

## Two-toned Prairie Points

Cut a 2 ½" x 1 ¼" rectangle.

Cut a 2 ½" x 1 ½" rectangle of another fabric.

With right sides together, stitch upper edge with a scant 1/8" seam.

Press seam toward larger rectangle and fold fabric downward around edges of seam.

Bring outer edges down and together to form a triangle.

### Piping

1. Cut a 1 ¼" wide strip of fabric. It must be on the bias if it is going to be sewn around any curved edges.
2. Fold strip in half lengthwise with **wrong sides together** and lay string inside along the fold.
3. Sew as close to the string as your zipper foot will allow with a long stitch.
4. Trim raw edges to a ¼".



### Tubing

Tubing must always be on the bias.

1. Cut a 1" bias strip as long as your fabric will allow.
2. With **right sides together** sew string into tube as with piping **but:** extend the string past the end of the tube for as long as the fabric and stitch the string firmly in place. After sewing the end, stitch a little wide for the first few stitches and then continue down the length of the tube.
3. Trim raw edges to a scant 1/8".
4. Turn tube right-side-out by pulling the end of the string. This will cause the long end of the string to be eased into the inside of the tube as it is turned



# Piped Binding

Narrow piping inserted along the edge of your binding can be the perfect finish. Best of all, you can make and finish this binding completely on the sewing machine.

## Supplies

- Fabric to make 2¼"-wide binding strips
- Fabric to make ¾"-wide continuous fabric strip to cover cording
- ⅛"-diameter cording
- Zipper foot or cording foot for sewing machine
- Clear monofilament nylon thread
- Glue Stick

## Instructions

1. Begin by measuring around the perimeter of your quilt; add 20" to this measurement to allow for mitering corners of binding and finishing the ends. From binding fabric, make 2¼"-wide straight-grain binding this length. From piping cover fabric, make ¾"-wide straight-grain strip this length.
2. Fold piping strip in half, enclosing cording. Baste close to cording using zipper or cording foot (*Photo A*).
3. To mark the center of the binding strip, fold it in half, wrong sides facing, and press. Open binding back out so it is flat press lightly if desired.
4. Using zipper or cording foot, stitch piping to center fold line of binding (*Photo B*). Fold binding in half with wrong sides facing.

## Sew Smart

Use a glue stick to "baste" piping to center fold of binding before stitching piping to binding. —Liz

5. Trim excess batting and quilt back so ditch between piping and binding will align with first binding stitching when binding is sewn to quilt.
6. Working from the quilt back, align raw edge of binding with raw edge of quilt back. Piping fabric will be on top of binding fabric. Stitch binding to quilt (*Photo C*). Miter corners and join the ends just as when applying regular binding.
7. Bring binding over edge of quilt to front. Use clear monofilament thread (or thread that matches the piping cover fabric) and a zipper or cording foot to topstitch through all layers in the ditch between the piping and the binding (*Photo D*).

