

## B.O.M - BIAS BLOCKS – Phil Thomas

### To make the tape:

1. Using the long bias strip, cut enough length to curve across the corner of the background square, allowing approx. 2" extra at both ends
2. Press the strip in half lengthways. Open up and turn both raw edges towards the centre fold. Press to form the bias tape. Repeat with the shorter strip



### To Stitch the curve

1. Pin the long tape to the upper edge of the square and to the side edge you are aiming for (You can mark the curve with chalk, or pencil. It doesn't have to be a perfect arc)
2. **stitch the inner curve first.** Starting at the top edge, sew a scant 1/8" from the edge of the bias tape. Use matching thread, a straight machine stitch and slow speed. Don't stretch the tape as you sew, just ease it as you curve towards the side edge
3. Steam press to flatten the tape, then stitch the outer curve as above
4. Use the short bias tape to make a second curve on the inside of the first curve (they don't have to be exactly spaced)
5. Press and trim the block to measure 9½" square (finished block size is 9")

