

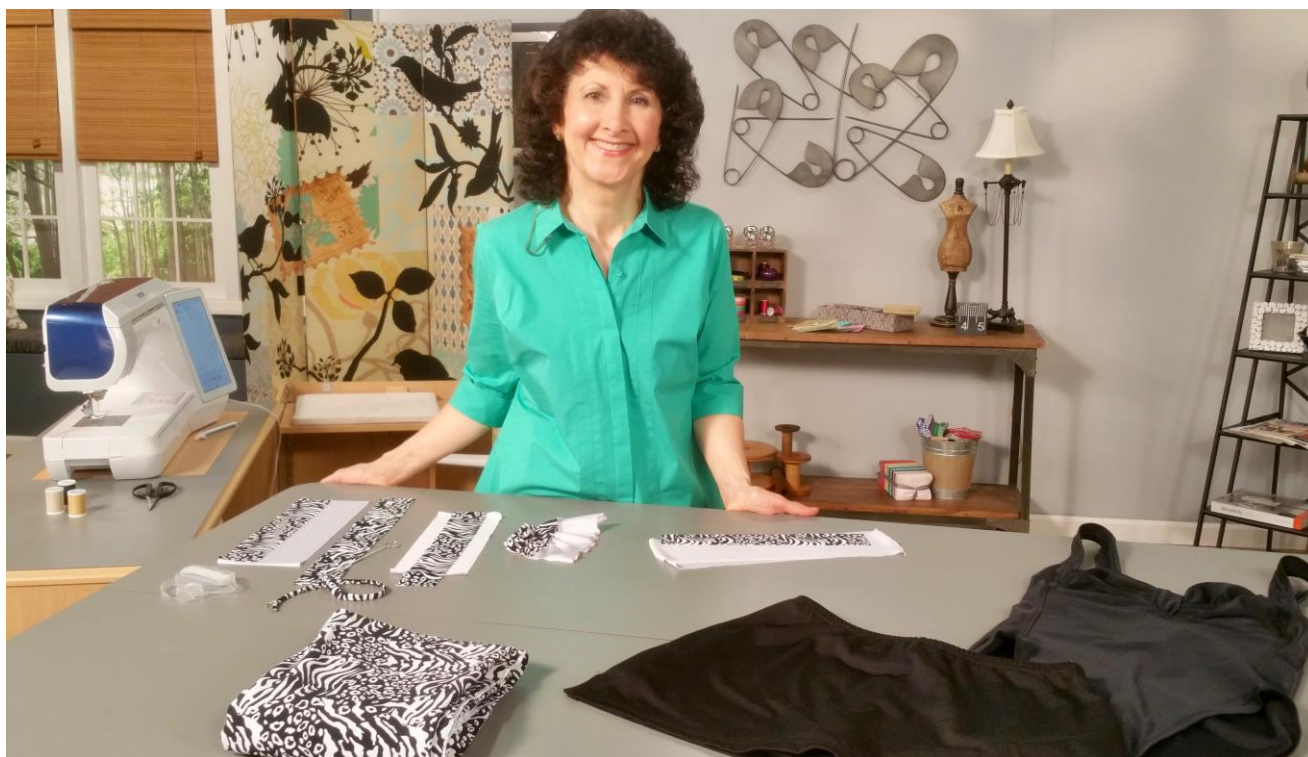
It's Sew Easy Series 1800

Show#1803-2 Swimsuit Trims

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Customize swimwear by accenting it with a few easy to make trims. In this segment we're exploring three options for trims made from swimsuit fabric. You can easily add these to swimwear you sew yourself or use to accent ready to wear swimsuits and swim separates. I suggest you do some snoop shopping or internet browsing for ideas on where to place trims on existing swimsuits.

Are you ready? Let's go sew!

Materials and supplies featured in this show:

- [Brother](#) Sewing machine
- [Dritz 3/8-inch lightweight clear elastic](#)
- [Dritz Loop Turner](#)
- [Coats & Clark Dual Duty polyester thread](#)



Technique #1 – Contrast binding

Cut strips of contrast fabric to use for binding edges. Cut strips six times the finished width you desire for your edge. Sew with a ½-inch seam allowance. Wrap the binding over the seam, folding it to the wrong side. Using a stretchy stitch, topstitch from the right side, stitching close to the seam of the binding. Trim away excess fabric from the wrong side.

Technique #1 – Skinny turned tubes

Cut strips of fabric 2-inches wide. Select the triple stretch stitch set for a length of 3.0. Fold strip in half lengthwise and begin stitching at the top, tapering the seam after an inch or so, so your presser foot is even with the folded edge as you stitch the remainder of the strip. Note that this creates a small “funnel” at the top, making it easier to turn the tube right side out. Slip the hook of the tube turner inside the tube, hooking it at the top edge. Pull tube through to the right side. Use tubes as trim or consider weaving them to form a lattice effect on various areas of your swimsuit

Technique #3 - Ruffled accent

Cut two coordinating strips of swimsuit fabric 2 ½ times the circumference of the swimsuit area you wish to trim. Raw edges don't need finishing but if you like you can sew a narrow

zigzag along the raw edge, stretching it as you stitch to form a ruffled “lettuce” edge. Layer the two pieces together and baste to keep from slipping. Select a triple zig zag stitch. Sewing from the wrong side, sew elastic near the top edge, stretching elastic as you sew to form a ruffle. Remove basting. You can attach this trim to many places on a swimsuit by stitching next to, or directly over your previous stitch.

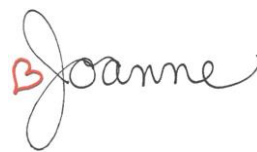
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Happy Sewing!

Joanne