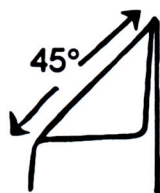


# Fabulous Frogs

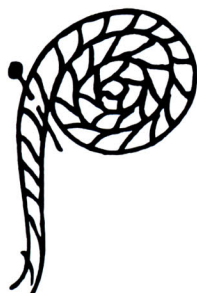
Everywhere you look this year frogs jump out. From blouses to dresses to coats and suit jackets, frogs are the fastener of choice. They can be purchases in fabric shops, but is the color right? Does the mood agree with your garment styling? Have it your way by making them yourself - the perfect finishing touch for elegant results. It all begins with cutting bias tubes and here's a chart on expected yield. The amount you get per yard of course, depends on the fabric width and the width of the bias strips you will be cutting.

| Fabric Width | Cut    | Width | Yields Per Yard of Fabric | Yields per Yard in Metric |
|--------------|--------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 35" 90cm     | 1-1/4" | 3.2cm | 23 y                      | 21.10 m                   |
|              | 1-3/4" | 4.5cm | 15 y                      | 13.80 m                   |
|              | 2-1/4" | 5.7cm | 12 y                      | 11 m                      |
|              | 2-3/4" | 7.0cm | 10 y                      | 9.15 m                    |
|              | 3-3/4" | 9.5cm | 8 y                       | 7.35 m                    |
| 45" 115cm    | 1-1/4" | 3.2cm | 30 y                      | 27.5 m                    |
|              | 1-3/4" | 4.5cm | 21-1/2 y                  | 19.7 m                    |
|              | 2-1/4" | 5.7cm | 16 y                      | 14.7 m                    |
|              | 2-3/4" | 7.0cm | 14 y                      | 12.9 m                    |
|              | 3-3/4" | 9.5cm | 10 y                      | 9.15 m                    |
| 54" 140cm    | 1-1/4" | 3.2cm | 37 y                      | 33.9 m                    |
|              | 1-3/4" | 4.5cm | 26 y                      | 23.8 m                    |
|              | 2-1/4" | 5.7cm | 20 y                      | 18.3 m                    |
|              | 2-3/4" | 7.0cm | 16-1/2 y                  | 15.1 m                    |
|              | 3-3/4" | 9.5cm | 12 y                      | 11 m                      |
| 60" 152cm    | 1-1/4" | 3.2cm | 40 y                      | 36.6 m                    |
|              | 1-3/4" | 4.5cm | 29 y                      | 26.6 m                    |
|              | 2-1/4" | 5.7cm | 22-1/2 y                  | 20.6 m                    |
|              | 2-3/4" | 7.0cm | 19 y                      | 17.4 m                    |
|              | 3-3/4" | 9.5cm | 14 y                      | 12.9 m                    |



This refers to true bias - a 45° angle as nothing else adequately substitutes. The width depends on the cable cord used for filler in the fabric tube. Coats and Clark has many from quite thin to very fat. Most are soft and supple so even if your fabric has construction wrinkles, the cord fills it out.

Usually bias strips are sewn together to make very long bias. For these frogs that may not be an advantage, as mostly 12" or shorter tubes are needed.



A big spiral is the first we'll make. Before cutting the fabric determine your width needs by spiraling different bare cords to see the effect. To use a thin cord, cover a longer length to achieve the same size circle as a shorter length of fat cord.

Put a pin to mark end or cut off cord at that point. Unwind and measure how long your bias needs to be, giving it an extra inch at each end to be sure.