

“Easter Egg Hunt”

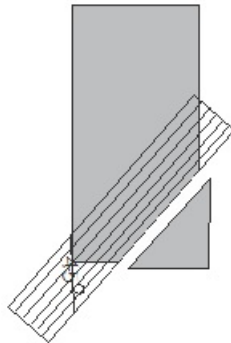
Bias Binding Instructions

Everyone has their favorite method of binding their project(s). You can use any binding method you’re familiar with or prefer, but below are some general instructions for making your own bias binding and applying it. You can also use purchased bias binding and just follow the attaching instructions here.

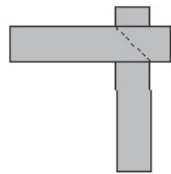
Making Bias Binding

Measure around all your place mats and add 10", then make and prepare enough bias binding.

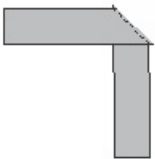
The bias is cut on the diagonal across your fabric. The bias (when) cut is nice and stretchy, making it perfect to mold around circular edges without bunching or pulling your fabric. Using a cutting mat and ruler with a 45° angle, measure and mark the 45° angle across your fabric and cut off the lower corner of your fabric. Continue, using the first cut as your guide and cut enough strips (as measured) for your project and extra for the selvage(s) and seams.



From your binding fabric cut strips 2" wide. Cut off the selvages. Join the cut binding strips with right-angled seams, placing the ends **right sides** together, and stitch using a ¼" seam allowance.



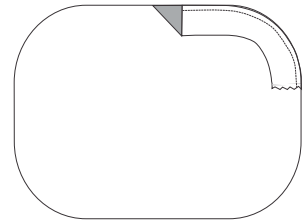
Trim off excess as shown and continue sewing cut strips together to make one strip that’s long enough for your place mats. You may want to roll-up binding for easy handling.



Using a Clover Bias Maker or bias binding maker to make ½" finished strip, run cut and sewn fabric strips through the bia maker, FMI. Roll-up prepared binding (once again) for easy handling.

Attaching Binding

Using purchased or prepared bias binding, open the Bias Binding edges out (it is best **not** to start at a corner) and place one raw edge along the **right side** of the top of a place mat, raw edges together. Fold the short loose end of your binding strip into a triangle and align to one edge of the place mat, **right sides** together, as shown (this will create a neat start/finish to your binding). Stitch the binding to the front side of your place mat top. Continue stitching the binding up to the beginning (since this project has no corners, it’s Easy-Peasy), stitching a little beyond the starting point so that when you fold the binding the raw edges will be covered. Fold the binding in half to the back of the quilt (even with the machine-stitched line). We love “Wonder Clips” to hold the bias binding in place. Whip-stitch in place, being careful not to stitch through to the top of the place mat. Repeat with remaining place mats.



Enjoy!