



**In this tutorial you will learn how to use the Usha Janome Piping Foot and insert a cord into the seam using this foot**



Piping helps style edges and make them prominent while adding strength to it. It is generally used in garments and home accessories and can be used creatively across a diverse range of sewing projects.

For this tutorial you will need: the Usha Janome piping foot, a 10X2 inch strip of fabric, a 10X10 inch square piece of fabric, some cord as shown here, thread, and a pair of scissors

This here is the Piping Foot – look at it carefully and you will notice that it has two grooves on the underside – these hold and cover the cord while piping. Now follow the instructions to learn how to get that perfect piping. Remove the normal presser foot and snap on the piping foot.

Now take the strip of fabric Place the cord in the center of the fabric strip, and cut the cord to length. Fold the strip over the cord so that the edges meet. Hold this firmly like I am doing and place the folded fabric with the cord under the piping foot.

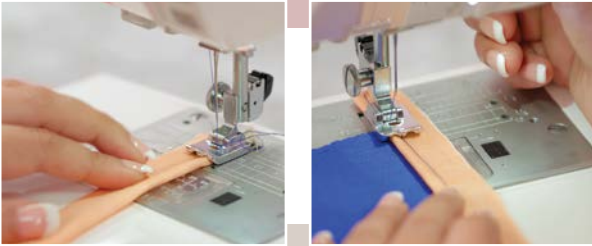




Set your machine to Straight Stitch. Next select stitch length between 2 and 3 and increase the stitch width between 4 and 5.

Press Start and begin sewing. To secure the cord you can also pin the fabric and sew. Increase the speed of the machine gradually to an efficient yet comfortable level.

Your piping is ready. Cut out any extra edges of the cord and thread that may be there. Now take the larger piece of fabric and place the piping along the edge on the right side of the fabric like this.



Use the groove on the left to allow the corded piping to pass through easily as you stitch on the piping on the fabric. Align the needle to the left along the stitched line on the piping. Now decrease the stitch width to 2.5 and begin stitching.

Next fold the piping underneath the fabric to stitch along the edge for a better finish as I am doing it. Increase the stitch width to 4 and begin stitching.

This will add finesse to your finishing. You can use piping as a decorative embellishment in various sewing projects and also use it to enhance hemlines and necklines and any garment edge that you think adds to the overall look of your outfit. Have fun using piping to add that extra edge to your accessories, art projects, quilts etc. So go ahead and have fun practicing for a piping hot finish!

