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4-H Fabrics & Fashions

Beginning Level - Simple Construction

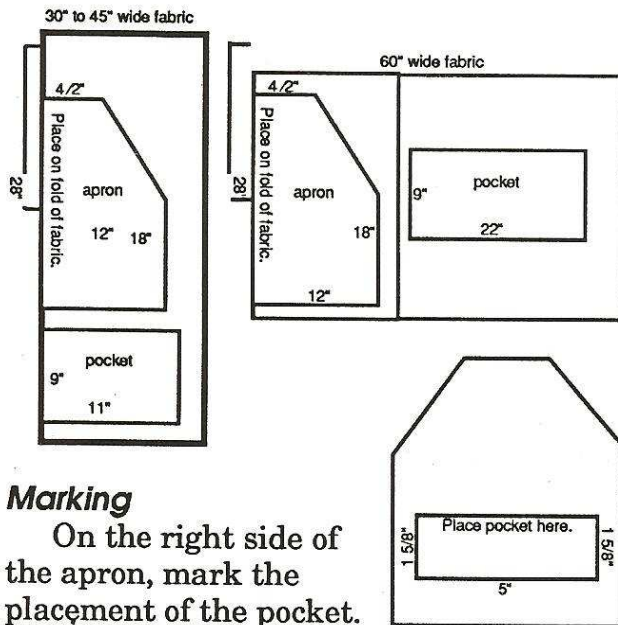
Chef or Work Apron

Supplies

- ✂ 1 1/8 yard, 36- or 45-inch wide, medium weight, firmly-woven fabric (7/8 yard, if 60 inches wide).
- ✂ Three yards extra-wide, double-fold bias tape
- ✂ One spool all-purpose thread

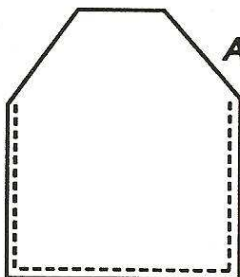
Pattern Layout

Cut out apron and pocket. Size of apron may be adjusted to fit individual.



Marking

On the right side of the apron, mark the placement of the pocket.

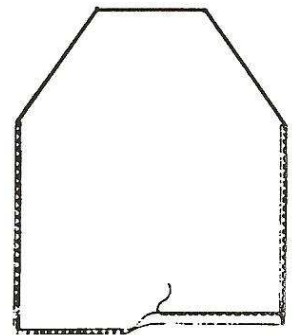


Apron Sides and Bottom

Stitch the side and bottom edge of the apron 1/4 inch from the raw edge.

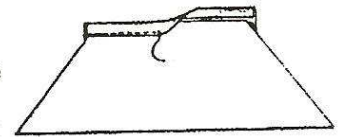
Turn under the side edges along the stitching and press. Turn under again 1/4 inch to the wrong side, and press. Stitch both sides of the apron close to the fold.

Turn under the bottom edge to the wrong side along the stitching, and press. Turn under again 3/4 inch, and press. Stitch along the bottom of the apron close to the fold.



Apron Top

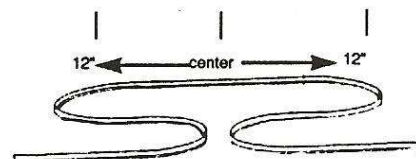
Cut a piece of extra-wide, double-fold bias tape the same length as the top edge of the apron. Enclose the top edge of the apron in the bias tape with the narrower side of the tape on the right side of the apron. Use 1/4-inch fusible webbing to hold the bias tape in place.



With the right side of the apron up, stitch close to the edge of the bias tape.

Neck Strap and Ties

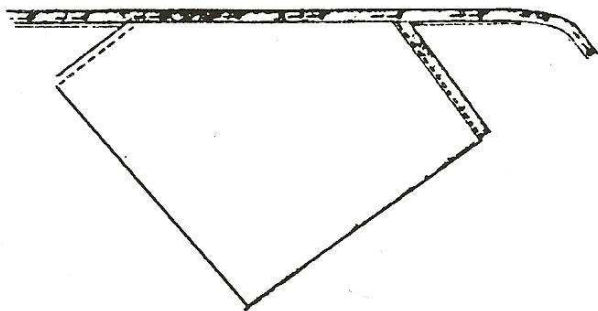
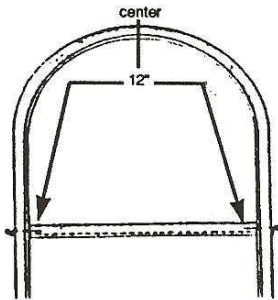
Fold the remaining extra-wide, double-fold bias tape in half, and mark the center point. Measure 12 inches in both directions from the center, and mark.



To form the neck strap, pin the bias tape to the apron. The top edges of the apron should be even with the marks.

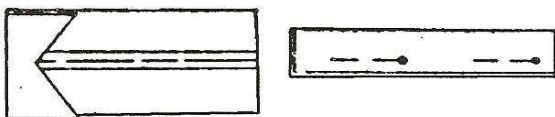
Try on the apron, and adjust the length of the neck strap, if desired.

Enclose the slanted edges of the apron in the bias tape, with the narrower side of the tape on the right side of the apron. Pin from one end of the bias tape to the other.



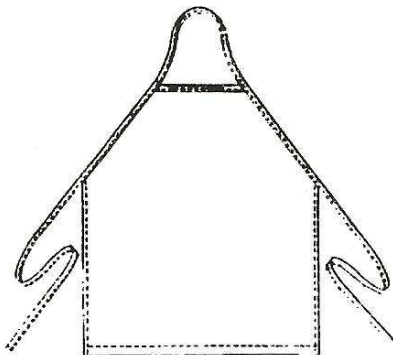
This finishes the slanted edges of the apron and forms the ties. To reduce bulk, cut both ends of the extra-wide double-fold bias tape diagonally.

Open the bias tape, and fold the ends $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to the



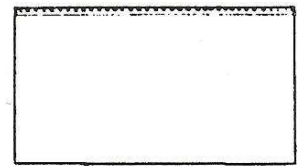
wrong side. Refold the tape, and pin or use fusible webbing to hold bias tape in place.

Stitch close to the fold of the bias tape from one end to the other, with the right sides of the apron up, removing the pins as you come to them.



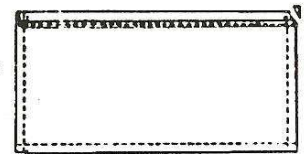
Pocket

Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the top edge of the pocket. Turn under the top edge to the wrong side along the stitching. Press. Stitch close to the fold.

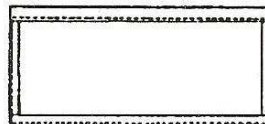


Fold the top edge $\frac{3}{4}$ inch to the right side. Stitch around the sides and bottom of the pocket $\frac{5}{8}$ inch from the edge.

Backstitch at the top edges. Trim the upper corners diagonally.



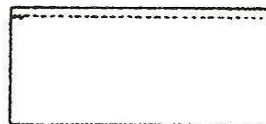
Turn the top hem of the pocket to the wrong side, pushing out the corners.



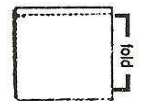
Press. Turn the side and bottom edges to the wrong side along

the stitching. Press.

Stitch $\frac{5}{8}$ inch from the top edge across the pocket. Backstitch.



Fold the pocket in half, with the sides even, and



lightly press the fold.

Pin the pocket to the apron, as marked. Try on the apron to make sure the pocket is placed at a comfortable position for you. Raise or lower the pocket, if desired. Topstitch close to the side and bottom edges of the pocket. Backstitch. Stitch along the crease in the middle of the pocket. Backstitch.

