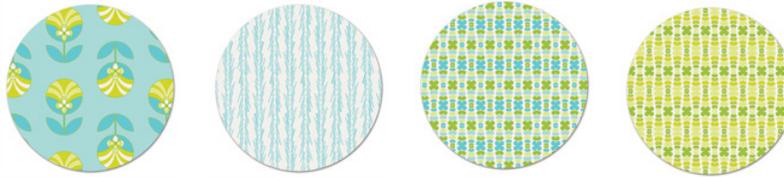


THE JENI REVERSIBLE APRON TUTORIAL

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FABRICS USED

Color Me Retro by Jeni Baker for Art Gallery Fabrics.

- Florette Crystal - Dulcette Lobelia - Kitchenette Honeydew - Kitchenette Apple

MATERIALS

- 2 fat quarters of Florette Crystal
- 2 fat quarters of Dulcette Lobelia
- 2 fat quarters of Kitchenette Honeydew
- 2 fat quarters of Kitchenette Apple
- washable fabric marker
- coordinating thread
- scissors and/or rotary cutter w/mat
- tape measure

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

You will cut the following from your fat quarters:

5 pieces at 18"H x 5.5"W (strips for apron skirt and pockets for apron skirt)

2 pieces @ 18"H x 22"W (for apron outer & apron lining)

10 pieces @ 4"H x 22"W (4 each of 2 prints and 2 each of 1 print for waistband and ties)

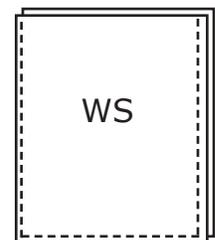
2 pieces @ 6.5"H x 22"W (for neck strap)

1 piece @ 18"H x 22"W (for apron bib)

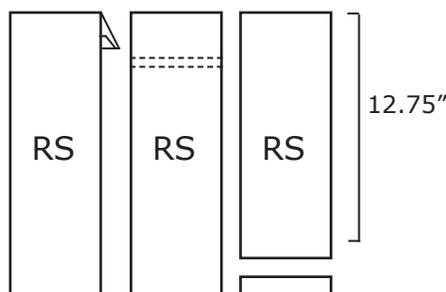
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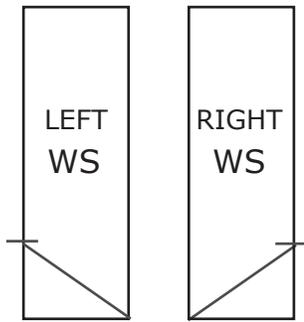
STEP ONE: MAKING APRON SKIRT, POCKETS & STRIPS

Place your 2 fat quarters for your apron skirt RS facing each other. Stitch along both sides and the bottom with a 1/2" seam allowance. Turn right side out and press. Topstitch along all 3 sides leaving your top unsewn.

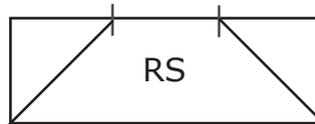


Take 1 of your 5.5" pieces and press under 1/4" on the short end, then press another 1.5". Topstitch along the inner fold. Then edgestitch next to your last line of sewing. Press again. Trim along your short unsewn edge so the total width of your strip is 12.75" Repeat for one more of your 5.5" pieces. These will be your pocket pieces.





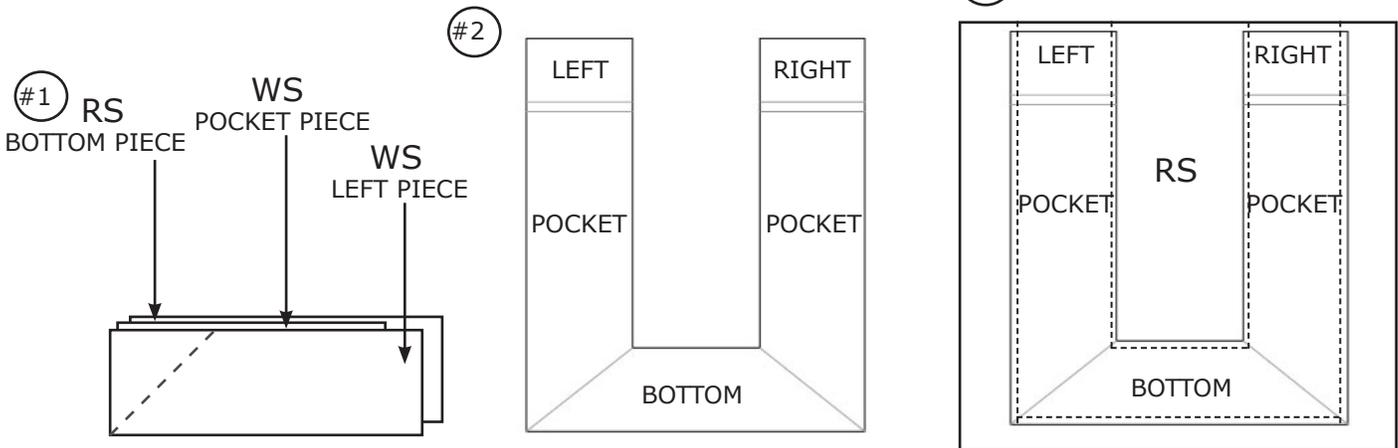
On the WS of one of your 5.5" strips measure up 5.5" from the bottom and mark this on your outer long edge. Draw a line from this point to the opposite bottom corner. This will be your left side strip. Repeat this for one more 5.5" piece - this will be your right side strip. See illustration to the left.



You should have one more 5.5" piece left. Lay it down RS up horizontally and measure 5.5" in on both the right and left end of your piece. Mark those spots on the top long edge. Next draw a line from those markings to the opposite bottom corner from the marking. This will be the bottom strip. See illustration above.

STEP TWO: ATTACHING STRIPS & POCKETS

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With your 5.5" bottom piece (with 2 lines on it) RS up, place one of your pocket pieces WS facing up and your left side strip WS facing up on top of it. See illustration #1 above. You should see your diagonal line matching up with the other strip. Pin in place. Sew along the diagonal line you drew. Repeat for the other remaining strip (your right side strip). Open the strips up so the 2 pieces you just sewed down are now RS facing you. See illustration #2 above. Press well. Double check your strips are square and straight. If all is laying nicely and symmetrical you can trim your seam allowances down and press open. See illustration #3 above.

Now fold and press 1/8" seam allowance down the entire perimeter of all the 3 strips pinning as you go to your apron skirt fat quarter. Make sure everything is laying nice and flat and even on your apron skirt and then topstitch all the strips down except for along your top edge. See illustration #3 above.

STEP THREE: MAKE YOUR APRON SKIRT

With RS facing each other take your apron skirt outer and your apron skirt lining and sew with a 1/4" seam allowance 3 sides leaving the top unsewn. Trim your corners, turn the apron skirt RS out and press nicely. Topstitch along all 3 sides for a nice finish.

STEP FOUR: SEWING YOUR WAISTBAND AND TIES



Find your 10 strips that are 4”H x 22”W. Separate the strips into two sets of five. Plan out your order. Ex. 1 center waistband piece and 2 additional prints on each side of the center. See illustration above.



Take your main center waistband piece and with RS facing each other take your next tie strip and place your short ends together. Stitch with a 1/4” seam allowance. Now take your next tie strip and stitch to the other short end of your tie piece (not the waistband piece). This will give you the front ties on one edge of your waistband. Repeat this step for the other edge of your front waistband piece. See illustration above.

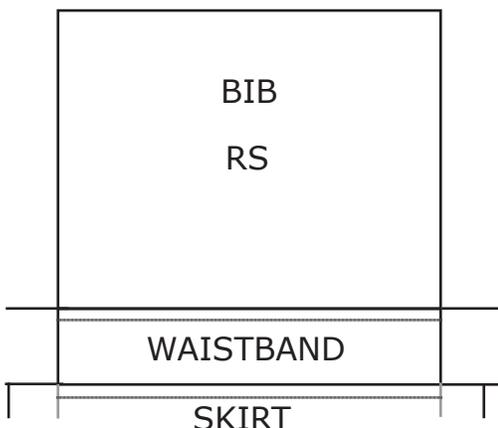
Now repeat the above steps for the next set of 5 strips (these will be for the reverse side of your apron ties & waistband). You will now have 2 long ties that are 4”H x 109”W comprised of 5 strips each.



Place your strips RS facing each other and stitch along both of your long sides leaving the waistband strip unsewn and also sewing closed both of your short ends. *Tip you can leave your short ends straight or sew in a diagonal making a corner point like I did mine. Turn right side out and press the entire belt while also turning under & pressing a 1/4 seam allowance for your waistband portion. Set aside. See illustration above.

STEP FIVE: MAKING YOUR BIB & ATTACHING YOUR BIB & SKIRT

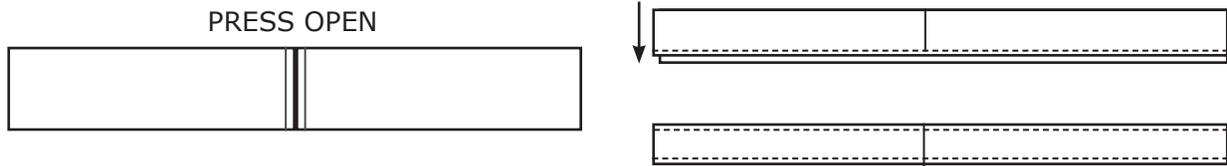
Take your fat quarter that you set aside for your apron bib. Fold in half widthwise with RS facing each other. Sew up your 2 long sides with a 1/2” SA leaving your top and bottom unsewn. *Tip: you can easily customize the width of the bib to fit your body. Trim it down if the width of the fat quarter is too wide for your liking. Turn right side out and press. See illustration to the right.



Lay both your waistband and bib RS facing up and carefully place 1/2” of the bottom of your bib inside the top opening of your waistband that is unsewn. Pin down. Next place the top 1/2” of your skirt into the bottom unsewn opening of your waistband and pin down.

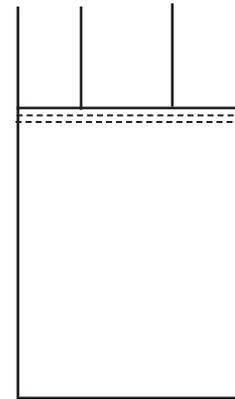
Starting at the edge of the opening of your top waistband topstitch across close to the edge closing your opening and continuing to topstitch to the end of the tie and then across the bottom of your tie going across the bottom of your waistband enclosing it as well and continuing along the rest of the bottom of your tie, up your short end and back to the edge of your upper waistband. See diagram to the left.

STEP SIX: ASSEMBLE & ATTACH YOUR NECK STRAP



Take your 2 strips that are 6.5”H x 22”W and place RS facing together. With a 1/2” seam allowance sew 1 of your short ends together. Press your seam allowance open. Fold your neck strap in half lengthwise with RS facing each other. Stitch along your unsewn long side with a 1/4” seam allowance. Turn right side out and press open so that your sewn seam is on the side. Top stitch along both long edges. Your neck strap should be 3”H x 44”W.

Now I hate when my neck straps are too long on my aprons. This always happens to me with store bought aprons. So for this apron it’s really easy to customize the length of the neck strap. The best thing to do is to try it on. Find the middle seam of your tie and evenly pin the strap ends inside of your apron bib. Try it on until you get the right length. Mark with your fabric marker where you would like the length to be. Make sure you include a 1/2” seam allowance onto your desired length.



My neck strap was trimmed to be 25.5”L. After you have the correct size neck strap cut place 1/2” of each neck strap into the opening of your top apron bib aligning the edges to match with the side edges of your apron bib. Pin in place. Top stitch along the top of your apron bib to enclose the seam. I then chose to topstitch again 1/4” away from my last line of stitching for an added detail. Press along all your edges and neck strap.

Press your apron neatly! You’re done! Enjoy and happy sewing from my home to yours!



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