

Classic Reversible Apron

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All seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.

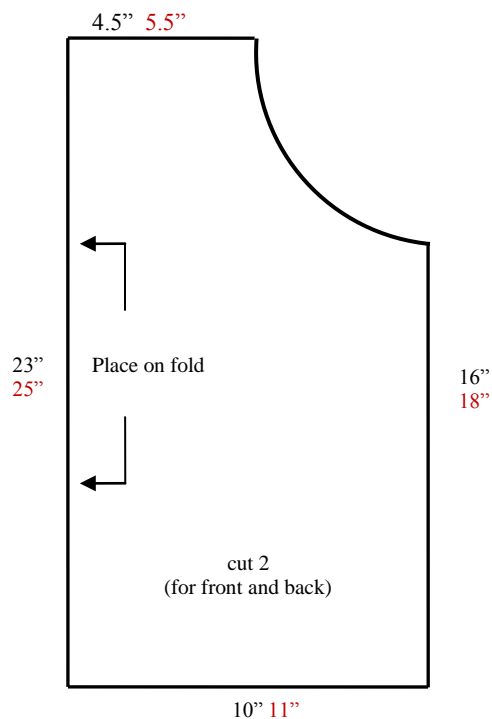
Materials needed:

- A large piece of paper for making the pattern.
- For a child's apron, two pieces of coordinating fabric. Both should measure at least 23" (length) x 20" (width). Cut your fabric pieces a little larger to accommodate the pattern.
- For an adult apron, two pieces of fabric measuring at least 25" (length) x 22" (width).
- Both sizes of apron require the same size straps. 2 waist straps 4" x 22", a neck strap 4" x 22", and a small strap 4" x 4" for attaching the D-rings.
- 2 D-rings (1" wide).
- The pocket is made of two pieces of fabric 6" (length) x 10" (width).



Using newsprint or a large piece of paper, create your pattern piece according to the dimensions provided. (Dimensions for a child's apron are in black. **Adult apron dimensions are in red.**)

Note that the pattern piece needs to be placed on the fold when cutting, and that you will need to cut two pieces, one for the front and one for the back.



This apron features Michael Miller fabric: Chocolate Cupcakes (CX2917) for the front panel and Pink Dumb Dot (C2490) for the back.



Make and Attach the Pocket:

The pocket is made of two pieces of fabric that are 6”(length) x 10”(width). In this case the front panel of the pocket was pieced with the pink dumb dot fabric to provide a little more contrast between it and the body of the apron.

If you wish to piece the pocket, the dimension are as follows: the chocolate cupcake fabric measures 9” x 5.5” before sewing, and the pink dumb dot fabric strips surrounding it on three sides are 1” wide.

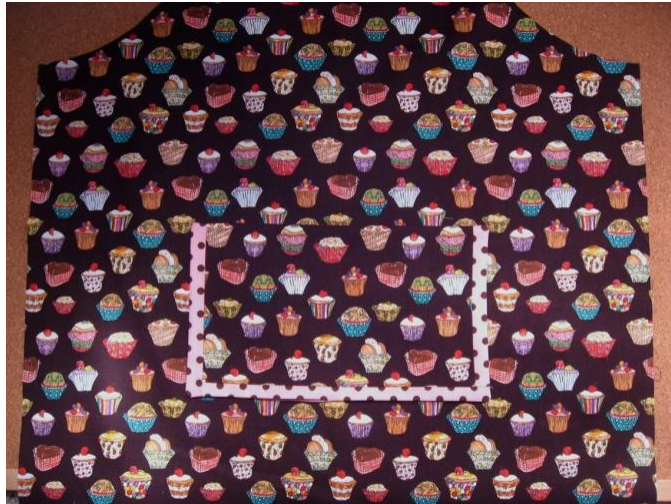


With right sides facing, sew around the perimeter of the pocket, leaving a 2” opening on the bottom for turning.

Iron the seams open, snip the corners to remove bulk, and turn the pocket right side out.



Center the pocket on the front panel of the apron, and pin in place. Sew around the sides and bottom of the pocket using a 1/8" seam allowance. Backstitch to reinforce.



Make the Straps:

The neck strap and back straps are created the same way. They all are made from fabric that is 4" x 22", and they all have only one finished end (the other end is sewn into the apron). To finish the ends, fold the fabric down 1/2", iron flat, and sew.



Fold the fabric in half lengthwise and iron to form a crease down the center. Fold the outer edges to meet the crease and iron flat.



Fold the fabric along the center crease again, and iron flat. Your strap should look like the one in the picture.



Sew both sides of the strap (approx. 1/8" seam allowance).

Make the short strap that holds the D-rings the same way, but do not finish either of the ends, since both will be sewn into the apron.



Attach the Straps:

Place the short strap through both D-rings. Fold the strap in half so the raw edges meet.



Place it near the edge of the top left side of the apron—no closer than ¼” to the outer edge. Pin in place.



Secure the other straps as pictured, first with a pin, and then by machine basting using a 1/8” seam allowance.



Attach the Back of the Apron:

Place the back of the apron on top of the front panel, with right sides facing. The straps are now inside the apron. Pin the panels together and sew around the perimeter of the apron using a ¼” seam allowance. Leave a 4” opening on one side for turning. Iron the seams open, snip the corners to remove bulk, and turn the apron right side out.

Tip: Sometimes the long straps can get in the way of your sewing. Pin them out of the way before you sew.



Iron around the edges, and topstitch at 1/8". This will reinforce where the strap are attached and also close up the opening on the side. ♦

