CORDED SEAMS

The cored seam is a professional treatment for slipcovers, children’s clothes, blouses, and lingerie. To make a cored seam, make the welting first (or buy it ready-made at a notions counter), then stitch it into the seam. For both construction steps, use the following settings and accessories:

- Stitch Width Selector: 1
- Needle Position: C
- Stitch Length: Slightly longer than for regular seaming
- Throat Plate: General Purpose or Straight Stitch
- Presser Foot: Zipper Foot

Making the Welting

1. Buy cable cord (at notions counter) of desired size.
2. Cut bias strips of fabric (width: three times the diameter of the cord plus 1¼ inches).
3. Sew strips together on the lengthwise grain to obtain desired length.
4. Fold resulting strip over cord, raw edges even.
5. Adjust zipper foot to the left side of the needle. (For instructions on adjusting zipper foot, see page 56.)
6. Lower the presser foot.
7. Stitch close to the cord (but do not crowd stitching against cord), pulling gently on the strip, both in front and in back of the zipper foot.

Stitching Welting into Seam

1. Adjust zipper foot to the right of the needle so that the bulk of the fabric will fall to the left.
2. Stitch welting to the right side of a single seam edge; guide the edge of the foot next to the cord but do not crowd.
3. Place the attached welting over the second seam edge, and pin or baste together.
4. Place the work under the needle, with the first stitching on top so that you can use it as a guide.
5. Stitch, this time crowding the foot against cord.