

French Fancy Apron

A frilly, flirty apron that's so easy to make, you'll be done before teatime.

You Will Need

- Sewing Machine
- 2 rectangles of complimentary fabric measuring 15"x24" (We used one black and one white print)
- 2 rectangles 6"x12" for pockets
- Strip of fabric 4"x48" for ruffle
- Strip of fabric 4"x64" for apron waistband and ties
- 14" of matching trim for pockets, cut into 2 x 7 inch pieces

To Make Your Apron

Make the pockets

- 1 Press all of your fabric thoroughly before you start
- 2 Take one of the 6"x12" pieces and fold in half, wrong sides together, and press. Unfold and lay flat.



- 3 Place one of the pieces of trim onto the fabric, just under the centre fold, and pin in place



- 4 Pin in place, and then sew, close to the edge of the trim. If your trim is lace like ours, you might want to use a zig-zag stitch to secure the trim better



- 5 Fold the fabric again, right sides together, so the trim is sandwiched in the middle and press. Pin around the sides. Be careful to mark a 2-3 inch gap at the bottom of the pocket – this will be left open so you can turn the pocket right side out



- 6 Stitch down both sides and across the bottom of the pocket (using a 1/2 inch seam allowance), leaving the gap you marked open.
- 7 Trim around the edge of your pocket and clip the corners, trimming off the ends of the lace/trim.



- 8** Turn the pocket right side out through the gap, making sure to push the corners right out . Press.



Adding the pockets and ruffle

- 9** Repeat steps 1-8 to create the other pocket
- 10** Place the finished pocket onto the rectangle that will be the front of your apron, position each pocket 3 inches from the side edge and 3 inches from the bottom edge and pin in place. Topstitch, close to the edge, around the sides and bottom of the pockets



- 11** Take the strip that you have cut for the ruffle and fold it in half lengthways, right sides together. Press.



- 12** Use the longest stitch on your sewing machine to sew all the way along the raw edge, leaving a long 'tail' of thread



- 13** Gently pull on one of the threads to begin gathering the fabric. Gather it evenly all the way along the length, until the strip measures 23" long.



- 14** Take the large rectangle that will be the front of your apron, and pin the ruffle strip along the bottom edge, matching the raw edges together. Make sure to leave a 1/2 inch gap at the two corners. Stitch the ruffle to the front of the apron along the line of gathering stitches.



Adding the lining and ties

- 15** Place the rectangle of contrasting fabric on top of your apron front, right sides together, and pin around the edges



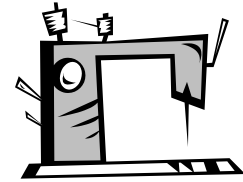
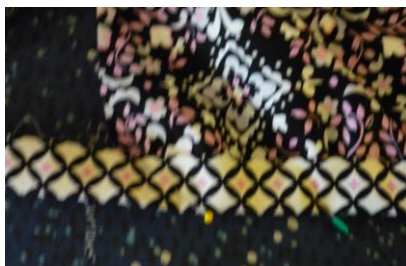
- 16** Stich all along the sides and bottom (ruffled) edge of the apron, leaving a ½ inch seam allowance.
- 17** Trim all around the stitched edges and clip the corners. You can trim the top edge straight using a ruler and rotary cutter if you have one.
- 18** Turn the apron right side out and press.
- 19** Take the strip that you have cut for the apron waistband and ties, and press in half lengthways as you did for the ruffle.
- 20** Unfold the strip and lay flat, wrong side up. Fold the raw edges to the centre and press again



- 21** Fold the strip in half again, so that the raw edges are sandwiched in the centre



- 22** Tuck the raw ends of the strip in neatly. Centre the strip on the top edge of the apron, and fold it neatly over the top edge of the apron, leaving a long tie at either side. Pin all along the strip, and sew neatly close to the bottom edge, all the way along the strip to finish and attach the waistband and ties to the apron.



You're Finished

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