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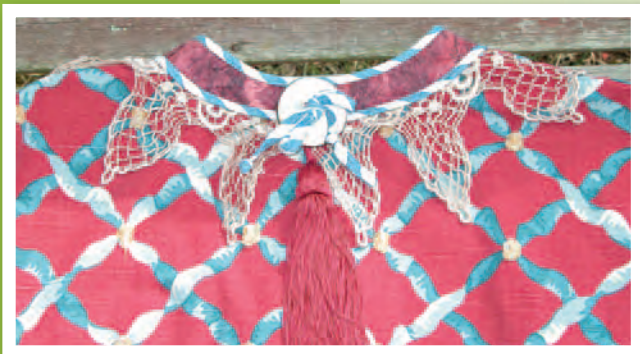
Ties That Bind



Sometimes the best accessory that you can buy for your BERNINA is another machine. While your *aurora* or *artista* is busy stitching beautiful embroidery, your “accessory” machine can be finishing your project with unique details. The good news is that all of the BERNINA presser feet and accessories fit all models from the littlest *activa* to the biggest *artista*!



My favorite accessory is Bias Binder #84 with Foot #94. The Binder has many uses – of course, it can be used to finish the edges of items such as bibs and quilts and potholders and purses, and binding is a great design detail for garment edges (doesn't the blue & white stripe make a crisp edge?). But it does so much more! Here are just a few ideas:



Create bias “string” for additional accents such as zipper pulls or a bow to secure a decorative button.

Make looped trim by winding “string” around a wire fringe frame and stitching down the center. Use to embellish purses, garments, lamp shades, crafts, etc.



Create long looped fringe by folding and mitering “points,” pinning each into place and then stitching across the width to secure

each loop in place. (Jacket Pattern: “Assembled Sentiment” by vickitricks design.)

Use your imagination – bias “string” can be used for many of the same applications as turned tubes – spaghetti straps, ties, shoe laces, etc. You can customize trim, ties, fringe, and more on any or all of your projects – you won’t believe how perfect it looks!



Bias Binder Tips

1. Be as consistent as possible when cutting strips; this precision accessory works best with accuracy.
2. Spray starch and press strips to give body and make them easy to handle.
3. Cut end of strip at an angle to feed it into the channel of the Binder to begin.
4. Adjust the needle position so the stitching is along the edge of the binding.
5. Sew at half Motor Speed for better control.
6. Engage Needle Stop Down to avoid “losing your place” if you stop.
7. Serge or zigzag layered edges together before binding for a smoother application.
8. Additional information can be found in *Feet-ures*, Volume 2, Unit J.

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Multiple Sizes

Did you know that there are three sizes of Binder available? The sizes are 20-24mm, 22-26mm, and 26-30mm – the numbers refer to the width of the cut strip. The width of the finished binding depends on the size of the binder, the flexibility and thickness of the binding strip fabric, and the thickness of the edge being bound.

The finished binding is approximately one fourth of the strip width, depending on the thickness of the fabric and the edge it will be wrapped around:

- 20-24mm strip width = 5-6mm binding width (just under ¼")
- 22-26mm strip width = 5.5-6.5mm binding width (about ¼")
- 26-30mm strip width = 6.5mm-7.5mm binding width (just over ¼")