

Aloha Girl Apron

Made with the vintage tablecloth panel #20240 -14 or -17, available in our **Aloha Girl** collection. Available Spring 2015.

MATERIALS LIST

1 Aloha Girl vintage tablecloth panel
5/8 yd. lining fabric [we used #20242-14]
1/2 yd. for tie [we used #20243-14]

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

From the panel fabric:

- Hand cut the panel out with as much as possible of the coral or green background showing on the top and bottom [app. 3/4" or so] and about 1 1/2" of the background fabric showing on the sides [you have more fabric to work with on the sides].

From the lining fabric:

- Cut a piece to match your apron panel exactly. Ours was 21 3/4" up/down x 23 3/4" across.

From the tie fabric:

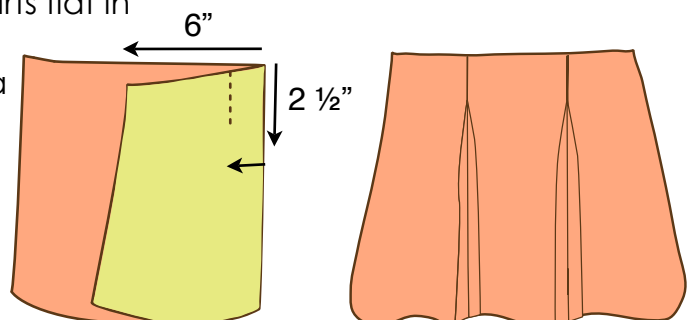
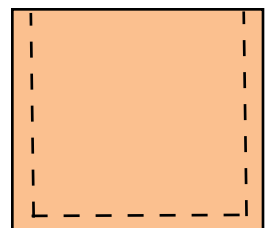
- Cut (3) 5" strips.

* Note we have made the tie very long because we want to be able to tie it in the front. If you do not want to do that, you can make the tie with just 2 strips.

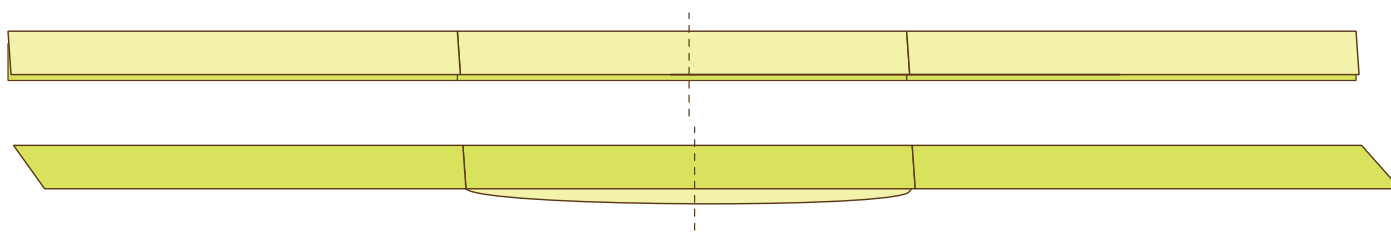
PIECING INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Sew the panel and the lining piece together RST along 3 sides, leaving the top open. Turn RSO through the top and press well all the way around.

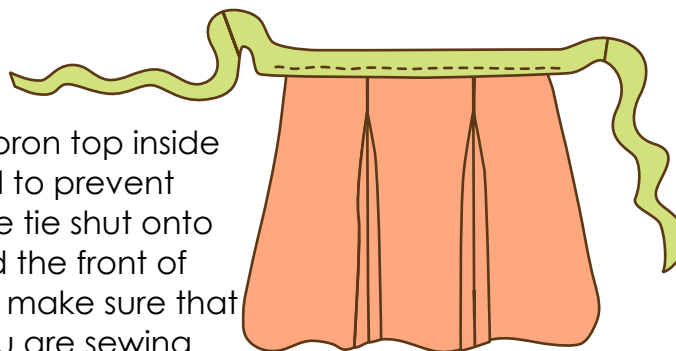
Step 2: Fold the side of the apron over 6" and mark with a pin. Mark 1" over from the fold and 2 1/2" down and mark a line with an erasable pen or chalk pencil. Sew along that line, backstitching at the end. Repeat on the other side of the apron in the same way, creating 2 darts in your apron. Fold the darts flat in the back, centered on themselves and press in that flat position. Stitch closed on the top with a 1/8" seam allowance just to tack the darts down and make sure they stay flat.



Step 3: To make the ties, sew the (3) strips together lengthwise. Fold the entire long strip RST and press the entire length of the strip set. Sew the tie shut, sewing 45° on each end. Leave the center 21" open/unsewn. This will leave enough space for the apron and app. 1" on each side open. Turn the entire tie RSO and press really well. Turn and press both sides of the portion of the seam that has been left open so that it matches the rest of the sewn tie.



Step 4: Find the center of the tie by folding it in half and do the same with the apron. Line up the center marks and tuck app. ½"-¾" of the apron top inside the open portion of the tie. Pin in place very well to prevent shifting. Make sure it is straight and even. Sew the tie shut onto the apron. You will be sewing both the back and the front of the tie and the apron inside at the same time so make sure that you are "catching" the tie on the back while you are sewing on the front. Sew app. ¼" from the edge for this seam. Extend the sew line all the way across the open portion, closing the inches that you left open on each side of the apron. Sew all the way around the tie, around the 45° ends and back around the other side.



Step 5: Once you have topstitched the entire tie all the way around, return to the front of the apron and sew down the tie to the front of the apron with a ⅛" topstitch all the way across the top. This is so that the edge of the tie does not "flap open" but lies completely flat along the body of the apron. The top of your apron will now have 2 stitch lines and the tie will just have the one ¼" topstitch line all the way around. Press well and enjoy!

OTHER IDEAS FOR THE ALOHA GIRL PANEL

This wonderful vintage panel lends itself to so many different projects that are super quick and easy to make. We have made made pillows [using 18" pillow forms, a simple envelope enclosure on the back and a basic flange sewn around the panel to accommodate the size of the panel/pillow], bandanas/scarves [simply cut out the panel, turn the edges under ¼" twice all the way around and tie it around the neck or on the head for a little girl], and table napkins [same idea as the bandana, merely finished off with a napkin ring]. Stop by our booth [if you are at Market] and later on our blog for ideas and photos on how to use this fun panel in more creative ways.



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