

HOW TO: Make a Half-Apron from One Fabric!

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Measures approx.
89cmx61cm
(35"x24")

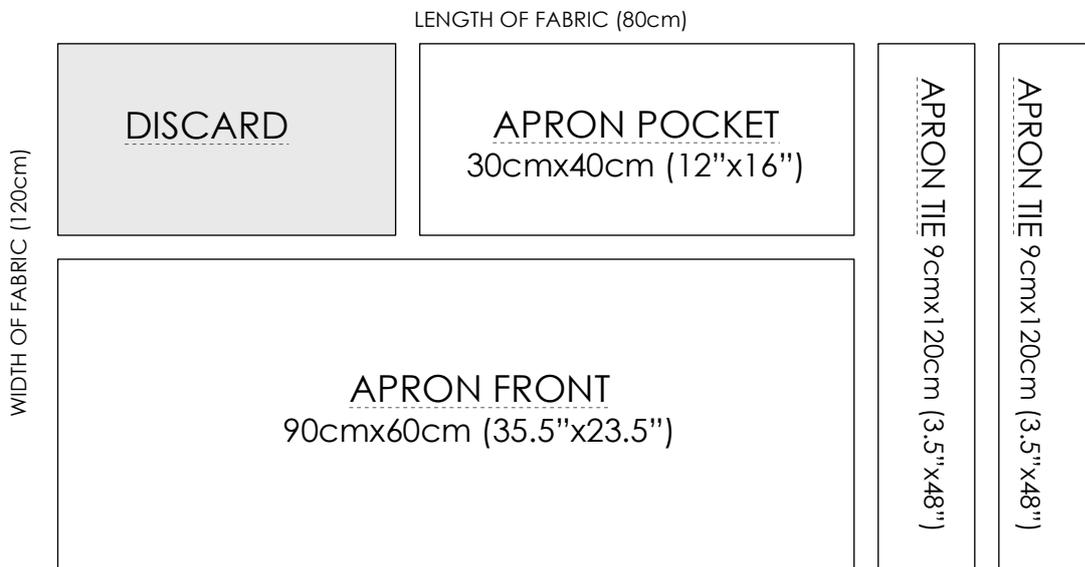
*Please read all of the instructions fully before making this project.

Materials:

- 120cmx80cm (48"x32") piece of printed drill or cotton duck fabric
- 50cm (20") of matching trims/ribbon (optional)
- Matching good quality thread
- Dressmaker's pins
- Thread snips
- Chopstick or turning tool
- Quilter's ruler, rotary blade and cutting mat
- Sewing Machine
- Iron

Cutting:

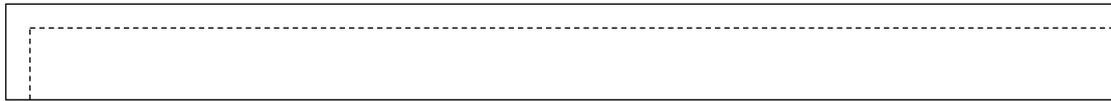
- This is the layout of how your 120cmx80cm (48"x32") piece of fabric will be cut to make your apron: (not to scale)



- After giving your fabric a good press with a hot steamy iron, fold the fabric in half length ways so that the selvages meet.
- Neaten up the right hand side of the folded fabric as close to the end as possible, using a ruler and blade. From this edge, measure in 3.5" on the cutting mat and cut one strip across the width of the fabric. Cut another strip at the same size and set both to one side to be sewn into the two ties for the apron.
- Neaten up the left hand side of the folded fabric as close to the end as possible then open out the fabric and fold it in half width ways.
- Measure in 12" from the right hand edge of the fabric and cut this piece off. Place it to one side to be made into the apron pocket.
- Fold up the left over fabric and place it to one side. It will be used for the apron front.

Make the two ties:

- First, trim the selvedge edges from each end of the two 3.5" strips.
- Fold them in half, wrong sides together and pin if needed.
- On each tie, sew a ¼" seam starting on the fold of the shorter side and then down the whole length, making sure to leave one end of the tie open.



FOLDED EDGE

NB: Remember to always make small backstitches at the beginning and end of your stitching throughout this project.

- Using a chopstick or turning tool, patiently turn each of the ties right side out.
- Press each of the ties flat using a hot steamy iron.
- Sew a straight top seam along each of the sewn edges to help prevent them from twisting out of shape.

Make the apron pocket:

- Open out the fabric cut for the pocket and place it length ways on your cutting mat. Measure in 16" from the right hand side and cut the fabric in half. Discard the fabric to the left.

NB: The piece that you are left with should measure 30cmx40cm (12"x16") and have a selvedge edge along one of the longer sides.

- Sew a basic zigzag stitch around each side of the apron pocket excluding the selvedge edge. This will prevent the edges from fraying.
- With the selvedge at the top, fold over the two shorter sides creating a seam that measures ½". Press into place using a hot steamy iron.
- Do the same with the bottom edge of the apron pocket.
- Fold over the top selvedge edge to a seam that measures 1.5". Press into place.
- To create beautifully pointed mitered corners on the apron pocket, open out a seam and push the little folded edge in, creating a flat triangle. Fold the seam back into place and give the corner a good press. Repeat with the other three corners.
- Flip the apron pocket over and lay out the trims directly over the top selvedge seam that is at the back. Carefully pin them and the seam into place.
- Using a straight-stitch, slowly sew the trims and the top selvedge seam into place.
- Snip the excess trim from each side of the apron pocket, leaving about 1" that you can easily tuck under.
- Place the apron pocket to one side to sew onto the apron front later on.

Make the apron front:

- Fold the piece of fabric put aside for the apron front in half width ways. Trim off the selvedge edge from the right hand side.
- Sew a basic zigzag stitch around all four sides of the apron front.
- Fold over each edge to a seam that measures ½" and press into place.
- Miter each corner in the same way for the apron pocket.
- Before stitching these seams into place, tuck the open ends of the two ties under the shorter side seams, along the top edge of the apron front. Fold each tie over onto itself and pin into place.
- Sew a neat straight-stitch around all four sides of the apron front, securing the folded seams on the back.

NB: Take your time sewing over the ties, as the layers of fabric will be quite thick. As you reach a corner, leave the needle in the fabric and turn the apron around, continuing on sewing the next edge.

Sewing on the apron pocket:

- Fold both the apron front and pocket in half width ways to find their centre points.
 - Place the pocket on top of the apron front about 5" down from the top edge, lining up the centre folds.
 - Pin the pocket into place ensuring the trim ends at the top have been tucked under.
 - Starting at one side of the pocket, sew a neat straight-stitch as close to the folded edge of the pocket as possible around all three sides.
- NB: Remember to make small backstitches at the beginning and end of your stitching.*
- Lastly, sew a straight-stitch down the centre fold of the pocket, splitting it into two sections.
 - Snip off all of the threads left over from your topstitching.
 - Your half-apron is now ready to wear!

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Happy Sewing, Friends!

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