

# tubes

*Create filled tubes to use as ties, button loops or for decorative details.*

1. Cut a bias strip wide enough to wrap the cord plus 1-1/4" for seam allowance. Cut a piece of cord twice the length of the finished cord desired and mark the middle. With right side to the inside, wrap the bias strip around the cord at the middle mark. Stitch across the fabric and cord to hold. (#1)



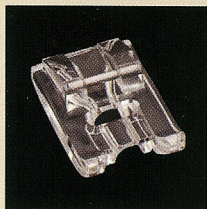
2. Wrap the bias around the cord matching edges and stitch using the pearl and piping foot. The stitching should be away from the cord far enough to allow the fabric to turn back on itself. (#2)



3. Trim the seam allowance to approximately 1/8"-wide. (#3)



4. Start pulling the cord to work the bias strip back on itself and cover the cord. Trim the cord when the entire cord is covered. Use the covered tube to make button loops, straps for dresses, or decorative trim. Depending on the size of the cord, you can even make handles for bags. (#4)



**Pearl & Piping Foot**

**Stitch:** Straight

**Width:** Pre-set

**Length:** Pre-set

**Tension:** Pre-set

**Fabric, needles, notions required:**

Light to medium weight fabrics;  
universal needle size, 80/12;  
all-purpose polyester sewing thread  
for the needle and bobbin; cording