

General Bias Taping Tips:

Using the Gemini FlightBag as our subject



I always start by pressing over a diagonal edge on the bias tape, then start aligning the edge of the bias tape with the seam edge. (Don't forget to stretch the tape just a bit at each pinning.



Continue aligning, stretching a bit and pinning around entire circumference of seam until you get to that original diagonal starting point.

Once you've overlapped the diagonal starting end, I generally trim off just a bit of the edge so it won't be SO bulky when it gets flipped over the edge.

This makes for a nicer finish.



Here you can see how this trimmed off area looks.



And here is how it looks after its stretched a bit and pinned in place. Now when the bias tape is flipped over the raw edges to conceal them, this shorter edge will just be so much easier to tuck into place under the wider edge.



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And now a complete shot showing you the whole bias taped edge.

Now all you need do is to place this project "bias-taped side (or in this case, lining side) DOWN on your machine bed and stitch it in place 1/4" from the raw edges.

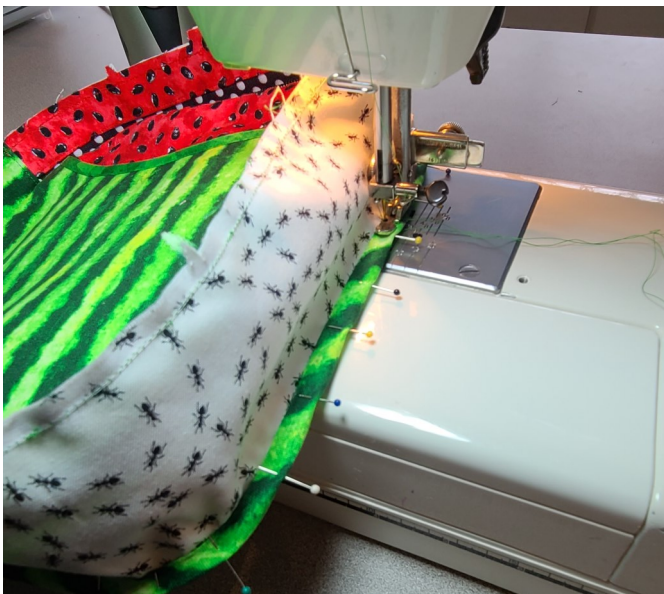
You might ask, "Why BIAS-TAPED SIDE DOWN on your machine bed". And there's a real good reason why!

If you'll take a peek at the next photo (below), you'll see all the layers of that bag that would be bunched up and getting in the way under your sewing area.

Believe me... its SO much easier to place your project "bias-taped side DOWN to do this stitching! ;)



Once stitched, you can easily flip that bias tape over your raw edges now to conceal them and once again stitch in place with the LS DOWN on machine bed!



Here's another shot of the final stitching in progress.

Bias taping really can be easy using these tips!

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