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decorative trims

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BRAIDS

Braids are knitted or woven. They provide an exceptional decorative border treatment for valances, walls, window treatments, pillows, towels or any number of home furnishings.

GIMP FLAT TRIM

3/8" to 1/2" wide, gimp is made with tightly woven tiny cords. Gimp traditionally embellishes pillows, curtains, boxes, lampshades, vests and ornaments or is used to mask upholstery seams. It can be sewn on or applied with glue.



CORD

3/16" to 1/2" diameter braid made from twisted plies of yarn(s). Use cord to accent pillows, draperies, boxes, bedding and ornaments. It can be glued, sewn on by hand or zigzag stitch.



LIP CORD

3/16" to 1/2" diameter cord with a knit lip that inserts into a fabric seam to attach the trim. Use a zipper or piping foot when applying lip cord to edge pillows, cushions, upholstery, drapery treatments and bedding.



FRINGES

Fringes come in a variety of lengths, styles and fibers. Fringe can be sewn into a seam on pillows, draperies and bedding or glued onto lampshades and tablecloths.

CHAINETTE FRINGE

From lampshades, to costumes to flags, chainette fringe transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary. Deep chainette fringe is offered as heavy or baby fringes in a wide assortment of colors.

BALL OR POMPOM FRINGE

Ball or pompom fringe is great for adding style to pillows, blankets, lamps and apparel.

TASSEL FRINGE

Flat trim with tassels accent draperies, lampshades, table coverings, pillows and swags.

LOOP FRINGE

For an elegant style use loop fringe to trim decorative pillows, cushions tablecloths, curtains and draperies along with scallop braid, scallop fringe or fan edging.

BULLION FRINGE

Apply 3" to 8" twisted fringe to a skirt, sofa, ottoman, chair or to edge pillows, table coverings or draperies.



TASSELS

1/2" to 8" long bell-shaped yarn trims, tied at the "neck" with a top loop for hanging or insertion. Accent valances, pillows, table coverings or bedding. Attach by stitching or gluing. To refresh tassels, spray-mist with water and comb.

BELL TASSELS

Use little tassels as shade pulls, ceiling fan pulls, ceiling light pulls or as accents for window treatments, decorative pillows, cushions, chairs, boxes and apparel.

KEY TASSELS

Add a delicate touch of color and elegance to an armoire or secretary with a key tassel.

CHAIR TIES

27" to 30" long cord with a tassel attached at each end is used to attach cushions to chairs, hold back curtains or accent lamps and pillows.



TIEBACKS

Tiebacks are used to hold back draperies and curtains maximize a window view. Tiebacks are also hung from drapery rods, chandeliers, room dividers, bed canopies and finials.

C-HOOKS

C-hooks hold the ends of tiebacks. They are also used to hang other decorative touches.



ROSETTES

Rosettes designs finish off the arms of upholstered sofas and chairs. They can be applied to drapery valances and the corners of window treatments.



MEASURING AND CUTTING FRINGES FOR INSERTION INTO SEAM ALLOWANCES

Tassel and bullion fringe should be cut exactly the same length as the seam into which it will be sewn. Add 1" to any corner for space to maneuver. Cut ends will meet at the joining point. See "How To Join Decorative Cords". When applying 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.

When project is complete and turned right side out, remove the rip-cord that held the fringe flat; fluff.



MEASURING AND CUTTING CORD WITH AND WITHOUT LIP

Both cord and lip cord should be the same length as the seam to which it is applied plus 6". To prevent the cord from unraveling, wrap transparent tape around the cord, then cut in the middle of the tape.

MEASURING AND CUTTING FOR TOPICAL APPLICATION

Tassel and Bullion Fringe should be cut exactly the same length as the edge to be covered, plus 2". To finish turn under 1" at each end. Finished edges should meet at the joining point.

Gimp braids are simply the measurement of length to be covered. Cut ends are typically butted together at the joining point.

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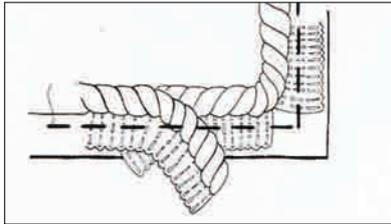
HOW TO JOIN DECORATIVE CORDS

Here are 2 easy methods for joining cords to achieve a professional decorator look.

BUTT ENDS: Trim the excess of uneven ends. Position the 2 cord ends together and bind them with matching sewing thread, as shown below.



OVERLAP ENDS: Overlap ends with lip at the end of the sewing application. Stitch over the overlapped cord with lip several times to hold securely. Trim the cord so the lip is even with the edge of seam allowance.



SEWING TIPS & HELPFUL HINTS

- Use a size 16 or 18 needle when sewing trims by machine.
- Make a note of the care method listed on all trims for future reference.
- Personalize projects using multiple layers of cords, trim and fringes. Keep the look monotone or use a variety of colors to suit the decor.
- Refashion ready-made pillows, lamps, draperies and furniture by adding stylish trims, tassels and fringes.
- When applying trims, gimp or fringe begin at the back edge or side of the project rather than a corner so it is easier to camouflage the joining ends.
- Use a seam ripper to release the stitches holding a lip edge to a cord trim, if plain cord is required.

Please read and follow all manufacturers' instructions for all tools and materials used.
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