

Seam Finish: Flat Felled Seam

This is the type of seam that you often see on jeans. It will work well on most fabrics unless it is extremely thick or heavy.

Method:

- With **wrong sides together** stitch your seam using a 1.5cm or chosen seam allowance.
- Open out your fabric and press both sides of the seam allowance in one direction.
- Trim the lower (underneath) seam allowance to approximately ¼" (6mm).
- Fold in the uncut seam allowance over the cut seam allowance edge and press into place.
- Edge stitch along the folded edge (you may use your blind hemming foot with the needle position adjusted to give you a consistent edge stitch).

Seam Finish: Hong Kong

This finish uses a bias strip of fabric sewn to the raw edge which is then wrapped around and stitched. The raw edge underneath is not folded unlike a **bound seam which uses double fold bias**. Originally this seam finish used beautiful, contrast fabrics to the main garment to create a real feature. Today it will mainly be seen in couture sewing.

Method:

- Cut a strip of fabric 1" – 1 ¼" wide. Unless all your seams are perfectly straight you will need to cut this strip on the bias or press out purchased bias and trim to size.
- With right sides together and using the ¼" seam foot stitch the strip onto the raw edge.
- Press and then fold the strip snugly over the raw edge and wrap underneath, press again.
- From the right side and using the ditch quilting foot stitch in the seam ditch to secure the bias strip underneath.