

Chef's Hat (adjustable—one size fits most)

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All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless otherwise noted.

Materials needed:

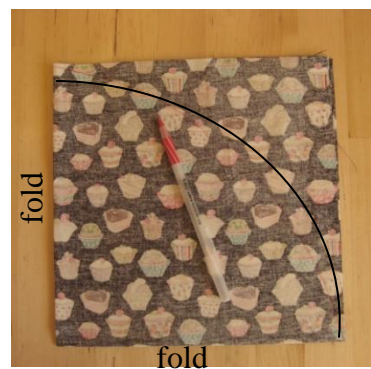
- One 20" x 20" piece of fabric for the top
- One 8" x 24" piece of fabric for the band
- One 8" x 24" piece of lightweight fusible interfacing for the band
- One 1" x 2" piece of hook and loop tape
- Pins (at least 35)

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



Create the Top:

Fold the 20" x 20" fabric in half and iron to make a crease. Fold it in half again and iron. Mark a smooth curve as shown below. Cut along the curve.



Open up the fabric to find a circle. Do not iron out the creases—you'll need them later.



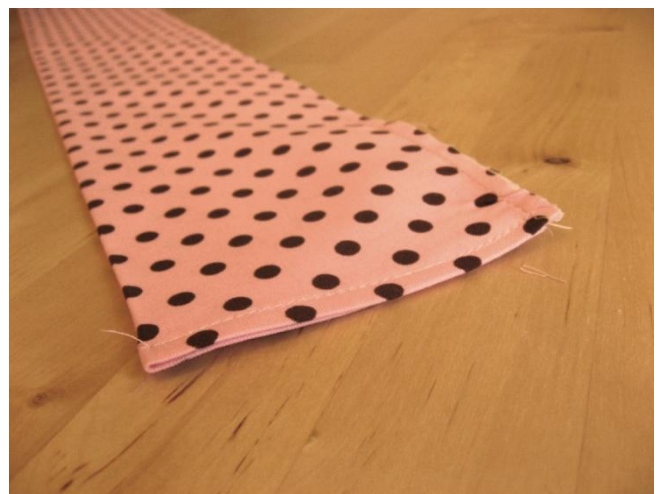
Make the Band:

Using the package directions, iron the interfacing to the back of the fabric.

Fold the fabric in half lengthwise and iron to form a crease down the center so that the band now measures 4" x 24".



Finish off the raw edges on both ends by opening up the band, folding down ½" and ironing flat. Close the band and sew it shut. Do this on both sides.



Overlap the ends of the band by 1” and pin in place. For this and the following steps, pins will be placed on the raw edge of the band.



Divide the band into four equal parts and place pins to mark the divisions.



Attach the Top to the Band:

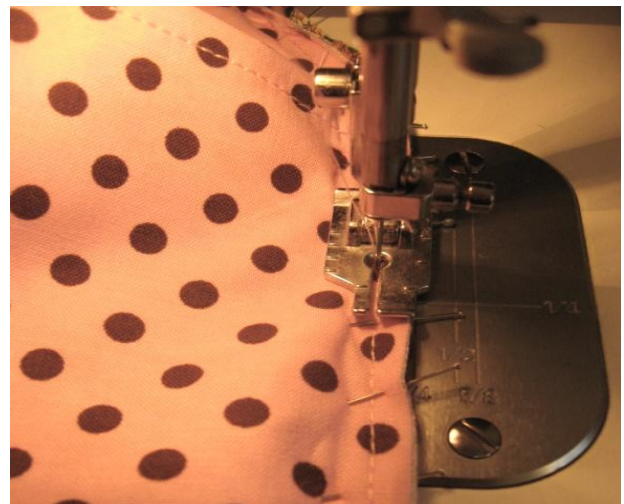
The creases in the top of the hat already mark four equal parts. With the fabric right side down, line up the creases with the pins and pin in place.



Make evenly spaced gathers by working in one direction around the hat.



When all the gathers have been created, sew slowly around the band. When you've sewn all the way around, remove the pins.



Attach the hook and loop tape to the bottom of the band as pictured.



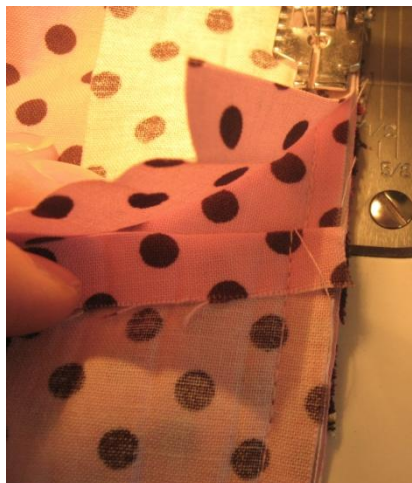
Technically, you could turn the chef's hat right side out and it would be complete. However, if raw edges bother you (as they do me), you can either serge them or encase them in binding (instructions below).

Create the Binding:

This binding is made from a straight (not bias) cut of fabric 1 ½" x 24". Fold it in half lengthwise and iron a crease down the middle. Fold one end in 1/3" and iron flat. Fold down both sides of the strip to meet the crease, and iron flat. Then, fold the binding along the center crease.



Open the binding and line it up along the raw edge of the band. Starting with the finished end of the binding, sew around the perimeter of the hat. When you make it back to the start, lay the unfinished end on top of the finished end, as pictured. This will allow the unfinished end to be “tucked in” to the finished one later on (refer to the last picture in this tutorial). Trim the unfinished end to remove bulk if it seems long.



Fold the binding over using the creases as your guide. Pin as necessary to keep them in place.



The following pictures show the view from the other side as well as how the unfinished end of the binding tucks into the finished end. Attach the binding by sewing closely to the inside edge. ♦

