

Piping Foot

Use the Piping Foot for adding a special decorative touch to the seams of a project for a tailored finish.

Piping can be pre-packaged or easily make your own by covering cording with your choice of fabrics for specialty piping easily made with the piping foot and a straight stitch length of 2.5.

The deeper tunnel to the left of the needle on the underside of the foot allows the raised fabric and cording to pass easily and evenly underneath the foot without getting stuck in place. Stitches are formed just to the right of the piping. The piping foot simply makes it easy in keeping everything in perfect alignment.

There are three types of Piping feet:

The Metal Piping Foot,
The Clear View Piping Foot, and
The Mini Piping Foot

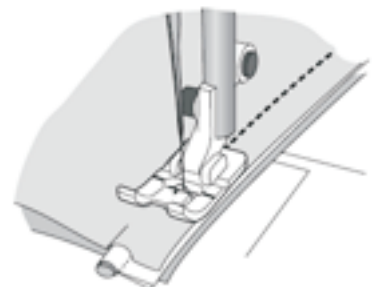
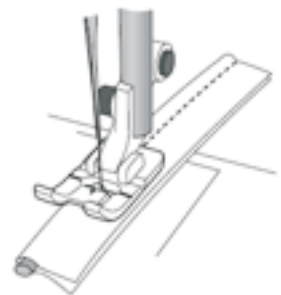
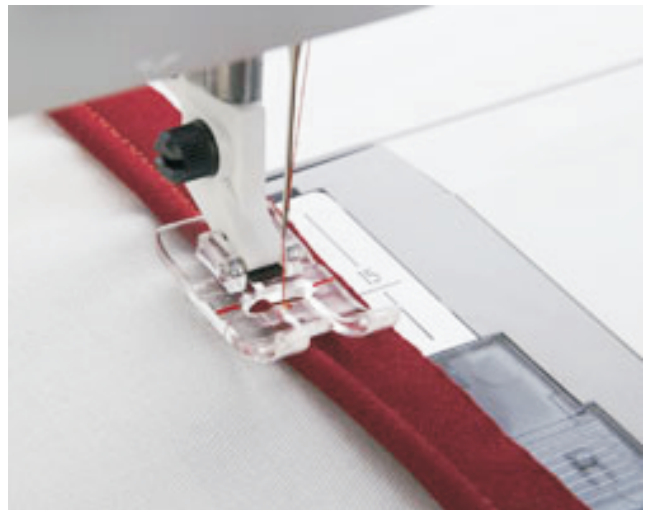
Each has their own uses:

The **Metal Piping Foot** is more durable and is the most widely used.

The **Clear View Piping Foot** allows you to see piping placement and see exactly where you are stitching. The clear view enables you to see the first row of stitching and adjust your needle position to stitch next to the original row. Straight stitch, length 2.5.

The **Mini Piping Foot** is clear and is used with much smaller cording (1mm) for adding a "hint" of detail to a project, quilt, or garment.

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To make piping from fabric and cording:

Snap on either the Metal, Clear View, or Mini Piping Foot.

Cut bias or crosswise grain strips of fabric wide enough to cover the cording plus seam allowances. (generally 1"-1 1/2" for cording up to 2mm).

Lay the cording in the center of the wrong side of fabric and wrap the fabric over the cord.

Place the fabric and cord under the Piping Foot with the cord in the groove on the underside of the foot.

Sew. The groove will guide the cord so the fabric covers it evenly.

To stitch piping into a seam:

Snap on either the Metal, Clear View, or Mini Piping Foot.

Place the piping along the seam line on the right side of the fabric and stitch in place with the piping in the groove of the foot.

Place the second piece of fabric on top with the right sides together.

Put the fabric and piping layers under the piping foot with the piping in the groove on the underside of the foot.

Sew. The groove on the underside of the foot will guide the piping as you sew. (When you sew this piping into a project, adjust the needle position so it stitches one setting closer to the cord to cover the first two rows of stitching.

Hint: Notch and/or clip in the seam allowance where sewing piping on curves and corners.

Ideas for uses can include:

Try wrapping 1mm - 2mm cording with...
gold lame to dress up a holiday project.
silk or satin for a shiny semi-dressy look in seams or edges of a vest or jacket .
colored batist to enhance an heirloom project.
quilting cottons to go around quilts; blocks, borders, and/or binding.

More ideas for uses can include: What's your idea?

To decorate the edges or seams in pillows or pillow case borders.
To edge simple geometric shapes (circles, squares, rectangles).