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Tricia Waddell adds a decorative touch to any straight seam by using a flat fell seam finish with grosgrain ribbon and topstitching.



Supplies

- 7/8" wide grosgrain ribbon
- Matching or contrasting thread for edgestitching/topstitching
- Seam ruler

Notes:

- The finished flat fell seam is a 5/8" seam allowance, so make sure to choose a ribbon width that is wider than 5/8" so that you see it peek out from the seam.

Instructions

1. With wrong sides together, sew a seam with 3/4" seam allowance.

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2. Press the seam allowances towards the back of the garment or project.
 3. Trim the bottom seam allowance to 1/8".
 4. Press the top seam allowance over 1/8" to fold over and enclose the bottom seam allowance. Press flat towards the back of the garment.
 5. Insert the ribbon underneath the seam allowances, against the seamline. Pin in place.
 6. Edgestitch along the seam allowance, securing the seam allowance and ribbon to the base fabric.
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