

## BROOKE – FINISHING THE COLLAR WITH PIPING

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**To accentuate the collar you can finish the edge with piping.**

- First cut the two Collar pattern pieces in 2 by cutting along the center fold line. Add  $\frac{5}{8}$ " (1,5 cm) seam allowance to the cut seam. Now cut all the pieces (bias cut) from your fabric.
  - Press the Collars, in a rounded shape as described in the book.
  - Pin or clamp the piping along the outer edge of one short and one long collar piece (note: this is the straight side that you just cut, plus the short sides. So not the long curved side (that side will be stitched to the dress)). Clip in the corners of the piping band, to be able to make a nice curve.
  - Attach the piping cord to the collar by using a standard zipper presser foot. This will prevent you from stitching in the pipingcord.
- Place the other Collar pieces on top this (right sides facing) and again you stitch alongside the piping cord with your zipper presser foot.
  - Clip the corners and turn the Collars right side out. Iron in shape and your 2 collars are done!

**Tip** You can also use piping alongside the top and bottom of the Band. In The Me Gallery you will find some pretty examples of Brooke dresses where the piping was used as a finish.

