



Foot Book

Cording Feet #22 & 25

Foundation: Cut-away stabilizer

Background: Dark Felt

Techniques: Flat Couching

Embellishments: Buttons, tags, printing on fabric, appliqué, stitching on buttons

(See following page for more directions.)

Cording Feet #22 and 25

Cording Foot #22 has 3 channels that hold several strands of cording in place for couching. They are held side by side and are prevented from tangling and twisting as they are fed under the needle. The large cut-out area on the sole of Foot #22 allows these the strands to pass under the foot without inhibiting the feeding of the fabric. As the cords are couched in place, Cording Foot #22 holds them flat on the surface of the fabric, offering the look of a narrow braid.

A black “gate”, hinged at the left side of the foot, swings over the cords and holds them in place. The sole of the foot has three small grooves that correspond to the channels at the front of the foot. These grooves also help keep the strands separate and tangle-free.

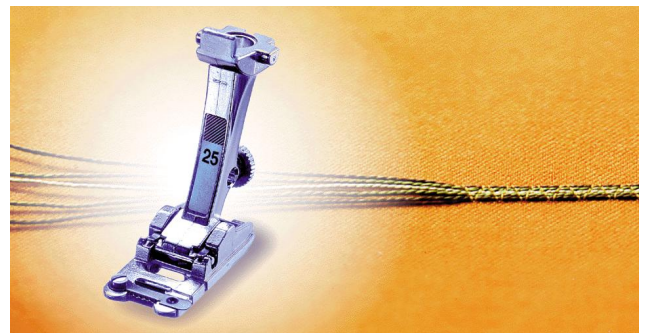
Heavy decorative threads, small diameter yarns, and narrow cords all work with these feet. If it fits in the groove, it will work; the grooves can hold multiple strands, depending on the size. Grooves can also be skipped to leave space between cords if desired.

Select stitches that go from side-to-side with a width that covers the cord. A simple zigzag or any decorative stitch can be used to secure the cords, stitching with or monofilament or decorative thread, depending on the look you want.

3-Groove Cording Feet #22



5-Groove Cording Feet #25



Getting Started

Select a piece of dark felt and cut it to the finished page size. Bond a piece of cut-away stabilizer to the back of it using temporary spray adhesive.

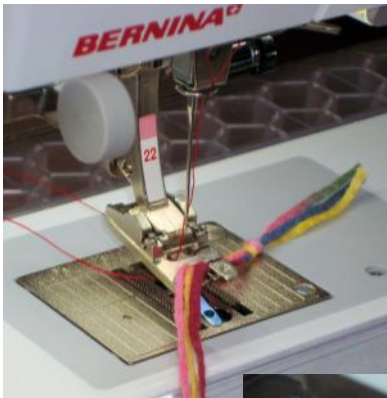
Select cords for couching. Use embroidery floss, perle cotton, thin yarn, and/or heavy decorative threads such as YLI Candlelight, YLI Pearl Crown Rayon, etc.



Machine Setup

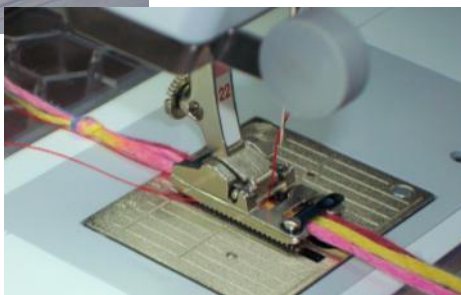
Attach Cording Foot #22 or #25 to the machine; swing open the black gate.

Select the decorative cords/threads you want to use and cut several 1-yard pieces. Tie the pieces together at one end.



Maneuver the tied end into the slit on the right side of the foot, positioning the tied end under the foot and out the back.

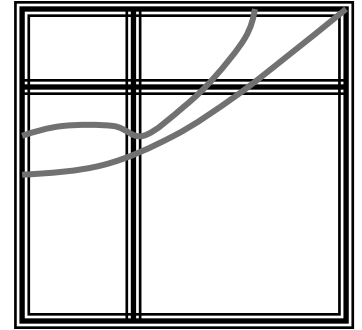
Position cords into the grooves as desired and close the black gate.



Thread the machine with desired thread. If you want the cord to show well, use monofilament thread in the needle and bobbin. Using embroidery thread that matches the felt will make the cords look as if they are woven into the fabric.

Flat Couching

Couch several lines of cords across the page, changing cords and needle threads to show a variety of looks. Couch cords on the edge of the fabric along all four sides as an edge finish.



Use the diagram above as a guide or position the lines as desired, leaving space (3" x 3½") for the appliquéd photo in the lower right corner.

Corded Appliqué

Print the photo below on fabric or paper and cut out along the outer edges. Glue or pin the photo to the felt. Select a decorative stitch and sew around the photo, starting at a corner and covering the raw edges. Using Button Sew-On Foot #18, sew a flat button to each corner of the appliquéd photo.

Tags

Add handmade or purchased tags with the Feet name and numbers written on them. See photo on previous page for placement or place as desired.

Finishing

Place the page wrong sides together with another page and edgestitch them together using a straight or zigzag stitch. Add metal eyelets to the binding edge.

