

A Simple Little Apron

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This easy-to-sew apron can be made from one yard of 44" wide fabric.

Fold your fabric in half lengthwise, matching the selvages together, so your fabric measures 22" wide by 36" long.

From the folded edge of your fabric, at one end measure over 14" (when opened the total width will be 28") and mark. This will be the width of the apron at the hem edge.

Now measure 33" down the length of the fabric along the fold line and mark with a pin. At this point, measure across the width 11" for the bib and mark with a pin.

From the last pin, measure down approximately 8½" (in the direction of your hem) and mark with a pin. This is the bib portion of the apron and is narrower than the hem.

You will now connect the bib portion of the apron to the wider side portion of the body with a curve. We used a typical 10" diameter dinner plate to mark the side curves from the bib to the body. We also used the dinner plate to make a curve from the bottom edge of the apron to the hem.

Cut the apron out as marked above.

Cut two waist ties 3½" wide by 36" long along the selvage edge.

Cut two neck ties 3½" wide by 22" long crosswise at one end of the fabric.

Cut two pocket pieces 7" long by 8" wide. (You should have a section of fabric by the bib to cut out the pocket.)

To finish the apron body, fold the raw edges to the wrong side twice and top stitch a ¼" hem all the way around the apron; press and set aside.

With the wrong sides together, fold the waist and neck ties in half lengthwise and press. Unfold and take the raw edges of the ties and fold in, aligning with the center fold, and press; then fold the entire tie in half

again. Topstitch close to the open edge. Fold one end of each tie twice, approximately a ½" (concealing the raw end) and topstitch down.

Place the waist and neck ties at the appropriate corners, approximately 1" in, and stitch in place.

With the right sides together, stitch a ¼" seam allowance around the pocket pieces, making sure to leave a 3" opening (the opening will not be seen once the pocket is pressed) on one side.

Turn the pocket right side out. Press and topstitch the top edge only of the pocket.

Place the pocket on to the apron front; 4" from the side edge and 14" down from the top edge and topstitch in place, leaving the top edge (which you previously topstitched) open.

Bon Appetite!