



Commercial Apron Makeover Project

A fast, easy & economical gift idea!

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Please read entire pattern carefully all the way through before beginning.

Materials required:

- 1 commercial "bib style" poly/cotton twill apron (no pocket on the bib).
 - I purchase mine commercial apron blanks in 3-packs from our local SAMS Club. At the time of my purchase each 3 pack of aprons was well under \$15.00. Check your local SAMS Club for availability. Here is the item shown online:
<http://www.samsclub.com/shopping/navigate.do?dest=5&item=191503>
- One piece of 11" x 7" contrasting pocket novelty fabric
- Coordinating or contrasting thread, as desired
- Scraps of fabric for whimsical appliqué, if desired
- Velcro (Sew in or Velcro Fusion), if desired for adjustable neck strap

Instructions:

Press the piece of 11" x 7" novelty fabric so that it is flat and crisp. Fold in half with right sides together so the resulting piece is 5.5" x 7". Begin at folded edge--using a .25" seam--stitch down one 5.5" side, pivot at the corner and continue stitching approximately 2 - 3 inches. Stop & secure thread, leave approximately 2.5" inch



opening along bottom raw edges, begin stitching again, pivot at corner, stitch up the other 5.5" side as shown below.



Carefully clip corners & press bottom seam allowance back on both sides as shown below.



Turn pocket right side out through opening in bottom edge. Gently push out corners, smooth & press flat.

Prepare apron for positioning pocket by folding the bib in half vertically. Match bib side edges and top edge, press center fold to form a positioning (fold) line. Fold & press pocket in half for pocket positioning (fold) line.

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Open apron and lay bib flat. Open pocket and match pressed (fold) lines, as shown below. Use the top-stitching line on the apron bib for pocket top edge placement OR if your apron does not have top stitching, measure approximately 2" from bib top edge so that the pocket is centered and aligned across the bib. See image below.



Top stitch pocket to apron bib. If a pen slot is desired, mark a line 1" parallel to the pocket top stitching line, see below. Stitch pen slot, secure stitching at top and bottom, clip thread tails.



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Make an adjustable neck strap, if desired:

Fold bib and neck strap in half vertically to find center of the neck strap. Cut at center point.



Fold raw edge of each strap over .5 inch. Use a wide zigzag and satin stitch along raw edge on each strap end to secure well.



Place and apply Velcro to ends of the neck strap—be careful to turn one strap so that when the Velcro is applied, the straps simply overlap to attach and do not have to be twisted in order to secure the Velcro.

HINT: Apply the stiff/hard side of the Velcro to the outside of the strap that faces up (or AWAY) from your neck. Apply the soft side of the Velcro on the inside of the strap that will face down (or toward) your neck.



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Apply a floating appliqué motif if desired.

If your novelty fabric has a large focus shape/image, consider applying a floating appliqué on your apron. Simply cut out the shape. Determine where you want to place your floating image. Apply using your favorite fusible web product; finish edges with satin stitch or zigzag.



Enjoy your new apron!



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