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BOUND EDGES

UltraSuede and UltraLeather edging:

- Cut strips 1 3/4 " to 2" wide (adjust according to thickness of project)
- Sew end-to-end at 45 degree angle (similar to quilt binding)
- With press cloth, gently press strips RST with cut edges even
- Wrap prepared binding around edge of project, secure with binder clips.
- Use 80/12 Microtex/Sharp sewing machine needles
- Use walking/even feed foot on sewing machine or a Teflon coated foot with machine's pressure foot pressure greatly reduced.
- Use approximately 5/8" to 3/4" from folded edge for stitching line.
- Stitch up to corner; remove from machine. Start to fold binding around corner gently creating a mitered corner.
- Resume stitching to next corner.
- With sharp bladed scissors, trim binding within 1/8" of stitching on both front and back.

Koos van den Akker's Hong Kong edge (1):

- 2" bias strips
- Sew to WS of project with 1/2" seam allowance
- Wrap binding to front and stitch-in-the-ditch close to previous stitching
- Make 1/2" single fold bias strips using #12 bias tape maker
- Sew bias tape to cover raw edges of binding

Hong Kong finish for seam edges:

- Cut bias strips 1 3/4" wide
- Sew with 1/8" seam allowance to right side of seam
- Press bias strip away from seam, then wrap to back side of seam and press again
- On front side of seam, stitch-in-the-ditch next to bias strip.

Hint: Adjust bias strip width and seam allowance according to fabric thickness and desired look.

(1) Reference *Koos couture & collage* by Linda Chang Teufel, Dragon Threads publisher

More bound edges can be found in *Sewing Edges & Corners* by Linda Lee, Taunton Press publisher