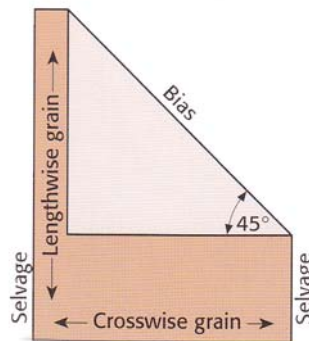


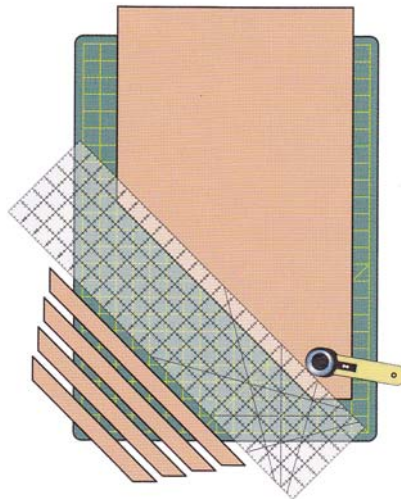
Making Bias Tubes

When we make bias tubes for appliqué, we use bias press bars. They make it easy to stitch and press to get nice, even bias tubes.

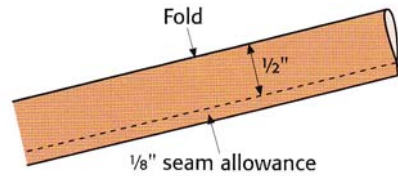
1. Fold down a corner on the fabric you want to use, forming a triangle. The crosswise grain should meet the lengthwise grain of the fabric. Mark along this fold. You will cut your bias strips along this line.



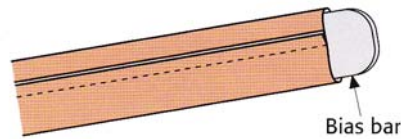
2. Using a ruler and rotary cutter, cut along the diagonal line to make your first cut. Measure from this cut edge and cut bias strips to the width specified in the project directions. Cut strips until you have the total length needed.



- Fold the strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Draw a seam line slightly wider than the width of the presser bar you will use. This will be the finished width of your bias tube. For a $\frac{1}{2}$ " bias tube, draw the seam line slightly wider than $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Stitch along the drawn line and trim the excess seam allowance to $\frac{1}{8}$ " so it will be hidden behind the tube after pressing.



- Insert the appropriate bias bar into the tube. Roll the seam allowance to the center of the flat side of the presser bar. Press the seam in one direction, slipping the bar through the tube as you continue to press.



- Remove the press bar and press the tube with a hot iron to hold the crease.