



Apron



If you're looking for a way to stir up style in your kitchen while making dinner, look no further! This, adorable vintage-inspired apron will keep your clothes clean in a trendy way! Try it in bright pink and green for a modern, yet festive holiday accessory.

What you'll need:

- 1/4 yard of striped cotton fabric
- 1/4 yard of green diamond flower print
- 1/4 yard of tweed print cotton fabric
- 1/2 yard of large floral print cotton fabric
- 1/4 yard of small floral print cotton fabric
- 1/2 yard solid cotton fabric for waistband, pocket and rickrack
- 2 yards of Jumbo rick rack
- 1/4 yard of oriental themed floral fabric
- Decorative trims - optional
- Cotton sewing thread
- Tear-away stabilizer

Prep Time:

1. Measure around your waist. Add 20" for the ties. This is your finished waistband measurement.
2. Cut a 4" wide strip the length of your waistband measurement from your solid fabric. If the measurement is larger then the width of your fabric, you will need to cut 2 strips 4" wide from your solid fabric to get the right waistband length. If so, simply

piece the 2 strips right sides together using a 1/4" seam allowance and cut away excess.

3. Measure and cut the following pieces from your printed fabrics:

- 5" x 18" (striped panel)
- 6" x 18" (tweed panel)
- 3" x 18" (green diamond flower)
- 5" x 18" (small floral)
- 9" x 11 1/4" (large floral)
- 9" x 7 1/4" (oriental themed floral)

4. From your solid fabric, cut 1 rectangle 6" x 9" for the pocket.

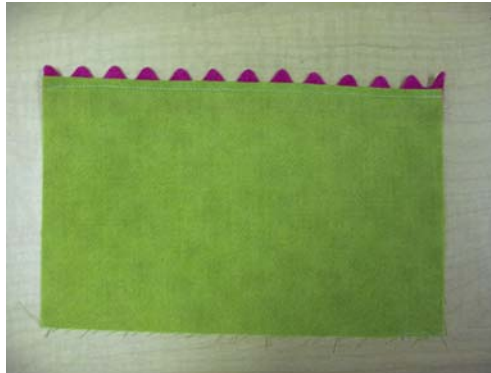
Note: Seam allowance is 1/4" unless noted.

Create:

1. Sew your striped, small floral and tweed panels, right sides together, along one long edge. Finish your seam by using a zigzag or serger to prevent the seam from fraying. Press your seam toward the darker fabric. Set this left panel aside for later use.



2. Use a zigzag to finish one long raw edge of your pocket. Fold over 1/4" and press to hold. Select a straight stitch and stitch in place to finish the top of the pocket. Sew any decorative trim you want, such as rickrack, braid or the optional pleated trim. To apply most trims to fabric, select a zigzag stitch and sew down the center of the trim.



3. Place the large floral panel right side up on a flat surface. Lay the finished pocket on the panel matching the bottom and side edges. Baste the sides and bottom of the pocket onto the large floral panel.



4. With right sides together, stitch the oriental floral panel to the large floral and pocket panel along the bottom edge of the pocket. Press toward the darker fabric. Finish or overcast all your seams with a zigzag or serger.



5. With right sides together, stitch the first and second panels together along the long edges. Finish or overcast the seam, and press toward the darker fabric. Round the bottom corners if desired.



6. Pin the jumbo rickrack to the outside edges and bottom of the apron with right sides together. Match the "humps" in the rickrack with the raw edge. Sew down the center of the rickrack and finish the raw edge with a serger or zigzag. Press to the back of the apron and topstitch.



7. To finish your apron, you will be attaching the apron to the waistband before finishing your tie ends. Find the middle of your apron and mark with a pin. Fold your waistband in half lengthwise to find the middle and mark with a pin. Match the 2 pins with the apron and waistband fabrics right sides together. Sew the apron to the waistband.



8. Fold the waistband in half, and with right sides together, stitch along all the raw edges of the waistband starting and stopping where the apron is basted onto the waistband. Trim your corners and turn right side out. Press.



9. Press under your 1/4" seam allowance along the opening in the waistband back along the apron. Pin the finished, folded edge in place along the seam, and top stitch along all the waistband edges to finish the waistband as well as close up the opening with no handwork!



Sew You!



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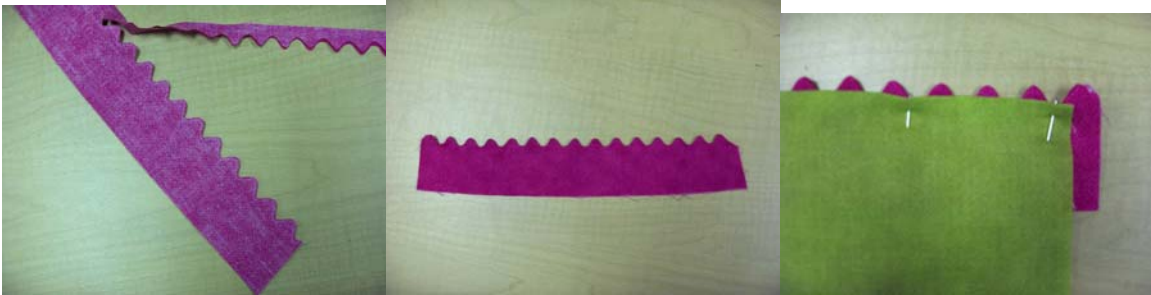
Use the 1/2 yard of large floral fabric as an embellishment! Cut the flowers and leaves out of the fabric and pin them onto your apron. Place a piece of tear-away stabilizer on the back of your apron, and select a zigzag with a width of 3.0 and a length of 1.0. Stitch around the raw edges of your flowers and leaves, creating an exquisite masterpiece!

Sew Fun!



Pleated Trim

Cut 1- 1" wide strip for pockets and other small areas or 1- 2 1/2" strip for hems from your fabric using the entire width of the fabric. Finish one long edge in a rolled edge on the serger or sewing machine, or use a zigzag stitch to finish the edge and turn it under for a finished hem. Create pleats every 1" on your strip.



MIY Rick Rack

You can also create your own rick rack! Select a serpentine design from your stitch menu. Put two strips of fabric, 2" wide, right sides together. Stitch the serpentine design about 1/2" away from one of the long raw edges. Trim the extra fabric away and turn right side out. Press. You can now use this wavy side to act as rick rack to decorate edges!

411 – Basting

Basting is when you use a straight stitch with a 4.0 or longer stitch to temporarily hold two fabrics together. This type of seam is usually removed afterwards and can also be used to gather or ease a fabric up.

411 – Pleats

Pleats are folds in the fabric that are calculated, precise and usually lay flat. While gathering bunches up the fabric, pleats can use up extra fabric in an elegant way.