

Two-Tone Apron

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MATERIALS

- 1 yard of light to mid-weight cotton fabric for the center panel, waistband, pocket, and apron ties.
- 5/8 yard of light to mid-weight cotton in a coordinating fabric for the side apron panels.
- Coordinating thread

TOOLS

- Scissors or rotary cutter
- Pinking shears (optional)
- Yardstick or long straight-edged ruler at least 18" long
- Straight pins
- Blindhem/edge foot (helpful, but not required)
- Iron

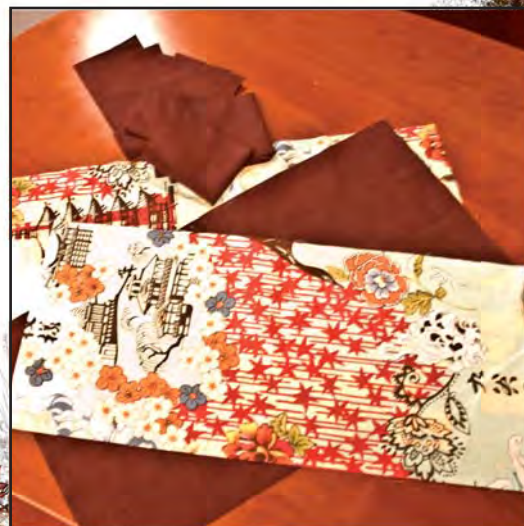
*Wash, dry, and iron fabrics before cutting. Use ½" seam allowance throughout unless otherwise stated. Seam allowance is included in cutting instructions.

STEPS

Cutting

1. For the center apron panel, cut one piece measuring 12" wide by 22" long. From the same fabric cut one piece measuring 4" x 24" for the waistband. Cut two 4" strips across the entire width of the fabric for the apron ties. Trim the selvages from the ends. (These pieces will measure approximately 4" wide by 42"-44" long.) From remaining fabric, cut one rectangle measuring 7" wide by 7½" long for the apron pocket.

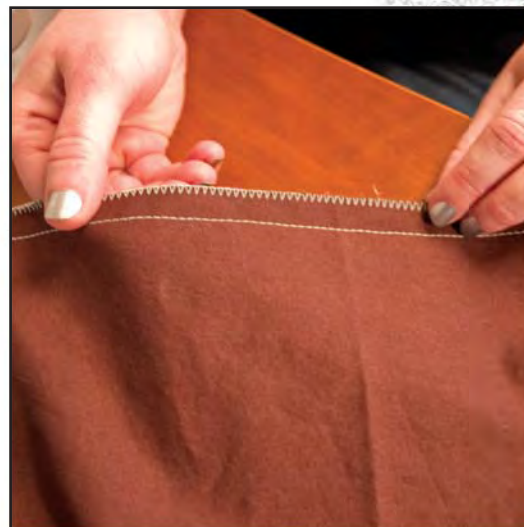
For the side apron panels, cut two pieces measuring 10" wide by 22" long.



Sewing

Now, it's time to start sewing!

2. Attach the side panels to the center panel: With RIGHT sides of center panel and one side panel together, stitch along the length to attach. Zigzag the raw edges of the seam together for a finished look. They can also be finished using a serger or pinking shears. Press the seam to one side.



3. Repeat with the remaining side panel.



4. You will have one large piece of fabric that looks like this.



5. Hem the sides and bottom:

Fold under $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side on the sides and press. Fold the edge under again to make a finished edge and press. Pin in place. Sew the hem approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from edge.



6. Fold under $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the wrong side along the bottom edge and press. Fold the edge under again to make a finished edge and press. Pin into place. Sew the hem approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from edge.



7. Make and attach the apron pocket:

Fold the top edge of the pocket $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side; then fold again to make a finished edge. Press. Fold over on remaining sides and press.



8. Center pocket on left side panel about 4" from top edge (the pocket will be on your right side when wearing the apron). Pin into place. Edgestitch along the side and bottom seams $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from edge. Use a blindhem or edgestitch foot, if you have one, to help you keep your stitching close to the edge.



9. Prepare the waistband and apron ties:

With the RIGHT sides together, attach the waistband to one of the apron ties, stitching across the short edge. Press seam open. Attach the remaining tie to the other side of the waistband in the same manner.

10. Prepare center panel:

To create the gathers at the top center panel, machine baste $\frac{3}{8}$ " away from the top edge of the center panel. Machine baste again, this time $\frac{5}{8}$ " away from the top edge of the center panel, making two parallel lines of basting stitches. Be sure to leave the threads a little long at each end so they can be pulled easily when you make your gathers.



11. Next, gently pull the bobbin thread from the basting stitches along the top of the center panel to gather the fabric, fitting it along the remaining section of the waistband.



12. Distribute the gathers evenly and pin well. Stitch across the width of the apron waistband.



13. Press apron panel and waistband towards top. Fold the remaining side of the waistband over 1/2" inch and press.



14. Fold over the top of the waistband by $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press. Fold over each end of the apron ties $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Press.



15. Fold the waistband in half lengthwise, matching the seams and along the stitching on the body of the apron. Pin well.



16. Edge stitch along the bottom, sides and top of the ties and waistband.



17. Finishing touches:

Press your finished apron lightly with a steam iron.

To wear your new apron, wrap ties around your waist to the back and around again to the front. Tie a pretty bow, and happy cooking!





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