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Supplies

- 1½ yard of washable fabric (cotton, twill, duck, etc.)
at least 42 inches wide
(Or you can mix and match fabric. The apron base itself requires 1¼ yard.)
- Optional for neck closure:
 - 2 1-inch D rings
 - Or 1 ¾-inch button
 - Or a small piece of Velcro
- Basic sewing supplies (sewing machine is desirable, but you could sew the apron by hand)

Instructions

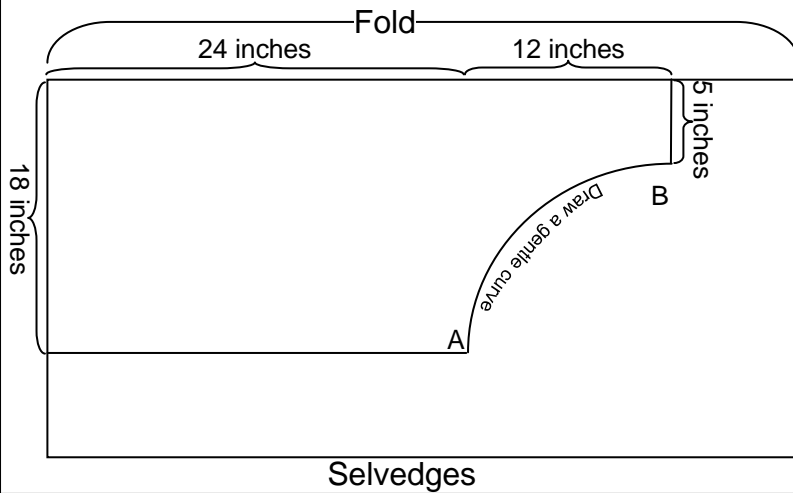
Note: Assemble the entire apron before deciding on pocket placement.

1. Following Figure 1 on the next page, cut the apron base, the apron strings, and the neck pieces.
Note: You can finish the neck any way you like, whether it loops behind the neck, ties behind the neck, or attaches with D-rings, a button, or Velcro.
2. Sew a narrow hem all the way around the apron.
3. Fold the apron strings and neck pieces as shown in Figure 2.
4. Hem one end of each apron string by folding under twice (to hide the raw edge) and sew. Do the same for the neck closure pieces, except as follows: If you are making a loop neck closure, do not hem the end. If you are making a D-ring neck closure, do not hem the ends of the 5-inch piece.
5. Sew the apron strings to the sides at the marks indicated by "A" on the cutting diagram.
6. Sew the neck closure pieces to the top of the apron bib at the marks indicated by "B" on the cutting diagram.
Note: Figure 3 shows how to attach the D rings and Figure 4 shows alternate neck closure options.
7. When your apron base is finished, lay it out and decide on pocket placement. Allow a ½-inch hem all the way around the pocket pieces.
Note: The photo above and the diagrams on the following page shows suggested pocket placement, but decide what works for you!
8. Cut the pockets using the same fabric, or use contrasting fabric(s).
9. Hem the top of each pocket. Fold the sides in ½ inch and press the folds.
10. Pin the pockets in place and sew around the edges.
Note: If you are going to carry heavy things in your pockets, you should sew ¼-inch away from your first stitching to make the pockets really secure.



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Apron Cutting Diagram



Apron String and Neck Pieces

For apron strings:

- 2 each 3 x 24 inches

For neck closure, choose **one** of the following:

D-ring option:

- 1 each 3 x 5 inches
- 1 each 3 x 24 inches

Loop neck option:

- 1 each 3 x 21

Button or Velcro option:

- 1 each 3 x 21

Tied neck option:

- 2 each 3 x 24 inches

Figure 1. Cutting Instructions

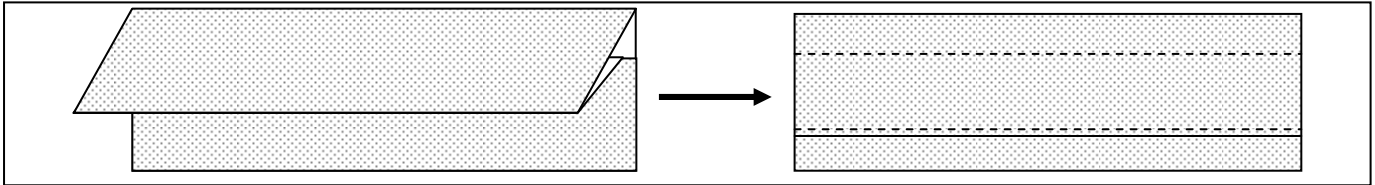
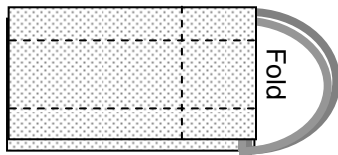


Figure 2. Sewing the Apron Strings and Neck Pieces



1. Fold the prepared 5-inch strip in half and add both D rings at the fold. Sew as close to the D rings as possible. Attach to one side of the apron bib at "B."
2. Sew the prepared 24-inch strip to the apron bib at the other "B" location.
3. To use D-rings, insert the long neck piece through both D rings, then pass it back through 1 D ring. Tighten as snugly as desired.

Figure 3. D-Ring Option - Attaching the D Rings (optional)

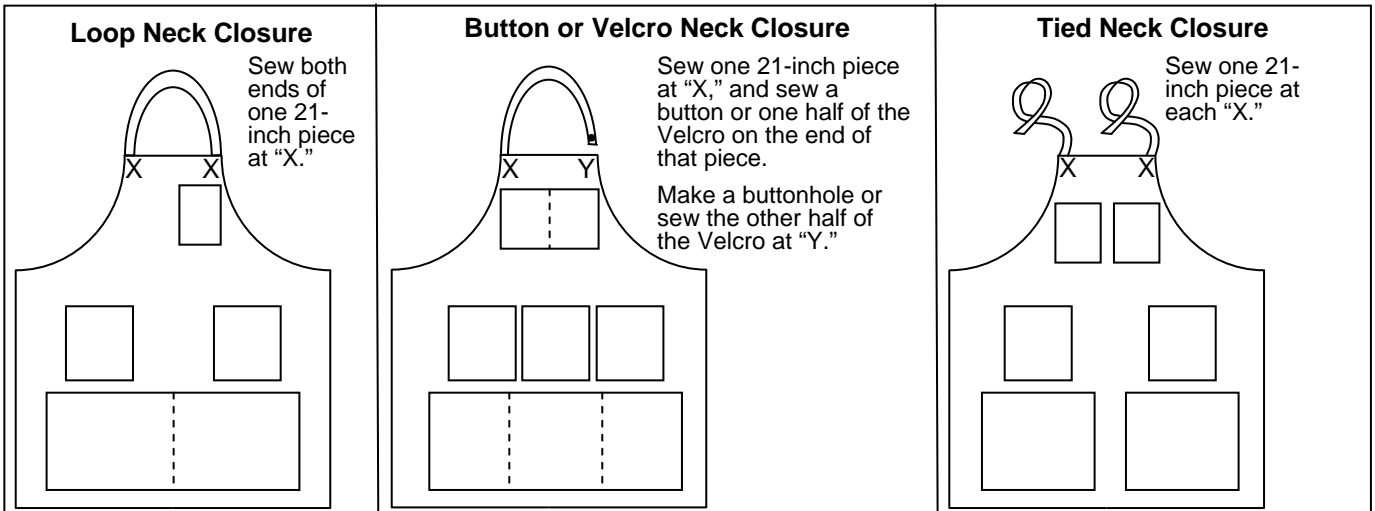


Figure 3. Alternate Neck Closures