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How to Measure & Cut Fringe

BRUSH, BULLION & TASSEL FRINGE
1. Cut fringe the length of the seam into which it will be sewn.
   NOTE: Add 1" to any corner for space to maneuver. Cut ends will meet at the joining point.
2. For top application, tassel & bullion fringe should be the same length as the edge to be covered, plus 2". To finish, turn under 1" at each end. Finished edges should butt together at the joining point.
3. To apply fringe in a seam allowance, place the loose side of the fringe towards the inside of the project on the right side. The bound edge will be towards the cut edge of the fabric.
4. When the project is complete, turn right side out. Remove the rip-cord & fluff.

CORD & LIP CORD
1. To prevent raveling, wrap transparent tape around the cord, then cut in the middle of the tape.
2. Cord & lip cord should be the length as the seam to which it is applied, plus 6".

GIMP BRAID
1. Use the measurement of length to be covered.
2. The cut ends are butted together at the joining point.

How to Join Decorative Cord

1. Overlap technique. Overlap ends with lip across the stitching as shown. Stitch over the overlapped cord with lip several times to hold securely. Trim the cord with lip even with the edge of the seam allowance.
2. Butt ends and bind. Trim uneven ends. Position the cord ends together; bind them with matching sewing thread, as shown below.

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SEWING TIPS
1. Note the care method listed on all trims.
2. Get creative with layers of cords, trims & fringes.
3. Restyle pillows, lamps, draperies & furniture with trims, tassels & fringes.
4. When applying trims, gimp or fringe, begin at the back edge or side of the project, rather than a corner, to camouflage the joining ends.
5. Use a seam ripper to release the stitches holding a lip edge to a cord trim, if you prefer a plain cord.

Not all styles are available in all colors.
GIMP BRAID
- 3/8” to 1/2” wide, flat & tightly woven from tiny cords
- Traditionally used on antique or reproduction upholstery, soft furnishings or to hide seams
- Hand sew, machine sew or use fabric glue

CORD
- 3/16” to 1/2” dia. twisted plied yarn
- Attach swag tassels to embellish curtain treatments
- Trim pillows, boxes, bedding & ornaments
- Hand sew, machine zigzag stitch or fabric glue

LIP OR FLANGE CORD
- 3/16” to 1/2” dia. plied yarn cord, twisted with a tape (fabric edge)
- Set into seams of sofa cushions & soft furnishings
- Finish edge of pillows, cushions, upholstery, draperies & bedding
- Use zipper foot or piping foot to sew

CHAINETTE FRINGE
- Cut lengths of chainette are doubled over & stitched to create the header
- Chainette hangs open at the bottom in single strands
- Trim valances, draperies, accessory trims, costumes, dance outfits & flapper dresses

BALL OR POM FRINGE
- Covered balls or yarn balls hang at even intervals along one edge
- Trim upholstery, curtains, lamp shades or apparel

TASSEL FRINGE
- Plain or ornate gimp with tassels
- Use on leading edge of curtains & borders for cushions & valances

LOOP FRINGE
- Yarns at base of fringe are looped, rather than cut
- Straight or scalloped
- Trim pillows, cushions, tablecloths, curtains & draperies

BULLION FRINGE
- Made of plain or crepe cords, rather than yarn
- Plain or decorative heading
- 3” to 6” lengths
- Heavy bullion for sofa skirts
- Delicate bullion for curtains, throws, table linens & cushions

TIEBACKS
- Hold back draperies & curtains
- Maximize window view
- Hang from drapery rods, chandeliers, room dividers, bed canopies & finials
- To refresh, spray-mist with water & comb

TASSELS
- 1/2” to 4’ bell-shaped trims, tied at the neck
- Loop for hanging or insertion
- For valances, pillows, table coverings or bedding
- Stitch or glue

BELL TASSELS
- For shade pulls, ceiling fan & ceiling light pulls
- Accent window treatments, pillows, cushions, chairs, boxes & apparel

CHAIR TIES
- 27” to 30” cord with a tassel at each end
- Attach cushions to chairs, hold back curtains or trim lamps

C-HOOKS
- Sturdy, solid hooks
- Anchor tiebacks, hang keys, hats, plants, mugs, or dish towels
- Variety of finishes