

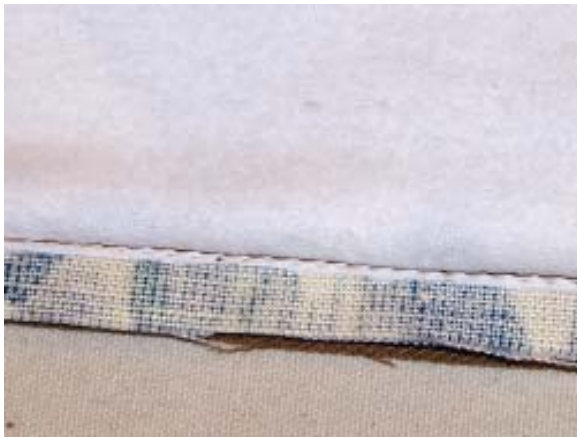
## TIP OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2008

### GRADING A SEAM

**Grading:** This is an old term which was used a lot in garment sewing.

When a seam with several layers of stacked fabric is turned right side out, it will create a bulky ridge.

Grading this seam means to trim each layer to a different width. Always trim the interlining close to the stitching. Other than that leave the widest width to the important side (the important side is the side most exposed on the finished item).



This is a very helpful thing to do, even if you can only get two levels of grading.