) from the edge (figure 14a). Turn bias over the edge to the underside and press. From the right side, stitch in the crevice of the fabric fold from the first stitching, catching the unfinished edge (figure 14b). Trim the unfinished edge of the bias close to the stitching. This finish is used for heavyweight, unlined jackets and coats. It is an attractive finish that has decorative uses.

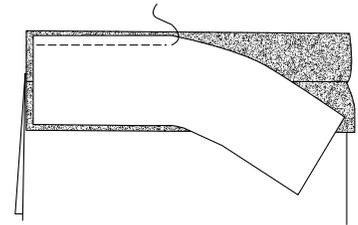


Figure 14a. Seam finish—Hong Kong, step 1.

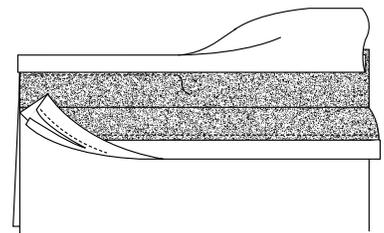


Figure 14b. Seam finish—Hong Kong, step 2.

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