



## “Adding Coordinating Trim To A Bag Project”

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**Description:** This pattern technique was designed for a trim element that can be added to a bag. If you are using coordinating fabric for a bag inside, the excess fabric remnants may be utilized as a design element on the outside. This will not only make for a more unique bag it will save money on the purchase of ready made trim.



*Finished Inner Bag and Coordinating trim on the outside*

Materials needed:

**Trim Fabric cut to the dimensions of your bag outside. Our fabric is 80 inches in length and 2 inches wide. Two pieces were cut due to the original fabric width being 45 inches.**

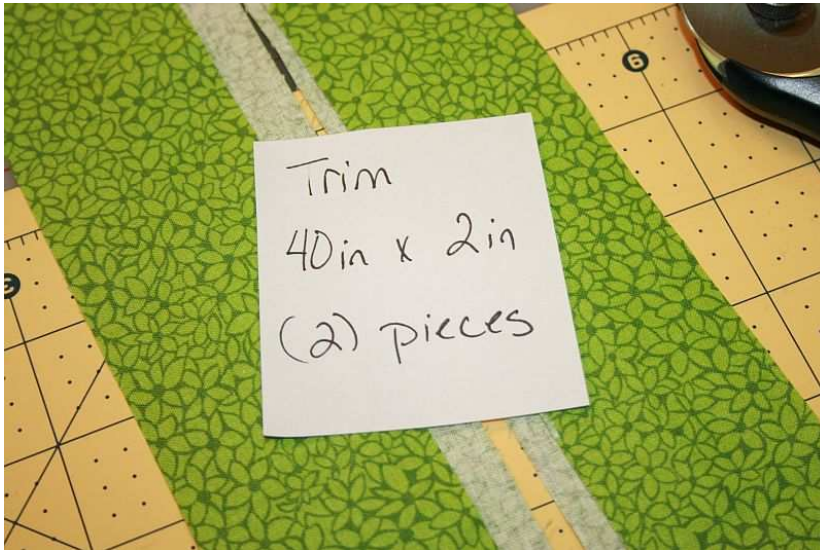
**Matching Thread**

**Sewing machine**

**Ironing surface and iron**

**Scissors and pinking shears**





Wash and dry your fabric per the recommended material settings. Iron it on low.

Our fabric was a half yard quilting sampler so we used the existing length and cut two pieces from remnants of our project. Your project may not be the same dimensions so make sure you measure around the perimeter area of your project to see if you have enough leftover fabric. You can always add trim to a smaller area if needed or piece remnants together.

Be Creative! There are no rules.

If you have cut two pieces, place them right sides together and sew a regular seam to connect them into once continuous piece.



Use pinking shears to trim the seam allowance closely being careful not to cut into the stitches. This will remove the bulk and make the seam less noticeable.





Take your trim to the ironing board and fold it in half with your fingers. Use the iron to place a sharp crease in the fabric. Your width should now be one inch.

Adding coordinating trim for our project was done after a decorative element had been added to the bag front. Place the trim along the chosen area of your project matching up the **RAW** edges. See from the picture where we are pointing is a **raw** edge.



Pin the trim along the area. If you have curves to go around, place your pins closer together to make sure everything is stable in preparation for sewing.





Our trim is pinned and ready to sew.

When applying the trim it will not be necessary to sew with a regular short seam. A basting stitch can be used. The purpose is to adhere the trim to the edge so that it is stable. For our project we sewed another seam when we put our bag front and lining together which covered up this basting seam. We used a straight stitch at 4.5.



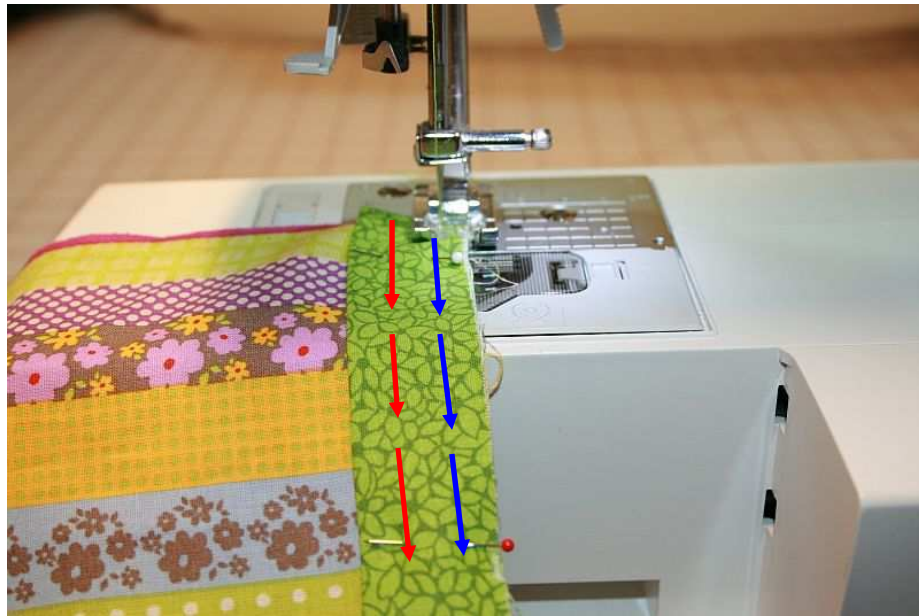
Placement of the seam is crucial. Most finished projects that have a bag front and back or "lining" use either a 1/2 inch or 5/8 inch seam when attaching these pieces. If you sew your basting seam close to the RAW edge for your trim, you should cover it up when you sew the bag front to the bag back or lining later in your project. A diagram is shown on the next page.





\*Stitching later in project will cover up basting stitch when sewing front to back\*

Trim basting will be "enclosed" in your finishing seams



\*Basting stitch\*



Continue to work your way around the perimeter removing pins as you go.



Trim Attached to bag front



Trim on completed bag



*Enjoy!*