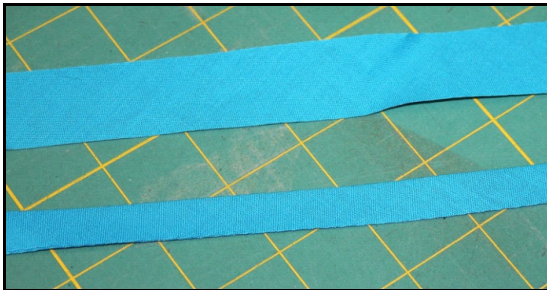




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Using Flat Piping to Stitch a Free-form Shape in Place

When I was making my “Fillers Sampler” quilt in 2010, I wanted the freedom to be able to position the strips randomly on the hand-dyed background fabric I had purchased from Freida Anderson. Piecing them in place would have made the entire process very complex, so I opted to use ‘flat piping’ instead. This is one of my favorite techniques when inserting a filler strip, in part because it is so simple!



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1. Cut a bias strip of fabric that is 1” wide and as long as the length of the free-form strip.
2. Fold the strip in half, wrong sides together and press.
3. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch the raw edge of the bias strip to the edge of the free-form strip.



4. Turn the edges under and press.
5. Pin the strip in place on the background.
6. Using thread that matches the bias strip, stitch in the ditch on the bias to secure the free-form strip to the background!



No measuring necessary!

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