

A Walk in the Park.....



This apron sure is a walk in the park to make. It's so fast and easy to whip up in an evening or morning, or afternoon for that matter. Use a patterned fabric for your main piece. Something kind of darker and kind of "filled" works well to hide stains and smudges from cooking. I'm always wiping my hands on the sides of my pants because I'm used to wearing my studio apron just about all the time. I made this apron a bit more wrap aroundish for that reason. I made it using a part of an old vintage bed sheet and some poka dot fabric leftover from other project. I bought a whole bolt like a year ago and I'm happy and sad at the same time to be coming down to the end of it. It just looks so cute with the lovely green and yellow vintage sheet! I'm thinking about adding some rick rack to the bottom hem, but I don't have any right now it red. If I come across some in my garage saling, I'll be sure to keep this apron in mind for it. Green buttons on the pockets would be cute too.

Ingredients:

- One piece of 20" X 36" cotton fabric.
- One piece of 6" X 88" contrasting cotton fabric (I sewed two 6" cuts of fabric together)
- Two 5 1/4" X 6" piece of contrasting fabric



Directions:

1. Fold over one of the short ends of your 6" X 88" piece of fabric by 1/4". Press. Straight stitch it flat. Repeat for the other short side. Repeat for both long sides. (Figure 1)
2. Fold the 6" X 88" piece (now slightly smaller) in half lengthwise. Press. Straight stitch 1/4" away from the fold. (Figure 2)
3. Fold over one of the short ends of your 20" X 38" piece of fabric by 1/4". Press. Straight stitch it flat. Repeat for the other short side.
4. Fold over one of the long ends of your 20" X 38" piece of fabric by 2". Press. Straight stitch it flat 1 3/4" from the edge.
5. Fold, press and stitch all sides of your pocket pieces so they have finished edges all around. Pin to the 20" X 38" piece of fabric and sew on. (Figure 3)
6. Set your sewing machine's straight stitch on the longest stitch length. Sew across the top of the 20" X 38" piece (the long side that has not been stitched). Pull one of the threads to gather the top of the fabric piece so it is 24". Even out the gathered fabric so it is uniform. (Figure 4)
7. Adjust the straight stitch back to its default setting and stitch across the top 1/4" from the edge to hold the gathering in place.
8. Center your tie over the top of the apron and pin and sew the whole length of the tie and across the apron. (Figure 5)
9. Sew the short ends of the tie.

Tie on your apron and start cooking away! Maybe even go take a walk in the park!

Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

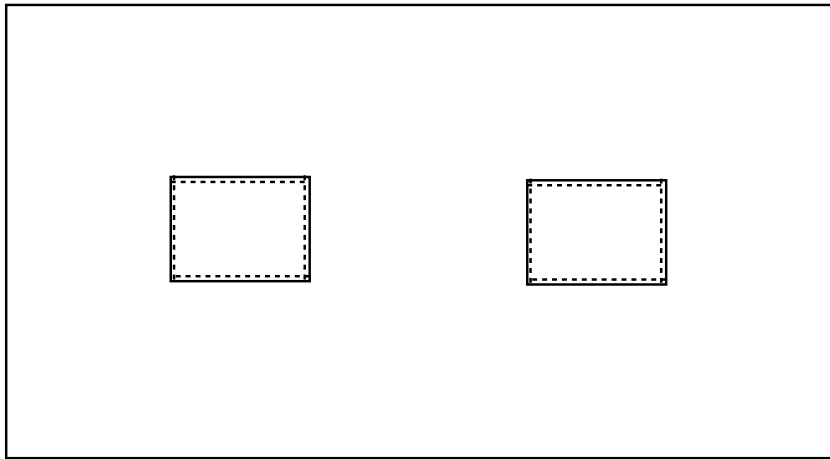


Figure 4

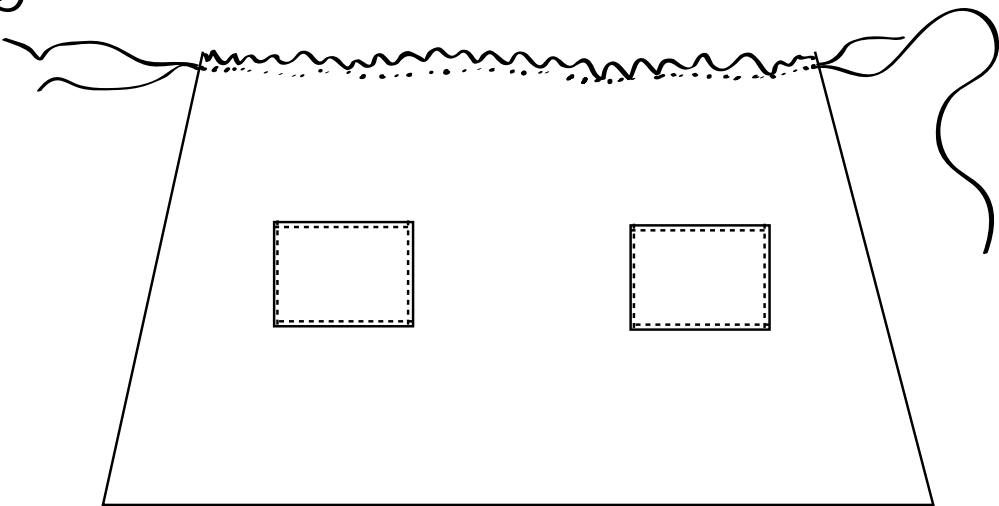


Figure 5

