

Vintage Style Teatowel Aprons

Two aprons from one Tea Towel



Materials Apron A

- * One Teatowel for both aprons. The featured apron used a *Moda Swell* teatowel.
- * Frill: 15cm
- * Sides: 15cm
- * Waistband and sash: 30cm

Cutting Out

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Sewing

1. Cut off any hemmed edges of the tea towel.
2. Cut two strips for the sides, the length of the tea towel. Sew to the sides and zig zag the raw edges. Press the seam towards the tea towel. With matching thread, topstitch on the front of the tea towel through the seam allowance close to the seam.
3. Double fold a narrow hem along one long side of the frill and stitch with a narrow zig zag. Gather the frill and adjust the gathers to fit the bottom of the apron.
4. Sew the frill to the bottom edge with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. With a narrow zig zag finish the raw edges to neaten. Hem the sides of the apron (including the frill) with a narrow hem. Gather slightly, or make a few pleats in the top of the tea towel. The amount of gather or number of pleats will depend on the size of your tea towel. As a guide, the tea towel on the sample apron measures approx. 13" when gathered.
5. Measure the top of the apron including the side panels. *Cut one of the 5" strips this measurement plus 1". Press to the wrong side a narrow hem on both short sides of the waistband. Press under both long edges of the waistband approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Fold in half lengthwise and press.
6. Open the waistband out. Pin one raw edge of the waistband to the raw edge of the top of the apron. Stitch in the crease of the band.



Cutting out



Step 2 & 3



Step 4

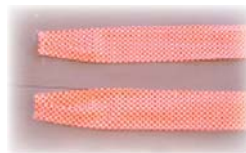


Step 5 & 6

7. Fold the waistband in half and enclose the raw edges inside. Topstitch in place.
8. Sew the leftover strip from the waistband to the remaining waistband strip then cut the sewn strip in half to create two straps. Press under a narrow hem on one short end of each strap. Press under a narrow hem on the two long sides. Fold the strap in half lengthwise matching folded edges and topstitch along both long sides and the folded end. Make a small pleat in the unfinished end of the strap.
9. Insert the strap into the waistband and topstitch the opening closed along the sides of the waistband.



Step 7



Step 8



Step 9



Apron B

Cutting Out

- * Frill: Cut 2 x 5" strips.
- * Waistband and straps: Cut 2 x 5" strips

Sewing

1. Cut off any hemmed edges of the tea towel and round the bottom corners slightly.
2. Sew the two strips together for the frill along the short edge. Double fold a narrow hem along one long side of the frill and stitch with a narrow zig zag. Sew a row of gathering stitches along the other long edge of the frill. Tip. Sew a row of gathering to the seam of the two strips, finish off and then continue sewing to the end of the second strip that way when you pull the threads to gather you will be able to do it in two lots. Measure both sides and the bottom of your tea towel. Adjust the gathers to fit this measurement.
3. Sew the frill to the tea towel right sides together with a ¼" seam allowance. With a narrow zig zag finish the raw edges to neaten.
4. Gather slightly or make a few pleats in the top of the tea towel. The amount of gather or number of pleats will depend on the size of your tea towel. The tea towel on the sample apron measures approx 15" when gathered.
5. Measure the top of the apron including the frill.
6. To make the waistband and sash continue as for Apron A beginning at * in step 5.



Cutting Out



Step 2



Step 3