



## Retro Apron

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Make this fun retro look apron as a gift, or to lift your spirits, as you go about cooking dinner! Several different prints give the fun look along with the decorative stitched borders on the edges. The bias cut makes it hang beautifully!

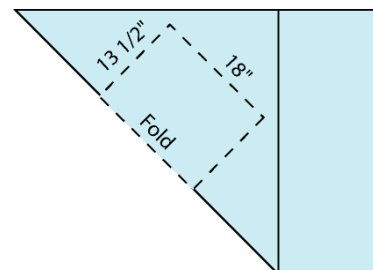


### Sewing Supplies:

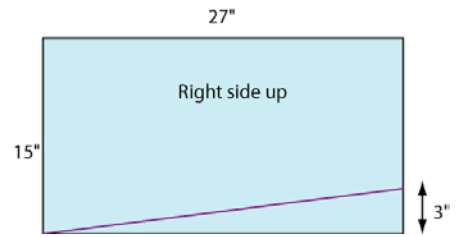
- Gimping Foot 412580545
- Clear B Edge Stitching Foot 413058345
- Clear B Edge Joining Foot 413058445
- Clear 1/4" Piecing Foot w/Guide 412927445
- 1 yard each of three different coordinating cotton prints
- INSPIRA® Aqua Magic stabilizer
- INSPIRA® Cut-A-Way stabilizer
- 40 wt. Robison Anton rayon embroidery thread
- Bobbin thread
- Sewing thread
- Gimp cord or pearl rayon
- Pictogram Pen
- Fasturn Tube Turner #140000001

### Cut:

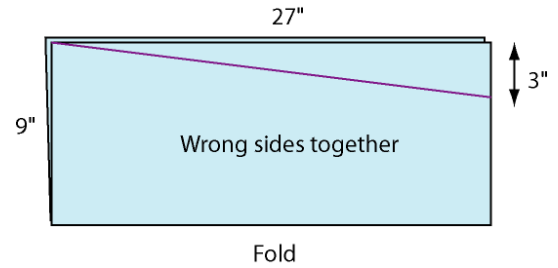
The apron base and layers are cut on the bias. It creates a nice flow, and is very flattering. Fold the base fabric as shown, and cut the base.



Cut the first layer 27" x 15" on the bias as you did the base. Then with the fabric right side up, mark up 3" on the right side as shown. Cut on the line for the asymmetrical bottom.




Because we are going to sew the tassels on the top layer, we wanted to have a finished edge. Cut a bias piece 27" x 18". Fold to create a piece 27" x 9". Mark as shown, and cut on the line. We are cutting off the top of this piece where we cut the bottom of the other piece.



### Sew:

1. Thread with 40 wt. Robison Anton rayon embroidery thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.




4. Touch , then select Menu 3. Select the edging stitch of your choice.


5. The 27" edge is the bottom of the apron base. Using the techniques you learned in the DESIGNER DIAMOND™ Edging Stitches Technique Page, place two layers of INSPIRA® Aqua Magic Stabilizer underneath the fabric and stitch along the 27" edge of the base piece.


6. Repeat for the asymmetrical edge (the one you cut off) of the first layer.

7. For the third (top) layer, you may want to wind a bobbin with the same 40 wt. Rayon Embroidery thread you have on top so your tassels will be the same thread color.



10. Select , Menu 3.

11. Select N3:60 .

12. Touch  Mirror Side to Side .

13. Place the fabric on four layers of INSPIRA<sup>®</sup> Aqua Magic stabilizer. Place the fabric under the foot so the top of the stitches only will be on the fabric and the remainder will be on the stabilizer. Stitch the tassels.

14. Trim as much of the Aqua Magic away as possible.

15. Place the apron base on a flat surface wrong side up.

16. Place the top (shortest layer with the tassels) on top right side down.

17. Place the middle layer on top right side down. All the layers should be aligned at the top (waist). The bottom is uneven.


18. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.

19. Touch  .

20. Touch  .

21. Select  .

22. Select A1:16  .

23. Snap on your J Foot  . The wire on the foot helps to keep the fabric flat as the stitch is being formed.

24. Stitch the side seams from the top to the bottom of the middle layer.


25. Turn right side out and press the side seams.

26. Snip into the edge of the base layer up to the seam to allow you to turn the remaining raw edge to the wrong side. Turn a double 1/8" hem and stitch the remaining raw edges of the base.

27. Snap on your "A" Foot. Stitch all the layers together at the top, stitching close to the raw edge of the fabric.

28. Snap on your Gimping Foot. Place gimp cord or pearl rayon through the clip on the front of the foot, and back underneath the foot.




29. Select A1:11 . Align the edge of the foot with the raw edges of the fabric. Begin about 4” from the apron edge. Stitch the zig zag stitch over the cord and stop about 4” from the other end. This is a good way to gather our apron top because there are four layers of fabric, and we want to be able to adjust the gathers.

30. Pull up the gathers and hold up the apron, to see if it is a good fit. Adjust the gathers as needed. Place a pin at the end of the gathering and wrap the gimp cord or pearl rayon around the pin to hold the gathers in place. Measure the gathered apron top. Set aside.



31. Cut a band 2” x the length of your gathered apron top plus 1”. Cut two ties 2” x 27”. These are the outer pieces. From a different print, cut the same three pieces again. Cut one end of the ties to a 45° angle.

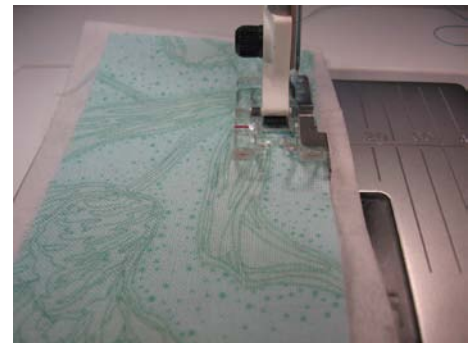
32. Thread with 40 wt. Robison Anton rayon thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.

33. Select H3:43  .

34. Place INSPIRA® Cut-A-Way stabilizer underneath the fabric. We are going to leave the Cut-A-Way stabilizer in place, as interfacing on the waistband of the apron.

35. Snap on your Clear B Edge Stitching Foot. Align the flange of the foot with the edge of your fabric. Begin sewing approximately 1/2” from the short end of the fabric. Stitch


along the edge of the fabric touching  during the last scallop and ending approximately 1/2” from the other end of the waistband.



36. Turn the waistband around and stitch back up the other side the same way.

37. Using your Pictogram Pen, mark a line down the center of your waistband.

38. Snap on your Clear B Edge Joining Foot.

39. Select N3:58  .

40. Align the flange in the center of the foot with the line, and stitch down the length of the waistband.

41. Trim the Cut-A-Way stabilizer even with the edges of the waistband.

42. Snap on your Clear 1/4" Piecing Foot w/Guide.

43. Place the ties right sides together on each side of the waistband and stitch.

44. Repeat for the lining pieces.

45. Place the outer waistband/tie section right sides together with the lining waistband/tie section and stitch as shown leaving the bottom of the waistband unstitched.

46. Using your Fasturn Tube Turner, turn the ties right side out. Press.

47. Pin the waistband so that the decorative stitching is right sides together with the apron front. Pin so that the apron sticks up approximately 1/4" above the waistband. This way, as we stitch along the edge of our scallops, the zig zag and cord from the gathering is sure to be in the seam allowance.

48. Align the flange of your Clear 1/4" Piecing Foot with the edge of the waistband and stitch with the decorative stitching side up. Stitch the waistband in place.

49. Fold under the raw edge and hand stitch the opening closed. You could also insert Steam-A-Seam 2 and press with steam to fuse, if desired.

You are done! Wash your apron in warm water to remove the remaining stabilizer residue. Because these border stitches have a forward and backward row of stitching on the edge, when washed, these stitches will be loose and give "picot" edge. If you want a more defined stitch, apply fray blocking liquid along the edge of the stitch and allow to dry before washing.

