



1. Cut 20 mm wide strips on the bias from lining fabric or lightweight cotton fabric for binding seam edges with a Hong Kong finish. Measure the required lengths of binding on the pattern pieces and add seam allowances to the measurements.

2. If necessary, join bias strips to obtain long enough continuous binding for each edge to be finished.

### 3. Applying the binding:

Pin one edge of the binding to the raw edge to be finished the right sides together and stitch 5 mm away from the edge (*stitching I*). Wrap the binding over the raw edge to the wrong side (binding is thus folded in three) and stitch-in-the-ditch along the previous seamline from the right side to catch the free edge of the binding

in the stitching (*stitching II*). On the finished garment, the raw edge of the binding will be concealed on the wrong side of the garment's edge.

Hong Kong finish can be used for:

- finishing the raw edges of facings and hem allowances on unlined coats and jackets
- finishing seams on unlined garments sewn from fabrics that fray easily
- finishing the lower edge of the inner half of the waistband on skirts and pants

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