



Technique:	Sewing
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	Evening

Mixing and matching fabrics is always fun and this easy bellows pocket apron gives you the chance to do just that. It's perfect for use with coordinating prints, or solids and prints.

Finished Size

One size fits most, 13¼" x 19½" (33.66 cm x 49.53 cm)

Supplies

Dual Duty XP® All-purpose or cotton thread, Jeans thread (optional), coordinating colors
 ½yd (45.72 cm) apron front fabric
 ⅞yd (80.01 cm) pocket lining/ties/apron lining fabric
 ⅓yd (30.45 cm) pocket fabric*

Additional Requirements

Plastic template material
 Sewing machine
 Basic sewing supplies

The featured fabrics are from FreeSpirit True Colors:
 Joel Dewberry.

***Note:** If you choose to make the pocket or pocket lining from the same fabric as the apron front, there is enough yardage allowed to do so — just cut the pieces side by side across the fabric width.

Cutting

From the apron front fabric, cut:

1 rectangle, 13¾" x 20" (34.93 cm x 50.80 cm)

From the pocket lining/apron lining/ties fabric, cut:

1 rectangle, 9¾" x 22" (24.77 cm x 55.88 cm) for the pocket lining

1 rectangle, 13¾" x 20" (34.93 cm x 50.80 cm) for the apron lining

2 strips, 2½" x 40" (6.35 cm x 101.60 cm) for the ties

From the pocket fabric, cut:

1 rectangle, 9" x 22" (22.86cm x 55.88 cm)

Assembling the Pocket

Note: All seam allowances are ¼" (.64 cm).

1. With right sides together, match the upper edge of the pocket and pocket lining rectangles. Sew across the upper edge. Press the seam allowances toward the lining.
2. Flip the pocket lining to the pocket wrong side, matching the lining and pocket lower edges. Press. Note that the lining extends above the pocket evenly to form a trim. Baste the layers together at the sides and lower edges.

Assembling the Ties

1. With right sides together and matching edges, sew the long side and across one end of each tie.
2. Trim the corners, press the seam allowances open and turn the ties right side out. Press with the seam along one edge.
3. Edgestitch the ties along both long sides and the closed end.

Assembling the Apron

1. Pin-mark the lower center of the apron and the pocket. Position the pocket over the apron right sides up and baste the ends together. Match the centers at the lower edge and baste a 2" line across the bottom center. Note that the pocket is wider than the apron.
2. Measure 6 ½" (16.51 cm) in from each end and mark a line parallel to the apron side edge through the height of the pocket. Stitch on the lines, backstitching at the upper pocket edge for reinforcement.
3. Fold a pleat in the pocket along the stitched vertical line until the pocket lies flat against the apron, press firmly, then baste the lower edge to hold it in place. This creates a ½" (1.27cm) deep pleat. Stitch along pleat fold 2" (5.08 cm) from the lower apron edge.

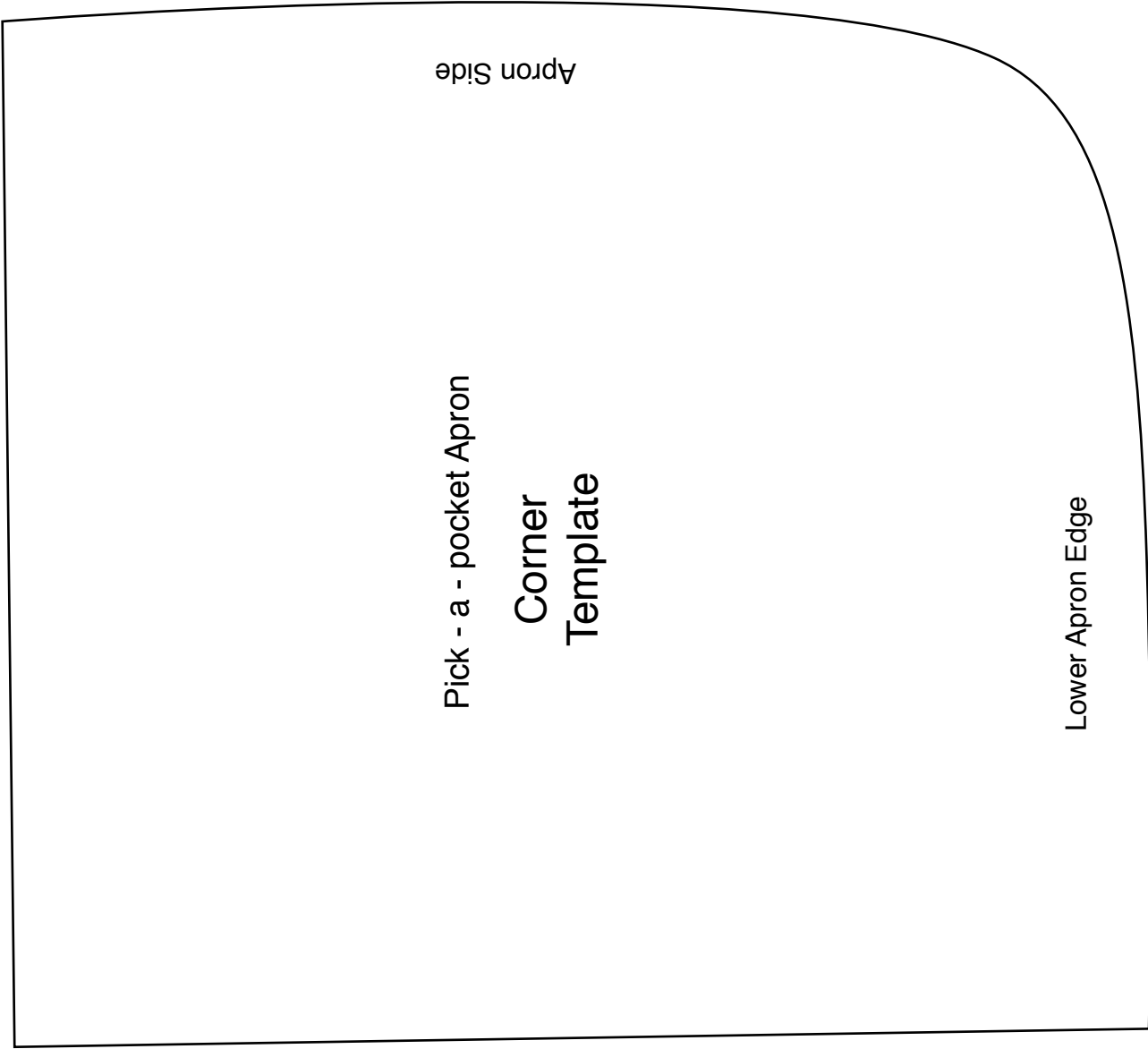
4. Trace the template provided onto plastic template material and cut out. Align the straight edges with the lower corner of the apron/pocket. Trace on the curved line, then cut through all layers. Repeat for the opposite lower corner and both lower corners of the apron lining rectangle.
5. Baste a tie ¾" (.95 cm) from the upper apron edge on each side, matching the raw edges to the apron edge and placing the seam toward the bottom. Pin the tie length out of the way.
6. With right sides together, place the apron lining against the apron, sandwiching the ties and pocket between the layers, and matching all raw edges.
7. Sew around the apron edges leaving a 5" (12.7 cm) opening along the upper edge for turning. Be careful not to catch the loose ends of the ties in the stitching.
8. Trim the curves and corners and turn the apron right side out through the opening.
9. Hand stitch the opening closed, and topstitch around all apron edges.

Options

If you have large scraps left from a quilt, this apron is the perfect place to use them—just make each section a different fabric.

Combine prints with denim for a durable garden apron. We used these cute Ladybug prints from FreeSpirit True Colors- Tula Pink.





Apron Side

Pick - a - pocket Apron
Corner
Template

Lower Apron Edge