

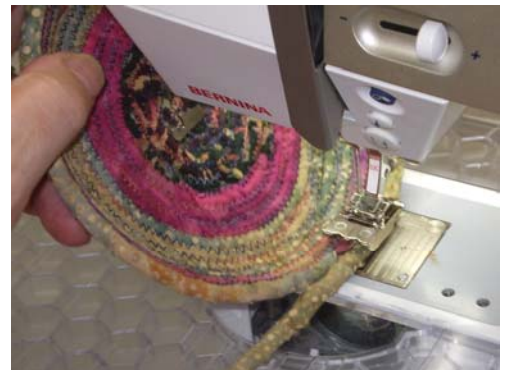
NOVEMBER, 2009 ~ TARTS CLASS (Textile Arts that is)

Quilt Gallery owner, Joan Hodgeboom, demonstrated how to wrap a variety of fabric strips around cording then stitching the wrapped cording into coils which results in some very cool fabric bowls.



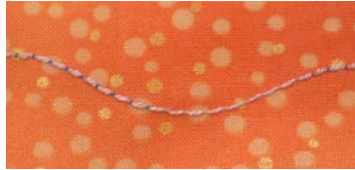
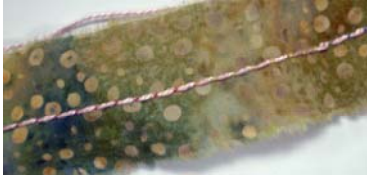
To stitch the covered cording into a bowl shape, begin by forming your base using a regular foot and selecting a zig-zag stitch sew between the cording edges catching each coil and turning bowl as you go securing the cording to each row before. When your base is the size

For this bowl, Joan used Bernina foot #59C, a wonderful foot that has two channels side by side making this project so simple because the cording is seated in the channels. Start your bowl the same way as before using a serpentine stitch and tilting the bowl as needed to form the sides! Wrap your cording as you sew. Just have lots of fabric strips already cut and your cording ready to wrap then sew, wrap a little more!

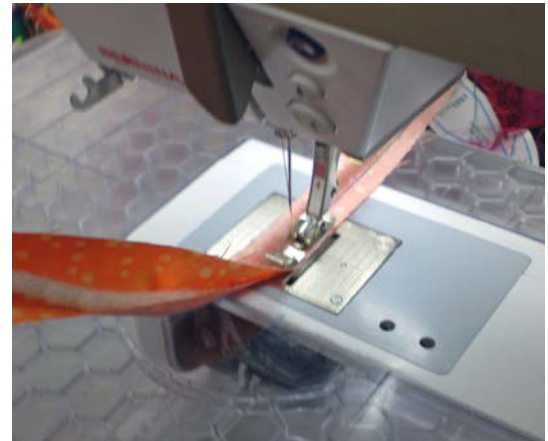




We did a little bobbin work too! Joan made a darling little purse using colorful fabrics and decorative cording. We think it is a good idea to have two bobbin casings; the one that came with your machine, and another bobbin casing just for decorative stitching with different weight cords and threads. You will need to adjust the tension on your casing to accommodate the different thread weights. That way you will always have a bobbin casing for regular sewing and one to get creative with! Wind your bobbin like the picture shown. Remember to place the top side of the fabric face down. Use regular thread on top and start sewing. You can usually see the design from the back side to see where to go. You can also just do some free style sewing and come up with some nice decorative stitches as shown.



We learned to make covered cording in a really easy way! Cut fabric strips wide enough to cover the cording. Encase the cording inside your fabric strip making sure right sides of fabric are together. Stitch along the cording as shown with a zipper foot. Make sure not to get your stitches too close to the cording! Sew to the desired length, pivot and sew across the cording to secure. Cut thread and remove from machine. Start rolling the fabric back down and over the cording where you secured it, pulling the fabric back over the cord on the stitched end and the cord out of the fabric on the open end. Eventually you will have a finished, covered cord! This takes a little patience, but works like a charm.



You can make piping using just about anything! Joan used some very thin decorative, bumpy thread and made piping by encasing the thread between a folded fabric strip cut wide enough to cover with enough left over to catch in a seam. This time make sure the fabric is wrong sides together. Use your zipper foot to sew somewhat close to the edge of whatever you are covering. You will sew as close as you can when you insert the piping into your project. We used dark thread for the demo, but you will want to match your thread to your fabric.



It was a lot of fun to use the decorative thread using a cording foot and following the design on the fabric. This is a great technique with all those large print fabrics that are so popular today!

Last, but not least, Joan showed how she used her beads to trim the edge of her darling "Little Fabric Purse" made from the pattern by Kathryn's ~ Of Course! She included her piping around the edge of the purse flap. For beaded fringe, string 5 seed beads, 1 larger bead, 8 seed beads, 1 larger bead, and 1 seed bead. Put needle back through all beads except the first 5. Then add 5 more beads and take small stitch to secure. This forms a beaded design that resembles a "Y" with a long tail! Repeat until entire edge is beaded. She also wound beads along the covered cord purse handle by string about 14 beads, taking a small stitch along the seam to secure the beadwork, then add 14 more beads, secure with a stitch until your cord is completely wound up by beads! A little extra work but way worth the effort!

