

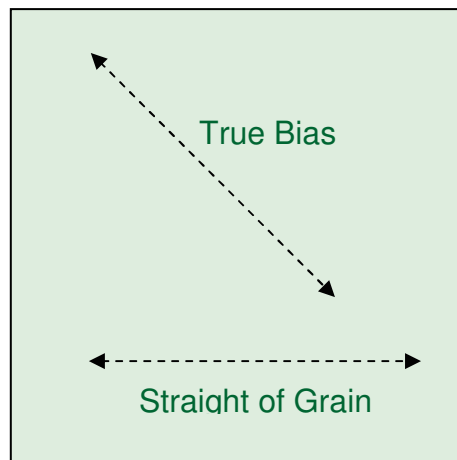
## Bias Tubing

There will be times when you find you require Bias Tubing whether it be for appliqué, Celtic work or just a decorative effect. I find using bias bars a great way to do this. Yes, you can buy the Bias Tubing pre-made, but the colours and widths are limited so by making your own, you can use any fabric combination you choose and make various sizes as well. Better still, no one is likely to have or use the same bias as you.

For this method of Bias Tubing you will require Bias Bars. These are readily available and come in various brands. I have found that some of the plastic bars are not as successful as the metal type because of their thickness, the metal bars are much finer. We stock the metal type produced by the Celtic Design Company which comes as a set with bias bars of  $\frac{1}{4}$ ",  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $\frac{3}{8}$ ". This purchase a set of these, use the link below to go directly to our purchase page.

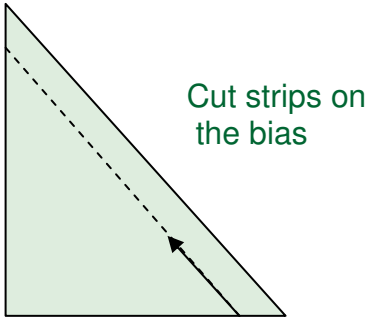
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To make the bias, all strips need to be cut on the true bias of the fabric. The strips cut will depend on the width of bias you want.



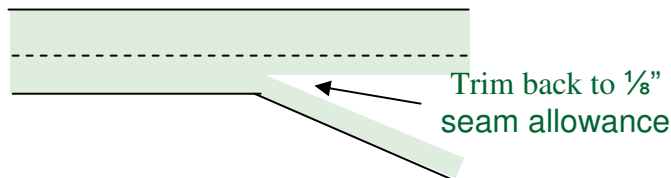
Use at least a 10" square of your chosen fabric and cut through the diagonal on the bias. Note: The larger the square used, the longer your strips will be and the more bias you will make.

Lay the two triangles together and cut the appropriate strips from the bias cut. Strip widths are listed below for the three most common sizes.

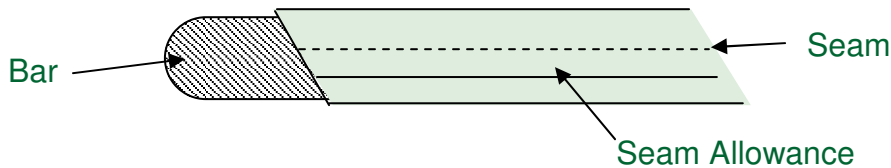


Strip widths:  $\frac{1}{4}$ " cut 1" strips  
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " cut 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips  
 $\frac{3}{8}$ " cut 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " strips

Fold each strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ ",  $\frac{1}{2}$ " or  $\frac{3}{8}$ " (depending on the width desired) from the folded edge on the right side of fabric. Trim seam allowance to about  $\frac{1}{8}$ ".



Insert the bar inside the bias tube. Twist the seam around to one flat side of the bar so that the seam allowance is not visible from the other side. Press firmly.



Remove bar and press again to get a nice sharp edge on both sides. Stitch in place with seam out of sight on the underside.

Check out some of our patterns that use Bias Tubing.



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