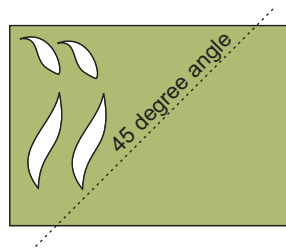


Making Bias Tape

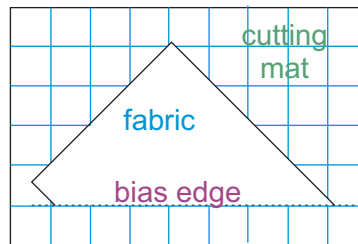
I prefer to use a bias tape maker, which is available in most quilt shops, in varying sizes. But if you don't have one, here is how to make bias tape.

Many patterns uses $\frac{1}{4}$ " Bias Tape for the stems of the flowers and leaves. If you wish, you can substitute silk ribbon or yarn.



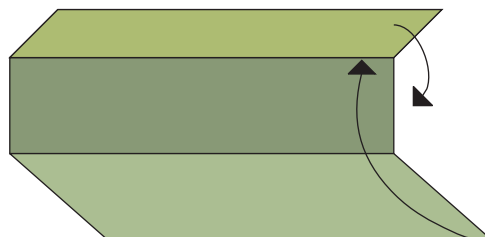
1. First, cut out all of the applique pieces that use the same fabric as the bias tape. If you are planning on Machine Applique, be sure that the fusible web only is placed where the leaves will be cut. The remainder of the fabric from which the bias tape is made should not be fused.

2. Place the unfused fabric on your cutting mat, and place your ruler at a 45 degree angle, and cut.



3. Rotate your fabric so that the bias edge is on one of the mat's horizontal lines. Cut the remaining fabric into $\frac{5}{8}$ " bias strips.

4. Sew the bias strips together end to end. Place the strip on your ironing surface. Fold the top edge over $\frac{1}{8}$ " and press. Do this for the entire length of the tape.



5. Fold the bottom edge up to meet the crease. Press.