

# Let's Talk Piping!

*Let our easy-to-follow,  
step-by-step instructions  
inspire you to sew a  
houseful of perfectly  
piped designer pillows!*

pillow piping 101

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***Posh Piping...***  
*What's the fastest way to fluff up your favorite space? A bevy of designer-quality accent pillows! And believe it or not, there's a secret to sleek, tailored pillows...it's all in the piping! So, take a peek at our simple, step-by-step instructions. Then, put your pipe dreams in motion and decorate your favorite corner of the world!*

## supplies

- Pillow Form
- Fabrics of Your Choice
- Cotton Piping Cord
- Rotary Cutter
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pins
- Thread
- Sewing Machine





1. Measure and cut piping fabric into 3" wide strips. Cut on the bias so that the fabric will pull smoothly around the pillow corners.



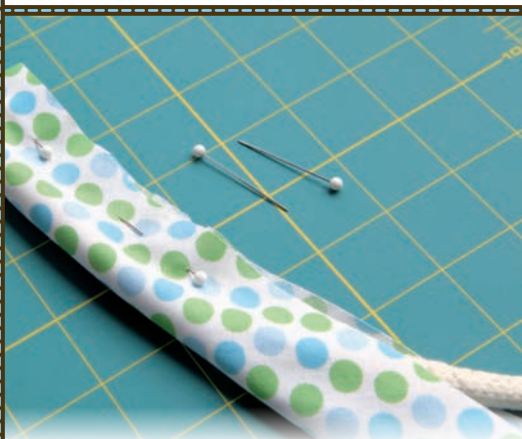
2. Trim off angled corners to avoid bulk.



3. Pin strips together, as shown, with right sides of fabric together. Sew together on a 45 degree angle.



4. Trim away excess fabric, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat until all strips are joined into one continuous piece. Open fabric and press seam. Now your piping fabric is ready to go!



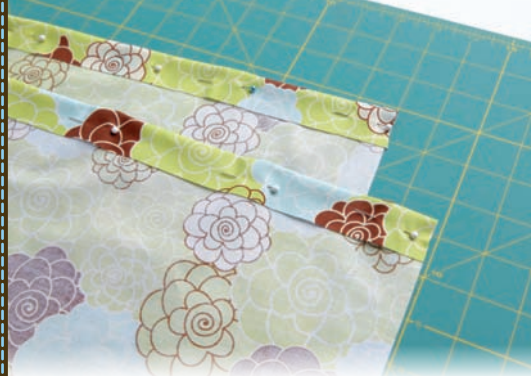
5. Lay fabric on work surface, and place piping cord inside the fold, as shown. Pin fabric closed.



6. Using a zipper foot, machine-stitch the entire length of fabric. Stitch as close to the piping cord as possible. Then, trim away excess fabric, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.



**7.** Measure and cut fabric for a sham-style pillow cover, according to the size pillow form you've chosen—you'll need a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance on all three panels. Then, pin piping to front panel of pillow cover, lining up the raw edges, as shown. Allow the piping ends to overlap about  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Machine-stitch to secure.



**8.** Finish one long edge of each back panel by folding right side of fabric to the back. Create a 1" fold, as shown. Machine-stitch to secure.



**9.** Pin the back of the cover into place, overlapping panels with right sides of fabric together, as shown. Using a zipper foot, machine stitch all sides together. Stitch as close to the piping cord as possible.



**10.** Turn pillow cover right side out and insert pillow form. Piping fabric should be smooth and tight for a professionally-finished look.



**11.** Here's a peek at the back. Sleek envelope closure... clean, coordinating piping... we call this designer style!



**12.** All done! You've piped a pillow, and it was just so easy! See another surface that could use a custom-made soft spot? You know what to do...

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