

Printable Bias Tape Maker

(makes 1" wide single-fold bias tape)

Materials

- Cardstock
- All-purpose glue stick (I like the ones with a disappearing purple tint)
- Sharp, small scissors or an Exacto knife
- 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ " wide strips of bias cut fabric

Printing

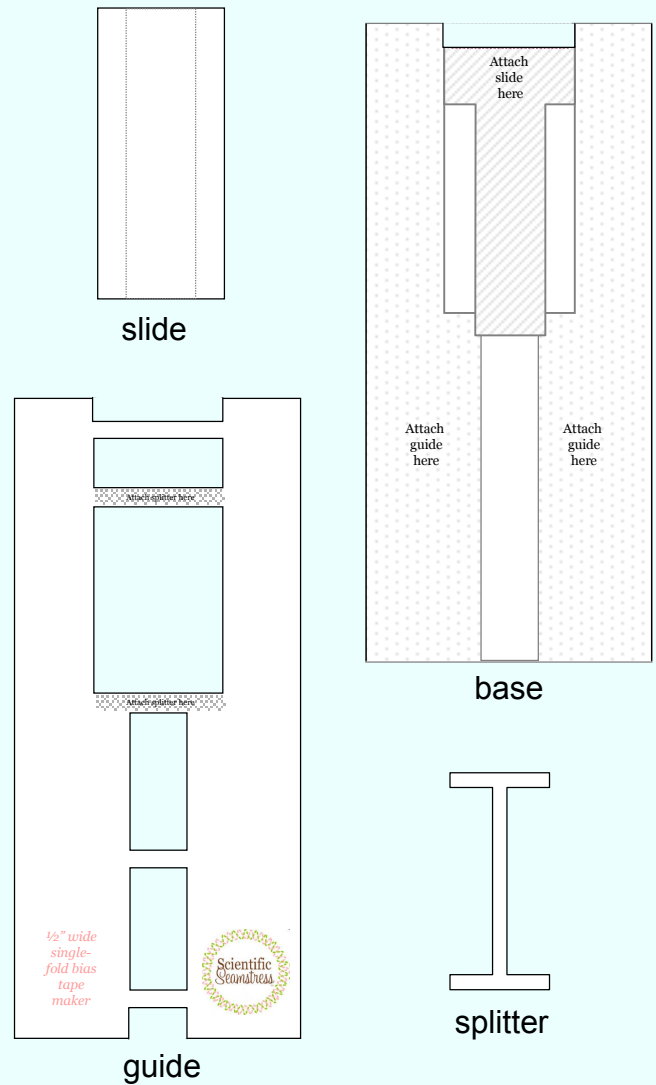
Print pages 5 and 6 onto cardstock. *Note:* The pieces are designed to be printed at 100%. Before printing, make sure that page scaling is set to none in the Adobe Acrobat print window. To be sure your pieces printed at the correct size, measure the box on the page 5. It should measure exactly 1 inch by 1 inch.

Cutting

Carefully cut out the pieces as directed. If you are using scissors, pierce each opening in the center, then cut over to the lines. The pieces should look like the diagrams above.

Folding

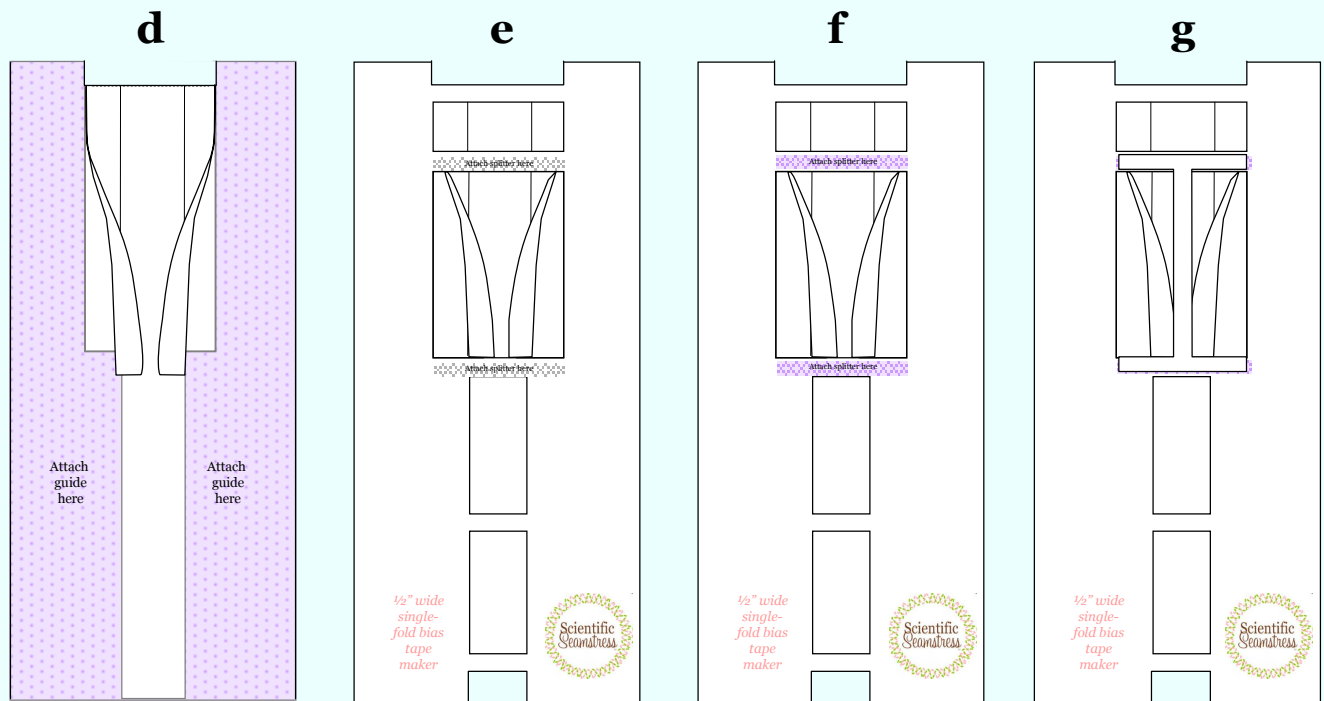
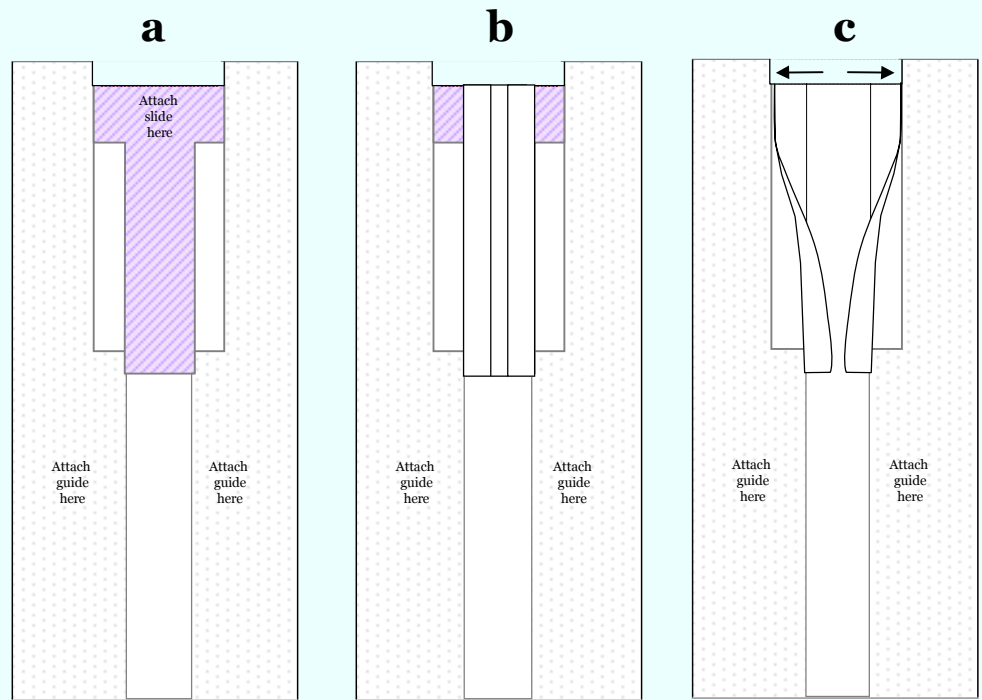
Fold the slide at the thin dotted lines. Press with an iron to set.



Assembly

Apply glue to the “T” shaped section of the base (a). Place the slide atop the glued area, fold side facing up (b). Open out the folds at the top and stick them into place against the base (c). The

back of the slide should be in full contact with the base at the glued shaded area. Add a bit more glue, if needed. Let dry a few minutes.



Apply glue to the side sections of the base (d). Avoid getting glue on the slide or the section beneath it. Place the guide on top of the base and align the outer edges (e). Take care to maintain the shape of the slide from the previous step. Let dry a few minutes. Apply glue to the small shaded areas on top of the guide (f). Carefully glue the splitter into place and let dry (g).

Preparing the tape

Bring the long raw edges together in the center of the tape at one end. Press to set. Manually fold the edges over to the wrong side (a bit over 1/4" on each side) and press about 6" from the end. Trim the end into a point for easier insertion.



Insertion

Stick the point into the slide through the top two tabs. Use a straight pin to carefully work the end down the slide and through the third tab. Arrange the edges so they are nice and flat at the top opening.





Use the straight pin to work the tip through the last two tabs. For best results, position the bias tape maker so the top edge is hanging over the ironing board.

Now for the fun (and easy) part! Place the iron just below the slide. Pull the tape through the tabs. If your iron has a continuous steam setting, use it, otherwise give bursts of steam as you pull. The resulting tape can be folded

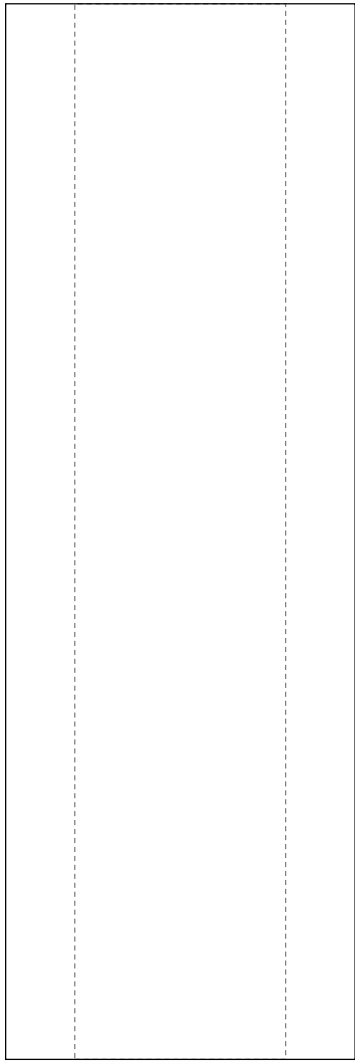


in half lengthwise and pressed to make 1/2" wide double-fold bias tape.

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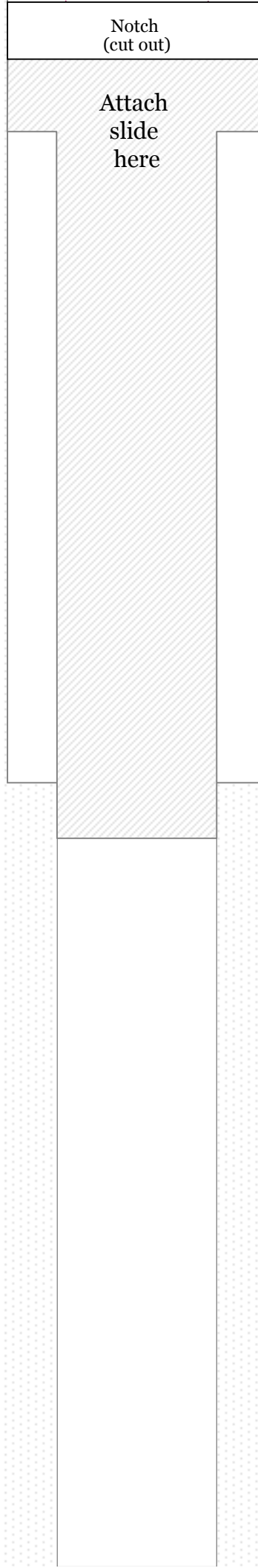




Slide
(cut on outer
black lines,
fold at
dashed lines)



Base
(cut on outer
black lines)

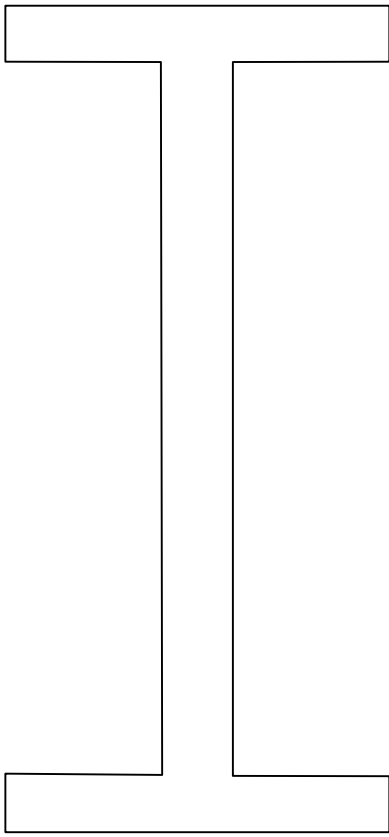


Notch
(cut out)

Attach
slide
here

Attach
guide
here

Attach
guide
here



Splitter
(cut on outer
black lines)

Guide
(cut on inner
and outer
black lines)

*1" wide
single-fold
bias tape
maker*

Notch
(cut out)

Opening
(cut out)

Attach splitter here

Opening
(cut out)

Attach splitter here

Opening
(cut out)

Opening
(cut out)

Notch

