

SEWN HEMS BOUND

A bound seam strengthens and decorates an edge; it shows on both sides of the fabric. Here a bound seam is made using bias tape and applied to the edge of the fabric.



① With right sides together, lay the bias tape on one of the fabric edges. Mark the point where the corner will be (Figure A). Sew a row of stay stitches on the bias tape. Clip the edge of the bias tape almost to the stitching line. This allows the bias tape to ease around the corner without pulling. Clip a small triangle to the stay stitching (Figure B).

② Pin the bias tape to the fabric, matching the clipped triangle in the bias tape to the corner of the fabric. Sew the edge with a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch (6-mm) seam allowance. Pivot the fabric when you come to the corner (Figure C).

③ Trim the corner point and press the seam open (Figure D). The pressing line is the stitching line for the seam. Turn the bias tape to the **wrong** side of the fabric. Fold the bias tape at the corner forming a pleat—the pleat is tucked to the inside and does not show. At the corner seam, pull on the bias tape or the miter will not lie flat.

④ Pin the tape on the **wrong** side and stitch in place using a slip stitch (Figure E). Press flat.