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8 Free Apron Sewing Patterns eBook

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Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

If you have ever taken a Home Economics class in high school or tried to learn how to sew, you have likely tried to make an apron. Aprons are quick, easy and fun projects using a small amount of your favorite fabric or fabrics. Sewing beginners can start out making a half apron to practice using the sewing machine, while making something that nearly everyone can use.

Responding to our readers' love of apron projects, we have put together this quick collection of **8 Free Apron Sewing Patterns.** These free apron sewing patterns come from craft bloggers, independent craft designers and a few craft manufacturers to give you a nice selection of ideas. If you are new to sewing, these projects are a perfect way to learn, while the more inexperienced can enjoy a quick project to use up scrap fabric. These aprons also make great gifts for a variety of occasions.

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How to Sew a Lined Apron

By: Louise Papas of Iululollylegs.blogspot.com

Follow this tutorial to create an easy, lined half-apron for just about anyone, children or adults. This apron features a contrast lining, a handy pocket, gathering and a waistband. Sew this apron for a gift, along with a cookbook.



The Basics

Measurements: these are fairly loose and can depend on how much fabric you have and the size of the person. I know that sounds vague but really, as it ties up it can fit lots of different sizes. I have written metric measurements.

You need to cut 1 skirt, 1 skirt lining, 1 waistband, 1 pocket, 1 pocket lining and 2 ties and 2 tie lining.

For the skirt and skirt lining:

Length: Measure from the waist to the desired length. I don't like these aprons to be too long - just above the knee should be perfect.

Width: Measure from one side of the back

around to the other side of the back so that you leave a gap for the bow to sit. You don't want it to cross over at all or the apron will be too big and won't tie properly.

You then need to add extra to the skirt width to allow for the gathering. Again this can depend on how much you want it to gather or how much fabric you have. You may not want it to gather at all which would also be fine. Just leave out Step 4 and cut the skirt the same width as the waistband.

Then add a seam allowance of 1.5cm.

For the Waistband:

Use the same waist measurement for the length of the waistband. For the width 4-5cm is plenty for a child but you may wish to make the adult one a bit wider - anywhere up to 6-7cm wide. Again this is personal choice.

Then add a seam allowance of 1.5cm.

Ties and pocket:

For the pocket it really depends again on how large the person is and how big you want the pocket to be. The finished size of this pocket is 15cm. You will cut two pocket pieces - one out of the lining and one out of the main fabric.

For the ties you need to make them long enough to tie and not so long they hang down. I

think around 60-65cm ties are fine. These ties are 5cm wide finished. Remember to add on the 1.5cm seam allowance. This particular version uses the lining and the main fabric - so cut two ties from the main fabric and two from the lining fabric.

There were my apron measurements: 33cm from waist to just above the knee and 56cm around the waist to the mid side back. I then added the seam allowances of 1.5cm on each side and top and bottom and an extra 13cm for the gathering of the skirt.

Skirt & lining= 36cm x 72cm

56cm waist measurement plus 1.5 seam allowance. The width is 4cm x 2 (because the waistband is folded) plus seam allowances.

Waistband = 59cm x 11cm Ties = 66cm x 8cm Pocket & lining = 18cm x 18cm

Step 1: The Pocket

There are several options for the pocket. If you wish to add ric rac you may sew it straight across the pocket or sew it within the seam so that only half of the ric rac sits out along the edge of the pocket making it into a frilled edge.

Option a: To sew the ric rac flat onto the pocket just pin it in the position you would like it and stitch. Then with right sides facing pin side and top seams leaving the bottom open and stitch

Option b: With right sides facing, sandwich the ric rac between the pocket and the pocket lining along the top seamline and pin (pic 1). Then turn the pocket right side out to see if it is lined up (pic 2). Pin the side seams as well leaving the bottom open and stitch (Pic 3).







For both options, trim the seams and clip the corners (Pic 4 & 5). Turn right side out and press the bottom seam allowance up inside the pocket (Pic 6). Press whole pocket (Pic 7).



Step 2: Attaching the pocket

Pin the pocket to the apron front. When positioning, make sure you allow for when it is gathered. Stitch.

I have added a row of ric rac at the bottom of the apron which is also optional. Pin in the position you want it and stitch.













Step 3: The apron skirt

With right sides facing pin the lining to the apron front.





Stitch. Trim seams and clip the corners. Turn right side out, making sure you push out the corners properly, and press.



At this point it is optional whether or not you top stitch. I liked the look of top stitching on this apron.



Step 4: Gathering the skirt

Set your machine stitch length to a long stitch. Without back stitching at the start or the finish sew across the top of the apron skirt. Repeat this just inside the first row of stitching.



Take the bottom thread of each row of stitching and holding the apron skirt pull into a gather. Do this on both sides of the apron skirt until the apron fits the width of the waistband not including the seam allowances.

Step 5: Attaching the waistband

At this point while making the apron I decided that the waistband wouldn't be stiff enough to sit properly so I attached a lightweight interfacing - iron on vilene. This is completely optional. Just cut a piece that measures half the waistband and iron on. With the right sides

facing pin the waistband to the apron skirt making sure the gathers are even. Stitch.







Step 6: Making the ties
With right sides facing pin the ties together
leaving one end open. Stitch. Trim seams and
clip the corners. Turn right side out, making

sure you push the corners out properly, and press.







Step 7: Pleating the tiesTo fit the ties into the waistband, I sew in a little pleat at the top of the tie. Just fold and stitch,



making sure they are opposite and don't go in the same direction - see the picture.



Step 8: Attaching the ties to the waistbandFold the waistband in half with the right sides facing. Pin each side sandwiching the ties in the seam. Stitch.



Trim the seam and clip the corners. Turn the waistband right side out and press.





It is now optional whether you hand sew the waistband to the apron skirt lining or top stich it down. On this apron I have top stitched it all the way around. Again it depends on the look you want or how much time you have etc.





Sassy Apron Sewing Tutorial

By: Valori Wells and Carolyn Spencer for C&T Publishing

Sew up a sassy accessory for the kitchen with this free apron sewing tutorial. A ruffle and pockets in coordinating fabrics are cute finishing touches. Project excerpted from <u>C&T Publishing</u>'s *Oh Sew Easy Lifestyle* by Valori Wells and Carolyn Spencer.



Materials:

- Cotton print 1 3/4 yard- Main body
- Cotton print 2 1/4 yard- Top band and pockets
- Cotton print 3 1/2 yard- Waistband
- Thread- Topstitching
- Buttons, rickrack, ribbon, or beads Accents
- Stitching and knitting gauge (optional)

Instructions:

Cutting:

Cotton print 1

- 1 1 @ 301/2" × 201/2" Main body (kitchen apron)
- 1 @ 301/2" × 151/2" Main body (cocktail apron)

Cotton print 2

- 1 @ 51/2" × 181/2" Top band
- 4 @ 51/2" × 51/2" Pockets

Cotton print 3

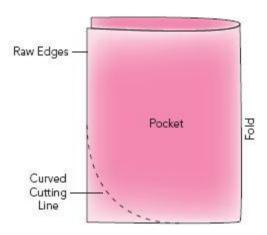
• 2 @ 6" ×width Waistband

Assembly Waist Band

- Cut off the selvage edges from the 2 strips of waistband fabric. Use a 1/2" seam allowance to stitch together the short ends of the waistband strips to make one long strip. Press the seam open.
- Measure and press under 1/4" on the short edges of the waistband strip.
 Make the waistband as a Clean Edge Band.

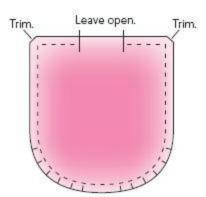
Pockets

 To round the bottom corners of each pocket, place pocket squares right sides together, and fold in half. Use a chalk pencil to draw a quarter circle in the corner of the raw edges. Cut on the chalk line through all layers.



Round the pocket corners.

- 2. For each pocket, open the fold, and stitch the pieces together, using a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave a 3" opening in the center of the top edge.
- 3. Trim the points from each corner. Be sure not to cut so close that you cut the stitching. Make 1/8"-deep clips along the curved edge so the seam will be smooth when the pocket is turned right side out. Trim corners and clip curve.



Trim corners and clip curve.

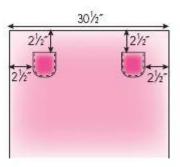
4. Turn each pocket right side out and press, pressing under the seam allowance of the opening. Whipstitch the opening closed.

Top Band

Make a Clean Finished-Edge Hem on the short edges of the rectangle.

Main Body

- 1. Make a Clean Finished-Edge Hem around the entire main body of the apron.
- 2. Pin the pockets to the main body 21/2" from the sides and 21/2" from the top edge.
- 3. Topstitch each pocket to the main body, stitching 1/8" from the edges of the pocket. Leave the top edge open.

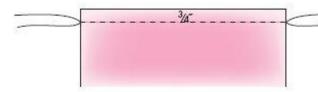


Place and topstitch pockets.

Tip- When choosing a thread for the topstitching, you can choose a color that blends perfectly with the fabric or a contrasting color so that the topstitching becomes a decorative touch.

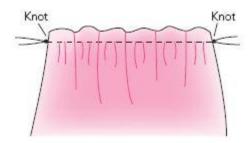
4. To make a gathering stitch, set the machine stitch length to the longest stitch (usually 5). Stitch across the top

edge of the main body piece, 3/4" from the edge.



Gathering stitch

5. Remove the fabric from the machine, and cut the threads, leaving long tails. Knot the thread tails together at one end of the stitching. At the opposite end, gently pull the bobbin thread (the bottom thread) to gather the main body until it is the same length as the top band (181/2"). Even out the gathers. Knot the thread tails together to secure.

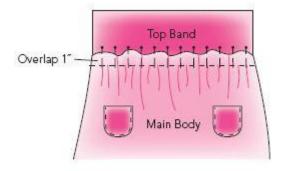


Pull threads to gather edge.

6. Set the sewing machine back to a normal stitch length.

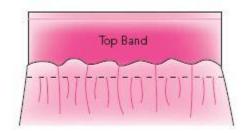
Put the Apron Together

 Fold the top band in half crosswise, and mark the bottom edge of the fold with a pin. Fold the top edge of the gathered main body in half, and mark the fold with a pin. Place the top edge of the main body on the bottom edge of the top band, with right sides up. Overlap the edges 1", and match the center pins. Pin the overlapped edges together.



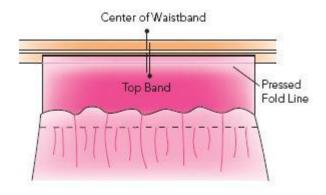
Place main body over bottom edge of top band.

- 3. Topstitch the main body to the top band along the gathering stitch line.
- 4. Press under 1/2" on the top edge of the top band, and then open the fold. The pressed line will be your guide as you insert the edge into the waistband.

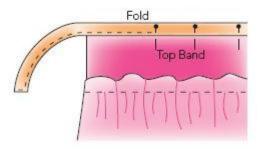


Fold and mark.

5. Fold the top band and the main body in half crosswise and mark the center of the top edge with a pin. Fold the waistband in half crosswise and mark the center of the bottom (open) edge with a pin. 6. Place the top edge of the top band in the open edges of the waistband. Match the center pins, and align the pressed line on the top band with the bottom edges of the waistband. Pin the layers together. Topstitch along the bottom edge of the waistband.



Align centers.



Topstitch around waistband.

7. Add trims and embellishments as desired to match your fabrics.



Quick Pillowcase Apron

By: Betz White

If you have a spare ten minutes and a pillowcase, you can create a pretty half-apron for the kitchen. Just follow this tutorial from Betz White. Pick up a pillowcase at the thrift store with a floral pattern, find some coordinating ribbon, and you are all set.



Materials:

- pillowcase
- 2 yards of ribbon
- sewing machine

Instructions:

 Lay out your pillowcase. Fold up the bottom edge 8". Top stitch along the folded edge at 1/4". (The stitched edge will become the top edge of the pockets.)



2. Turn the pillowcase over and fold the bottom up another 8". There will be 3 layers of pillowcase.



3. Pin the layers together and top stitch around the sides and bottom edges. Mark a line down the middle of the front pocket, pin and stitch.



4. Lay about 60" of 1" wide ribbon across the top edge of the apron centering it on the length of the ribbon. Pin in place. Topstitch ribbon at the top edge, bottom edge and across ribbon at sides of apron.



5. Tie it on, use it, put stuff in the pockets, look cute...you know the drill. :)



Crafty Coffee Bag Apron

By: Jane Skoch

Have a friend or a family member that loves coffee? This Crafty Coffee Bag Apron by <u>Jane Skoch</u> would make the perfect gift.



Materials:

- One coffee bag, washed, dried and ironed.
- 1 1/4 yards fabric for lining, washed and dried
- Ruler

Instructions:

1. Begin by making three strips of fabric. Two of these will become the waist ties and the third will be the next strap. Lay out lining fabric with selvage edge folded together.



2. Cut three strips, each 4" wide. Shorten one of those strips to 24" (this will be for the neck strap.)





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 To finish the edge on the two long straps fold in 1/4" on one short end and press. (The other end will be on the inside of the apron.)



4. Fold strips in half with long edges together and press.



5. Open out strip and fold one long edge to meet the middle and press. Repeat with the other edge so that both raw edges are now folded and meeting at the middle.



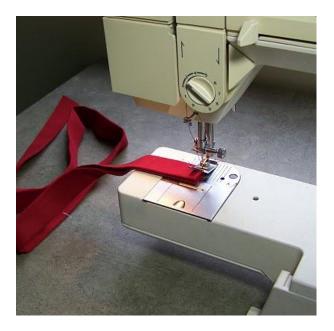


6. Fold in half again so raw edges are completely enclosed and press.





7. Top stitch close to folded edge.



8. Cut bag along edges.



9. Mark the center point of the motif. Even out the sides and bottom of bag. In this example, there was 5.25" to the right of the motif. So I cut off the excess on the left side

for an overall size of 23.5" x 35".

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10. Mark 5.5" to the left and right of the center point; mark 11.5" down on the sides.





11. Draw a curve between the two points and cut out that top portion of the apron. (You could also trace an existing apron.)





12. Use the cut out piece as a pattern to make the same cut on the other side.



13. Place lining fabric underneath the bag and cut out.



14. Pin ties to right side of lining, raw edges together. The shorter strip is the neck piece and the longer strips are the waist ties. The ties should be placed one inch from the sides edges.



- 16. Sew or serge using a small stitch length and a 1/2" seam allowance around the perimeter of the apron. Leave a 6" opening at the bottom. Trim curves and corners being careful not to trim too closely since the weave of the burlap is somewhat loose. Turn apron inside out and press; press the seams of the opening to the inside and pin.
- 17. Top stitch the entire apron using a fairly small stitch to secure the coffee bag to the lining and reinforce the weave of the burlap.
- 18. Enjoy your apron!

15. Place right sides together and pin so that the straps are encased on the inside.



Reversible Scrap Fabric Apron

By: Jennifer Neill of Hope Studios

Hey, you FaveCrafters, its <u>Juniper Neill</u> here! I popped out of my own little bloggy universe to meet up with you over here and toss out a tutorial. Ready? Let's make us some Reversible Fabric Scrap Aprons, baby!



Materials:

- Fabric Scraps
- Various Trims
- Sewing machine
- Iron
- Needle and Thread
- Scissors

I worked out this project with my girlfriends, and we decided to pool our scraps of fabric and trim, to mix it up a little. I think most people can make this apron with the extra fabric and trim they have on hand. If you need something, consider getting some fat quarters in the quilting section of your local fabric store.



Cut your fabric into strips and squares of various widths and press. Don't stress, you can't mess this up. Just make sure your scraps have straight edges.



Sew, right sides together, to form a patchwork from all your strips and squares. The dimensions should be 27 inches x 21 inches for



your panel. You can measure and cut to size after you piece your scraps together.



Press everything flat.



Here are my **TWO** 27 x 21 inch panels, remember, it's reversible! I got impatient with my reverse side and used larger pieces of fabric.



Measure 14 inches from the top of the fabric panels, fold, and then press. Now bring the pressed fold up until it is 3 inches from the top of the apron panel, forming a deep pocket. You will do this with both panels. Pin to hold.



See? Now press. Do this with both panels.



Now, place the two panels' right sides together and pin.



Mark three inches down from the top on both sides. This will remain unsewn to allow you to turn the apron right side out and also give you a spot to attach your apron ties.



Sew the two panels together, careful not to sew shut the 3 inch spaces you marked!



Pull the panels' right side out through one of the openings you left unsewn, then press. You will now have one long pocket on the right sides. You can then sew down the center of the pocket to form two pockets, or three, or as many as you wish!



Let's make the apron ties. Cut a length of fabric $6\ 1/2\ x\ 20$ inches. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise and sew, leaving one end open. Now make another for the other side. Pull the tube right side out through the open end and press.



Slide the open end into the unsewn spaces in the apron. Pin and sew, topstitching the ties in place.



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Here is one side of the apron. Let's embellish it with the trims. I have a friend that calls me "the queen of random", I do random well. Mix it up with unexpected combos of fabric and trim. Don't be too matchy matchy.



Hand stitch your trims...



Now, put on your apron, a string of pearls, and some pumps and meet your husband at the door...tell him to take you out for dinner tonight. Girl, you don't want to mess up your cute apron just yet!



Quick and Easy Half Apron

By: Ashley Johnston of Make It and Love It

Quickly sew up a half apron in your favorite fabric with this easy tutorial from Ashley Johnston of <u>Make</u> <u>It and Love It</u>. The pocket is a cute touch and a handy place to stash those teaspoons. This simple sewing project is great for beginners, but also makes quick gift for Mother's Day, birthdays and more. For a touch of personalization, try embroidering the monogram of your recipient.



Materials:

- 1 piece of fabric 18 x 25 inches (main piece)
- 1 piece of fabric 4 x 25 inches (waistband)
- 2 pieces of fabric 4 x 35 inches (ties)
- 1 pieces of fabric 6 x 8 inches (pocket)
- coordinating thread
- scissors, sewing machine, etc.

Use 1/2 inch seams unless otherwise noted.

Instructions:

 Start by making the ties. Sew along the long side, with right sides together. Curve your seam at one end, if you want, to give it a more finished look.



2. Like this. Then trim. Turn them both right side out. Iron flat.





3. Top-stitch really close to the edge, all the way around both ties.



4. Next, fold over the long edges of your waistband, about 1/4 inch. Iron. Then fold over the ends a 1/4 inch and iron.



5. Then fold the whole waistband in half lengthwise and iron.



 Next, you're going to sew around 3 edges of the main piece. The 2 sides (shorter sides) and the bottom (one of the longer sides). Turn under each edge a 1/4 inch, and then 1/4 inch again. Sew.



7. See all 3 sides that are sewn?



8. Next, lay your main piece right side up with the unfinished edge at the top. Align your waistband up at the top.



9. And fold the other half of the waistband



10. Next, you're going to attach the 2 ties to each end. But first, you'll need to fold each unfinished end just a little bit so that it will fit nicely into the opening. If you'd rather not do this, just make your strips 4 x 34 inches (instead of 4 x 35) and they should slide right in without folding. I just like the look of it.



11. Then sew close to the edge to secure the ties in place. Cute, right?



12. Lastly, the pocket. Fold over the top edge (one of the shorter ends) 1/4 inch with wrong sides together. Then flip that sewn edge back and fold over 1 inch with right side together. Sew along the edge, 1/4 seam allowance. Trim the corners.



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- 13. Then turn that section right side out. This is the top of your pocket. It makes it all nice and neat looking.
- 14. Now fold the 2 sides in 1/4 inch and then fold the bottom up 1/4 inch. Iron into place.



15. Then pin your pocket onto your apron. (You'll notice my ties aren't sewn on yet. I did it in a different order.)



16. Now, sew around the sides and bottom of the pocket to secure it to the main section.

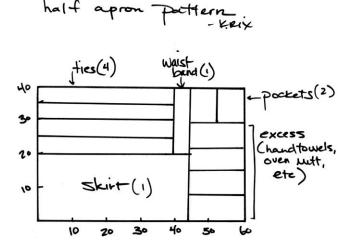


Halloween Apron

By: Kristin Rix

Bake those ghoulish cookies and eyeballtreats wearing your cute sewn Halloween apron. Using ribbon and fabric you can have this great pattern for your kitchen apron.





Materials:

- · Hand sewing needle
- Measuring tape/yard stick
- 2 yards fabric
- 1 spool coordinating thread
- Coordinating ribbon (optional)
- Scissors
- Straight pins

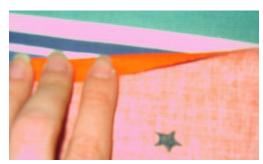
Instructions:

I find having an iron and ironing board on hand very helpful throughout the whole project. It makes hemming much easier. A sewing machine is not required for this project, but is recommended. With a sewing machine, the whole project takes only a few hours to complete.

Additionally, in this tutorial I use a fabric that has a decorative border, which means that I must be careful where I cut my pieces from. If you don't use a decorative border fabric, you can cut the pieces out more efficiently using the pattern guide below.

1. Cutting the Pieces

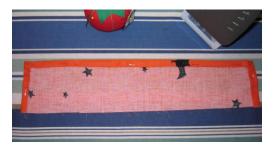
Cut your pieces using the pattern guide. I start with the skirt first, then the tie pieces and waistband and fold them in that order. That way, the pieces won't get mixed up with each other. If you chose a decorative border print and wish to match your pocket to your skirt to maintain the integrity of the print, consider these facts: the top of the finished and hemmed pocket will be approximately 1" from where the skirt and waistband meet, and the edge of the finished and attached pocket will be about 1" from the left or right edge of the skirt; hemming takes up approx. 1/2" of fabric from the piece.





2. Preparing the Skirt

To hem the skirt, fold, iron, and pin the bottom, left, and right edges of the skirt, leaving the top edge undone. Fold each edge twice at the 1/4" mark, snipping the corner fabric from the two bottom corners after the first fold to reduce the amount of fabric that runs through the sewing machine. Sew the hems down using your machine. You can use a basic straight stitch, or get creative with a decorative stitch if your machine has that option. Use your hand sewing needle to securely tie off the excess thread at the beginning and end of your stitches.



3. Preparing the Waistband

Fold, iron, and pin the top, left, and right edges of the waistband, leaving the bottom edge undone. FOl each edge twice at the 1/4" mark, snipping the corner fabric from the two top corners after the first fold. Sew only the top edge down, tying off the excess thread with your hand sewing needle.







4. Preparing the Ties

Place two of the tie pieces together, print-sides facing each other. At this point you may want to consider cutting the end of the fabric at a diagonal. If so, I suggest cutting all four tie pieces at the same time, to ensure the diagonal is consistent for both ties. Sew the two tie pieces together, wrong side out. Do the same for the remaining tie pieces. Tie off the excess thread with your hand needle. Turn the ties right side out. Carefully iron the ties flat. Sew along the entire edge of the piece, 1/4" from the edge of the tie, to create a border and to maintain the shape of the tie. Tie off the excess thread with your hand sewing needle.



5. Attaching the Waistband to the Skirt

Find the middle of the skirt and mark with a straight-pin. Do the same for the waistband. Pin the center of the top of the skirt to the center of the bottom of the waistband, the two unfinished edges, so that their print sides are facing each other. Pleat and pin the skirt to the left and right of the center until the left and right edges of the skirt align with the left and right edges of the waistband. Iron the pleats flat. Sew the two pieces together. Tie off the excess thread with your hand sewing needle.







6. Attaching the Ties to the Waistband

Fold, iron, and pin the rough end of the tie twice at the 1/4" mark. Line up the folded end of the tie to the side of the waistband and pin, adding a pleat tuck to ensure they match. Sew the two pieces together. Tie off the excess thread with your hand needle.



7. Preparing and Attaching the Pockets

Fold, iron, and pin all edges of each pocket, folding at the 1/4" mark and snipping the fabric from each corner after the first fold. I like to use decorative coordinating ribbon on the top edge of the pocket. If sewing, add this piece now. Sew the top edge of the pocket. Tie off the excess thread with your hand needle. Place the pocket on the skirt, approx. 1" from the top and right or left edge. Pin the left, bottom, and right edge of the pocket to the skirt. How you pin your pocket's interior edge will determine how jauntily your pocket sticks out at the top. Personally, I prefer jaunty pockets. Sew the pinned edges. Tie off the excess thread with your needle.



Delicious Cupcake Apron

By: ILovetoCreate.com



Materials:

- Aleene's® Fabric Fusion™ Permanent
 Dry Cleanable Fabric Adhesive™
 - o Tulip® Multi-Surface Stencil™
 - o Italics Alphabet
 - o Tulip® Sticky Fabric Stencils™
 - o 23267 Birthday
 - Tulip[®] Soft Fabric Paint[™]

o BI15800 Chocolate

- o Retro
- Tulip® Cordless Heat Setting
 Tool™
- Tulip® Glam-It-Up!™ Iron-On Crystals™
- o 300 Multi-color Pack
- Needle with large eye
- Muslin, ¼ yard white
- Sewing machine
- Thread to match
- Fabrics: 1 yard each background and accent
- Buttons, seven ½" brown
- Bias tape, ¼" wide white
- Embroidery floss to match paint colors
- Crayon
- Tape measure
- Masking tape, low tack
- Foil
- Corrugated cardboard
- Sponges, wedge make-up
- Straight pins
- Scissors

Instructions:

- 1. Measure and cut a 19" x 33" piece of background fabric for skirt. Pin waistband pattern (at end of project in eBook) on remaining background fabric and cut out two. From accent fabric, measure and cut a 9" x 33" strip for lower band and four 36" x 4 ½" strips for ties.
- 2. To create ties, sew two strips, right sides together, angling at one end and leaving one end open. Repeat for other tie. Trim seam then turn inside out and iron smooth. Topstitch around edge.
- 3. Finish sides of apron skirt by folding over ¼" then again, and sew in place. Iron smooth.
- 4. Pin unfinished ends of ties onto right side at ends of waistband, leaving seam allowance at top and bottom. Fold up one side of lower edge of waistband and pin in place. Sew along three sides of waistband, sewing ties in place, leaving bottom edge of waistband open. Trim and clip seams then



turn inside out and iron smooth.

- 5. Sew two gathering lines along top edge of skirt. Pin to unfolded edge of waistband, gathering to fit. Sew together. Remove gather threads and trim seam to ½". Pin waistband back in place covering stitches. Topstitch around entire waistband.
- 6. Fold and iron a seam allowance along one long side of accent strip. Pin, right sides together, cut edge of accent band to bottom edge of apron extending edges for seam allowance at sides. Sew in place. Iron seam toward strip. Fold and pin right sides together and sew. Trim seams then turn inside out, forming band along bottom edge of apron. Pin folded edge of band in place covering stitching lines. Sew in place by stitching in the ditch so it won't show.
- 7. Pin and cut pocket pattern from accent fabric. Pin right sides together then sew leaving a small opening for turning. Turn inside out and iron flat.
- 8. Iron bias tape smooth. Carefully open bias tape, and then working in short sections at a time, run a thin bead of Fabric Fusion along inside edge. Finger press together and let dry.
- 9. Measure length of lower band then divide into sixths and mark with pins.
- 10. Place corrugated cardboard on work surface. Lay apron on top. Position end of bias tape at top of lower band extending end over about 2". Pin tape in place along sewn edge creating loops at each pin. Ease bias tape into shape, pinning in place across entire apron.
- 11. Glue in place with Fabric Fusion by working in short sections, removing pins, carefully lift bias tape and apply a thin bead of glue along back of tape. Carefully replace on apron and adjust as needed. If needed, hold in place with small pieces of masking tape until dry. Fold ends of bias tape to back and glue in place. Repeat steps for pocket. For waistband, cut edges of bias tape, fold to back and glue in place, creating finished ends. Glue in place.
- 12. Sew pocket in place on apron.

Cupcakes:

- 1. Cover work surface with a few paper towels. Lay muslin fabric on surface. Cut cupcake design from stencil strip leaving as much border as possible.
- 2. Carefully remove stencil from backing removing all excess pieces. Press onto fabric. Use small pieces of low tack masking tape to cover everything but cake and frosting. Add more tape around edges to extend border of stencil. Run a fingernail along inside edges to prevent seepage.



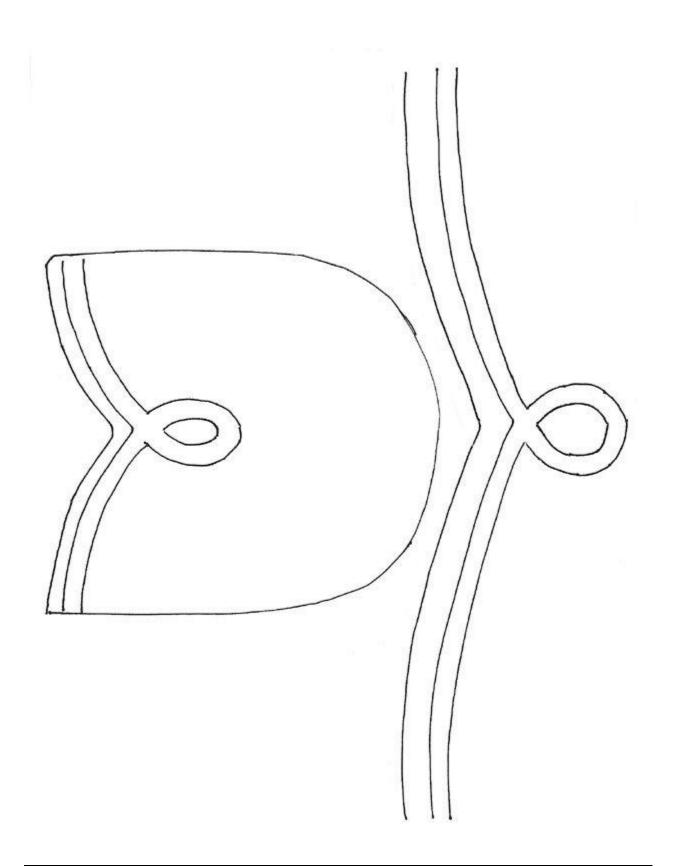
- 3. Squeeze a small puddle of each Soft Paint on foil. Cut wedge sponge in half lengthwise creating enough for each color.
- 4. Tap flat end of sponge into Chocolate and tap excess onto foil too much paint will cause seepage under stencil. Pounce paint into cake design of stencil applying a thin even application. Pounce Pink onto frosting design. Carefully peel off stencil and press onto another area of fabric. Repeat steps for desired number of cupcakes of each color. Let dry.
- 5. Thread needle with pink floss, thread through holes of buttons a few times then knot ends in front and trim ends. Continue with remaining buttons, changing colors to match cupcakes.
- 6. Apply Fabric Fusion to back of button then press in place at top of cupcakes. Let dry.
- 7. Use scissors to cut out each cupcake design leaving a ¼" border of fabric around each. Determine position of cupcakes on skirt of apron then mark with small pieces of masking tape.
- 8. Squeeze a puddle of Fabric Fusion on foil. Place a paper towel on work surface. Flip cupcake over onto paper towel. Using flat end of wedge sponge, scoop up glue on sponge then swipe across back of cutout applying a thin even coating of glue to entire area. Carefully lift off, position in place on apron then press in place. Continue with remaining cupcakes using a clean paper towel for each that way no glue will get on front of design. Let dry.

Lettering:

- 1. Cut desired letters from Italic Stencil sheet leaving as much border around each. Place last letter of word in place where shown. Line up remaining letters trimming excess stencil for an even space between each. Add small pieces of tape around word to create a wider border then add smaller pieces between to cover any fabric that may show.
- 2. Pounce Chocolate Soft Paint within stencil. Carefully remove stencil and let dry. Repeat step for initial on pocket. Let dry.

Crystals:

- 1. Turn on Heat-Setting Tool following package instructions. Press crayon on top of Crystal then position on frosting of cupcake the crayon will hold it just long enough to position in place. Gently touch tip of heated tool to top of Crystal and hold in place for 5 8 seconds. Let cool then touch with finger. If not adhered repeat step adding a few more seconds. Continue with remaining Crystals on frosting, pocket, within each loop and randomly on skirt.
- 2. Wait 72 hours to wash. Machine wash warm on gentle cycle. Do not use harsh detergents or bleach. Remove promptly and line dry. Iron on back of apron.



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