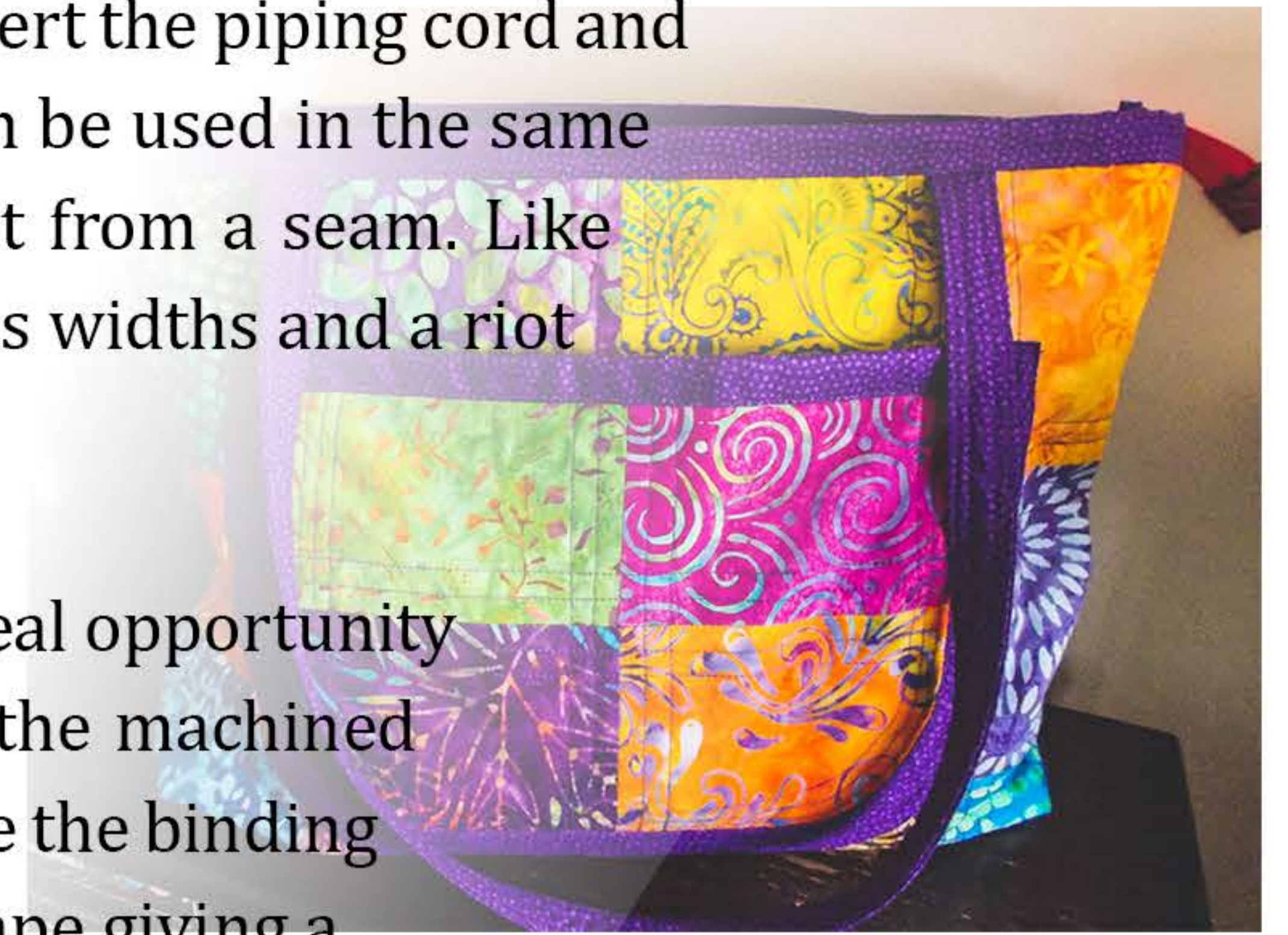




## Introduction

Bias binding is made in the same way as piping up to the point where you insert the piping cord and it generally sits outside the fabric as a finishing edge or trim, although it can be used in the same way as piping for decoration but is left flat with just the edge peeping out from a seam. Like piping, bias binding can also be purchased ready-made and comes in various widths and a riot of colours and designs

Binding can also be hand finished and if you enjoy hand sewing this is an ideal opportunity use thread that matches your binding and keep your stitches small using the machined seam underneath as a guide. You can bind around corners and curves because the binding is cut on the bias it gives it the flexibility to be sewn around virtually any shape giving a nice clean edge.



Alice Bag Binding

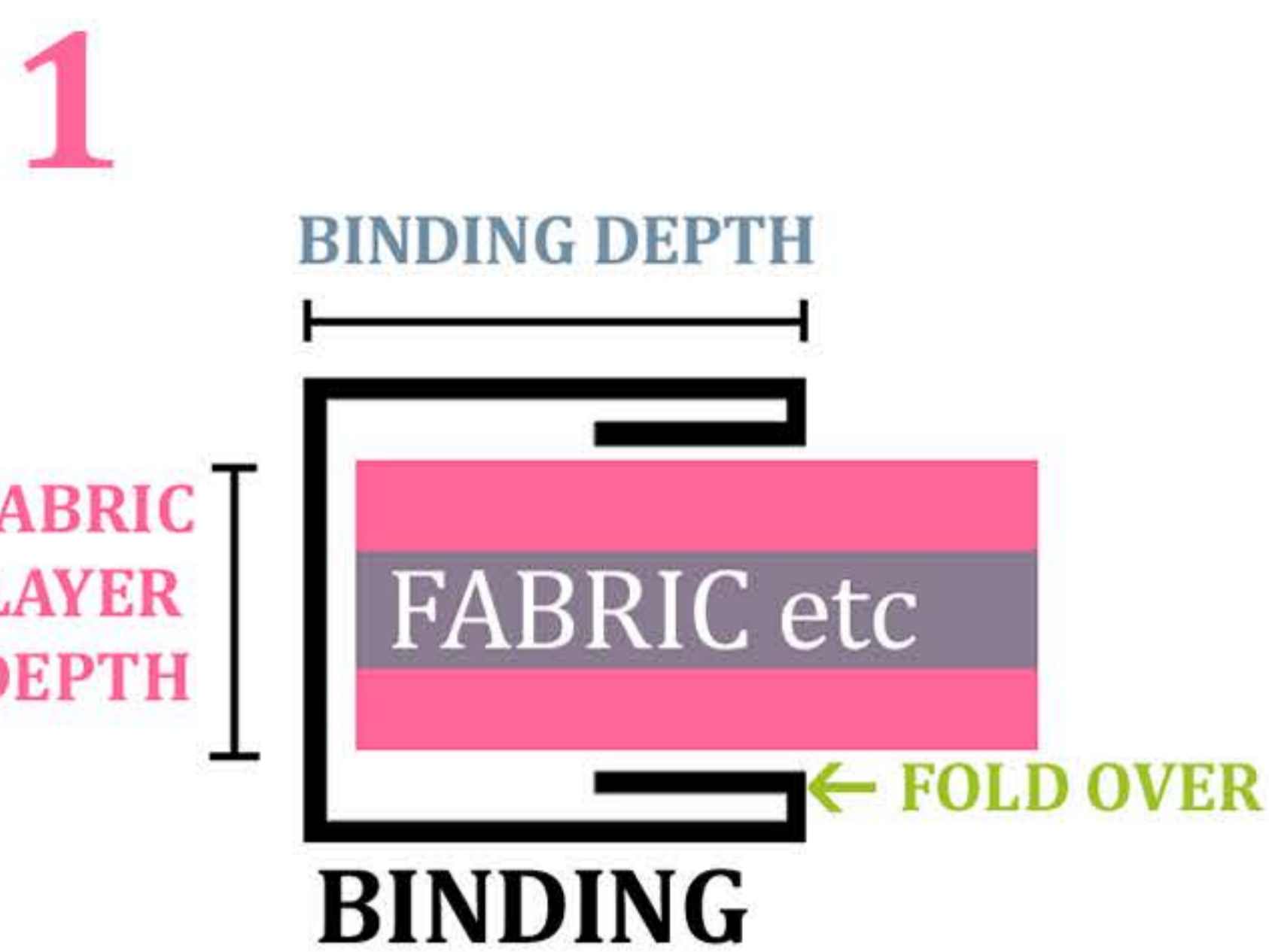


## Tools and Supplies

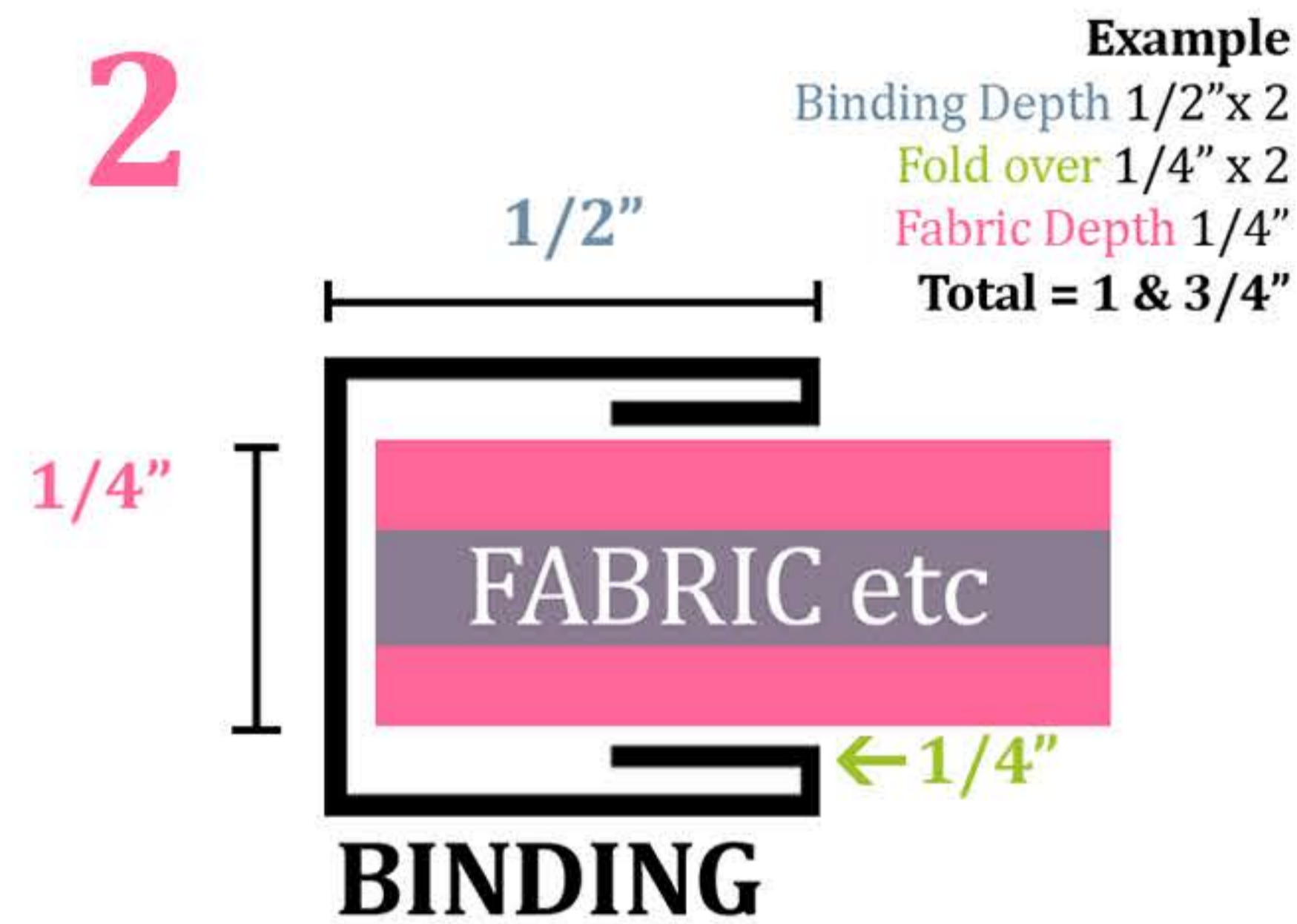
**Fabric • Quilting Ruler • Rotary Cutter • Binding Tool • Iron • Machine**

If you are making your own binding once you have cut your strips of fabric and joined them together it is not necessary to iron the edges in but it does make it easier when sewing. You can buy a little gadget to help you with this - they come in various sizes to suit the width of the binding you are making.

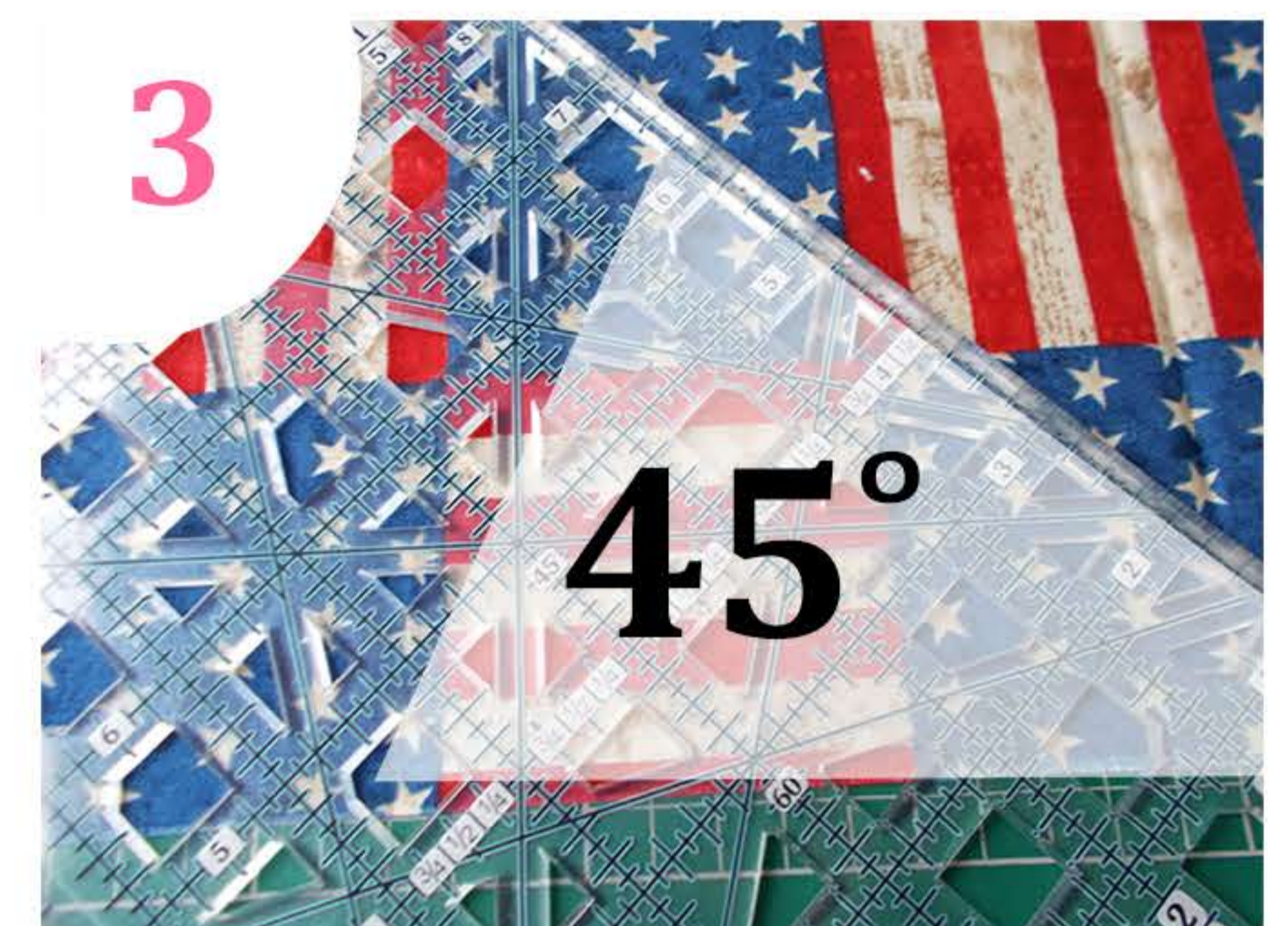
## Step by Step Instructions



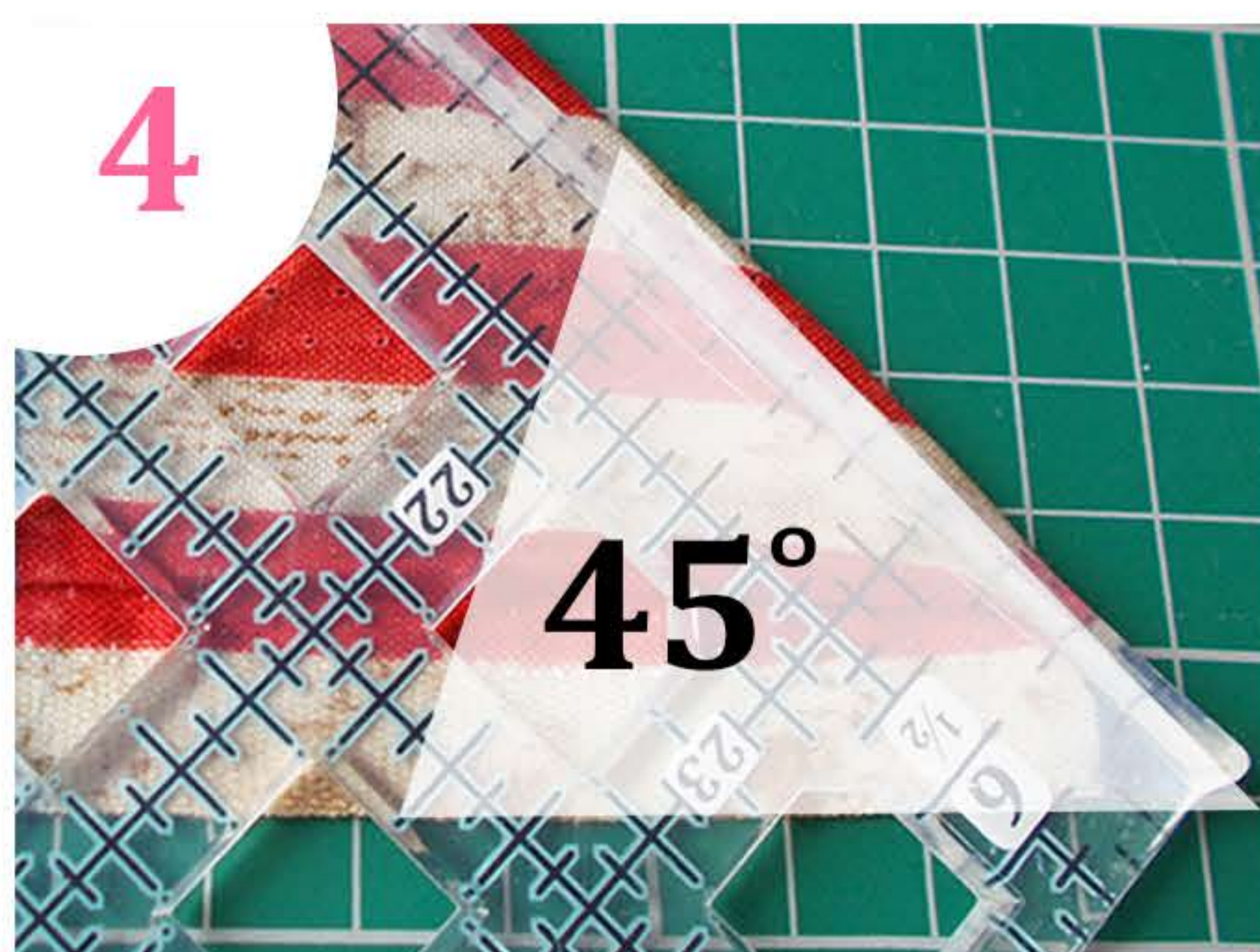
Decide on your **binding depth**. Times this figure by 2. Add on 1/2" to create two 1/4" **fold overs**. If the **fabric layer depth** is bulky add extra to your size.



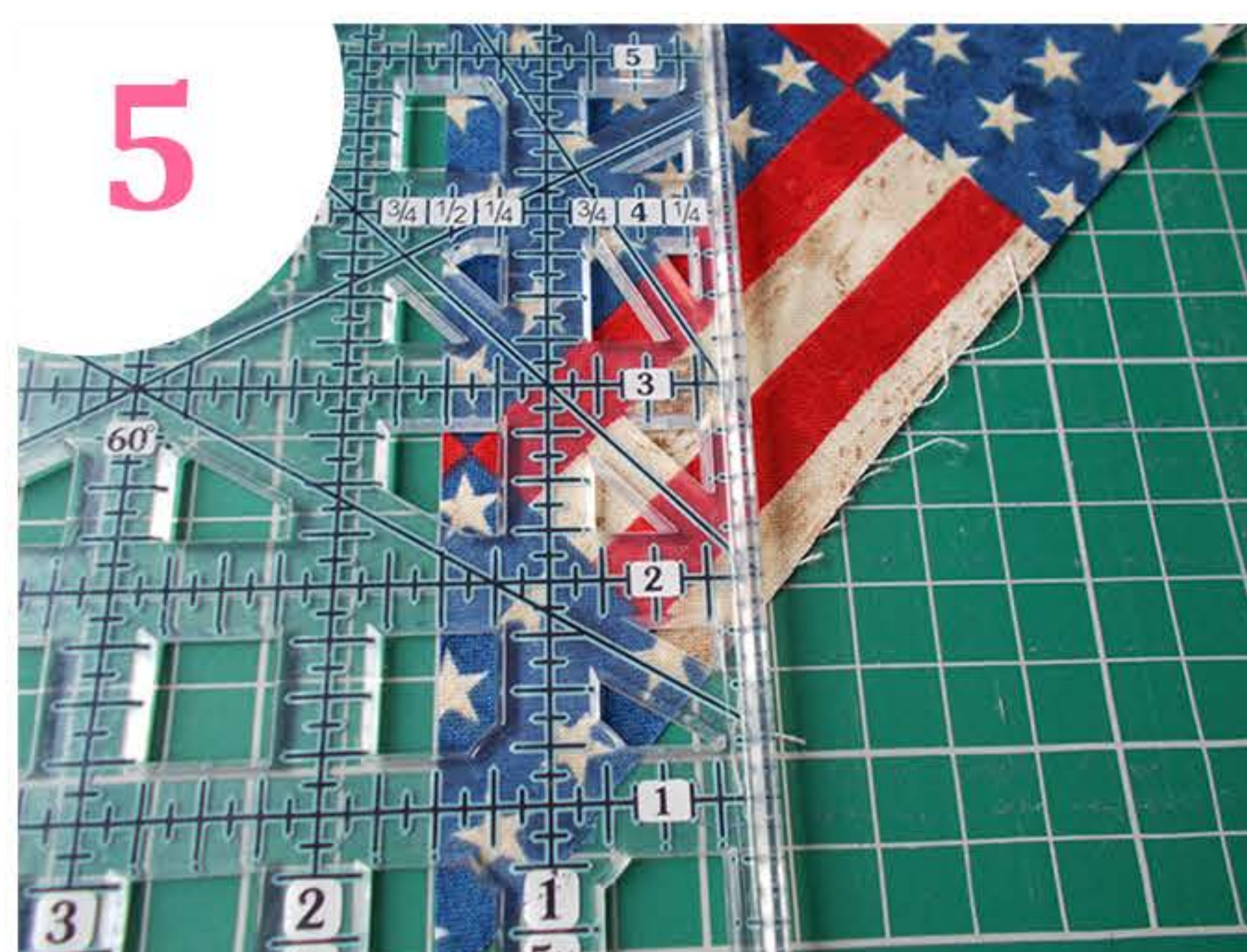
For our example our strips need to be cut at 1 & 3/4". Choose the binding tool slightly bigger than you need or if ironing your own folds proceed at your measured size.



If your binding will be going round a curve it will need to be cut on the bias. To cut fabric on the bias you need to cut it at a 45° angle from the selvage. Either use the 45° angle on your ruler or go to Step 4.



Fold fabric over to create a 45° edge and make your first cut.



Cut enough strips to go around your project. Sew strips together as needed.



**Tool Method** - Using your measurement decide which tool will be best for your project. We are using the 25mm.

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When you feed the fabric through it folds over the two long sides ready for you to iron as it comes out. Gentle push your fabric through until it comes through the end.



You can either gently pull the fabric through and then iron in the folds. Or when you have the knack pull the tool backwards and push the iron along behind it.



**Manually** - Fold over a 1/4 inch and iron similar to how you would iron a hem.



**Top Piece:**

Made Manually

**Bottom Piece:**

Made using the Binding Tool



To attach the binding place it face down on the back of the edge you want to bind. Then machine evenly along the crease of the first fold down.



Depending how wide the binding is you may need to pin the first couple of inches and fold it over to the front to judge how deep to make the seam. Once you have sewn across press the binding up.



Then with the right side of the fabric facing you fold the binding over the edge and pin in place.



Machine across as close to the edge as possible. This gives you a bound edge.



Hopefully you should have a lovely bound edge on your project.

*Our Bias Binding Patterns*

*Ready Roll*

*Alice Bag*

*Rosie Rag Doll & Robbie Robot*

