

Tie Belt, Belt Loops & Pocket Trim: Tips & Hints



The difference is always in the details! Use your Pfaff® *admire*™ air 7000 coverlock machine to add designer elements to a wide range of projects! These trousers have belt loops created easily with the Strap and Belt Loop Attachment and coverstitching. The casual tie belt features the reverse side of the coverstitch using 30wt cotton threads to add unique texture and interest. Last, but not least, the trouser pockets are embellished with a piped edge and then finished off with a wide coverstitch detail. Read on for tips on how you can add these interesting details to your projects!

Note: Information for creating the Chainstitch Embellished Belt (shown in photo on right) is available as a separate Tips & Hints sheet.

Tie Belt

The reverse side of Coverstitching can be used as an interesting embellishment. The machine can be set for either a Wide or Narrow Double Coverstitch, or a Triple Coverstitch. The belt shown features the Wide Coverstitch. Thread the looper with a heavier thread, such as 30wt cotton, and thread the needles with regular serger thread.



To prepare the belt fabric, first determine the finished width and length that you want for the belt, considering also the extra length needed for tying the knot. Add seam allowances.

Add interfacing to stabilize the fabric, if needed.

Using a fabric marker and ruler, draw stitching guidelines on the wrong side of the belt in the pattern you choose.

Place the fabric, right side down, under the presser foot. Because the right side of the fabric is facing down, the stitches from the looper will be formed on the fabric's right side. Sew the desired number of rows using the coverstitch, sewing at a moderate speed



Belt Loops

Create custom belt loops in one easy step with the Strap and Belt Loop Foot. Set the machine for the Wide Double Coverstitch.

Cut a strip of fabric 1" wide. The length of the fabric depends on that needed for the belt depth, plus seam allowances and the number of loops. It is recommended to create one long strip and cut in the length needed for the loops after finishing.

Cut the top corner of the belt loop fabric strip at a 45 degree angle, forming a point. Insert the cut angle into the foot's guide, with the right side of the fabric facing up. Pull the strip through the slot and under the foot. Extend the tail of the strip behind the foot. It may be helpful to use tweezers to feed the fabric strip into the foot.

Snap the Strap and Belt Loop Foot onto the machine. Slide the strip approximately 2" (5cm) behind the foot. Lower the presser foot. Be sure both raw edges of the strip are turned under before stitching. Sew the first few stitches. Stop and clip the needle threads close to the presser foot and continue sewing. For even feeding, hold the fabric strip slightly below the first guide in the front of the foot. Sew at medium speed. Check the fabric as you sew to ensure proper feeding.

For a bolder look, use a 30wt cotton or topstitching thread in the needles, and set the stitch length to a longer setting.



Pocket Trim

Piping adds a tailored finish to seams and edges. You can either use purchased piping, or create your own for a more customized look.

The Piping Foot is perfect for creating piping, as well as for inserting piping! The piping is sewn between the two layers of fabric in one step. A groove under the foot helps guide the piping.

Machine set up:

Set the overlock machine for the desired stitch. We used the 4-thread overlock stitch.

Snap on the Piping Foot.

To stitch piping into a seam:

Place the piping along the seam line on the right side of the fabric. Place the second piece of fabric on top with the right sides together.

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

Sew piping into the seam. The groove on the underside of the foot will guide the piping as you sew.

To make piping from your fabric:

Cut bias or crosswise grain strips wide enough to cover the cord, plus the seam allowances. The recommended cord size is 2-3mm.

Lay the cord on the wrong side of the fabric strip and fold 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, using the 4-thread overlock stitch. The groove will guide the cord as you sew.

