

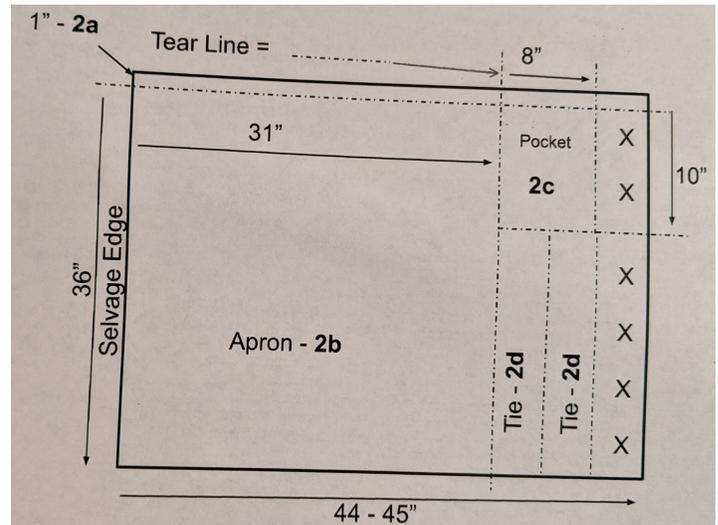
## Reversible Apron

### Supplies Needed:

- A total of 2 yards of 45 inch wide cotton or cotton blend fabric
  - 1 yard for front; 1 yard to coordinate for back side
- Thread to match

### Directions:

1. Wash and dry your fabric before bringing to class
2. Straighten fabric by tearing -- **\*\*to be done with both 1 yard pieces of fabric\*\***
  - a. Clip the fabric on the selvage edge, 1 inch from raw edge and tear across to the 2nd selvage; discard the piece torn off.
  - b. Now, tear the **apron** piece -- measure 31 inches from the selvage edge and clip the edge you just tore and tear the fabric to make a 31" X 35" (approximate) piece of fabric and set aside
  - c. Next, tear the **pocket**: using the extra fabric, measure 10 inches from the torn edge, clip the selvage and tear. Then, measure 8 inches from the torn edge and tear off the selvage making a pocket 8" X 10", set aside
  - d. Lastly, tear the left over strip from pocket into 2 - 4 ½ inch strips to be used for the apron ties, measuring from the raw edge (opposite the selvage), set aside
3. **Apron:** Fold the **apron** piece of fabric in half, making sure to have the edges even; lay the apron pattern on the fabric with the arrows pointing to the fold (**If your fabric has a design that has an up and down, make sure you carefully place it so the top of the design is at the top-narrow part-of the apron;** Pin the pattern in place with pins a hand's width apart, perpendicular to the edge of the pattern and through the fabric. Make sure the end of the pin does not go over the edge of the pattern getting in the way when cutting.
4. Carefully cut around the edge of the pattern. **Do the same with the second fabric.** Now you have two pieces of apron cut
5. Using the tracing wheel, mark all lines shown on the pattern pieces on the wrong side of the fabric
6. Fold the top of the apron (narrow edge) on the line marked to the back side and press making a line to use later
7. Lay the two apron pieces out with the right sides together, unfolding the crease made in #6 above; carefully pin them together with pins placed perpendicular to the edge



8. Following the marked lines, stitch the apron pieces together starting at the narrow edge (top) of the apron stitching the curve. (You may make ½ inch seams without marking, if you wish)
9. Continue stitching on the lines marked, making sure to stop and back stitch as indicated on the pattern piece. You will be leaving a hole for the casing for the ties. Stitch all around the apron, pivoting at the corners (backstitch!)
10. Cut a triangle off of each of the corners at the bottom of the apron (line marked on pattern), being careful not to cut the stitches
11. Turn the apron inside out through the top of the apron; push out the corners and crease the seams so that they lay flat; press with steam iron
12. Place pins through both layers to hold together as you topstitch the **straight edges** of the apron. Be careful to leave the opening for the ties (Backstitch!)
13. Refold the top of the apron on the edge pressed in #6 above, and stitch around ⅜ inch from the folded edge (you will need to remove the 'casket' on your machine to make this step easier)
14. Press the top of the apron between marks and stitch close to the edge leaving 1 ½ in on each end for casing for ties (backstitch)
15. Finally, topstitch the **curved edge** of the apron, making the 1 ½ inch casing for the tie
16. Press your apron before placing pockets

#### **17. Pockets:**

- a. Lay out the two 8 X 10 pocket pieces with right sides together and put the pocket pattern in place and hold with pins as you did with the apron pattern
- b. Mark the lines as done with the apron pattern on each pocket piece. Remove the pattern and separate the two pockets. Fold on the line as indicated on pattern piece placing right sides together; stitch around pocket on the lines marked (or with ½ inch seam) and pivot at bottom corners
- c. Turn pocket top right side out; press, turning the ½ inch seam to the wrong side
- d. Mark the placement of your pocket on one side of your apron making sure the apron stays flat without wrinkles; sew the pocket in place ¼ inch from the edge of the pocket; making sure to backstitch with a triangle at the top of the pocket (I will demonstrate)
- e. Now, flip the apron to the other side and lay the second pocket on top of the stitching of the first pocket on the other side; stitch in place as with the first pocket (pockets will be exactly opposite on each side of your apron.) Press with steam iron

#### **18. Tie:**

- a. Stitch the 4 strips together with right sides together using ½ inch seam; **press seams open** making a long tie
- b. Fold the long tie in half lengthwise and sew a ½ inch seam the length of the tie
- c. Using metal hanger, turn right side out and press
- d. Insert into casing in apron; make a knot at the end of each tie
- e. Enjoy using your new apron!