

Hemming Blankets

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Adding a satin binding edge to a blanket

Blanket binding is a light weight single sided satin ribbon already pre-pressed in half ready to sew. We have several colours currently in store.

1 Wrap the binding over the raw edge of your blanket trying to fill the binding as much as possible (i.e. placing the fabric edge as close to the centre crease in the binding as possible). Pin **really** well ensuring that the pins along the inside/open binding edge show equally the same amount on the front of the binding as the back of the binding. If it does not re-pin otherwise your stitching will not be even underneath. I used pins in two different directions or you may even like to tack first.

2 Set your sewing machine to a zig-zag stitch with a stitch width of approx. 4mm and a stitch length of approx. 3mm. Sew from the start of the binding to the very corner as shown in the picture.

3 To achieve a nice neat corner fold the binding back on its self, right sides together and pin in place making sure that the binding edge is flush on top and underneath. Using a ruler with a 45 degree angle draw a line as shown in the picture. Set your machine to straight stitch and sew along this line. Starting from the middle of the marked line and stitching towards the centre of the blanket to stop flush with the binding edge and then pivoting to stitch right through to corner tip works best. If you try to start stitching on the corner tip it will scrunch up and get caught in the feed dogs.

4 Repeat the above until all four corners have been completed.

5 Cut the finish end of binding on a slight angle overlapping the start point. Turn the raw edge under and pin securely in place. Zig-zag stitch the final part using the same technique as above but taking care to have a neat overlap at the finish point.

If you do need to press the binding just use a low heat and try to avoid pressing the outer folded edge too much as if the binding has not been 'filled' completely with fabric pressing with the iron highlights this and puts in a new crease line.

