

“Spring into Gardening” Apron & Gloves

Just because you're in the dirt doesn't mean you can't look cute! This easy-to-make apron will hold all of your gardening tools. Add some trim to gloves for a matching set!

Skill Level: Beginner

Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing Machine
1 yard cuts of a variety of cotton fabrics
One pair of garden gloves
Bias tape maker
Sharp scissors
Open toe foot
All purpose thread to match fabrics
Embroidery thread
All purpose sewing thread

Instructions:

Tool Apron

1. Cut: one panel 20" x 12", one pocket panel 32" x 7.5", waistband/ties 52" x 4" and several strips to make bias trim. Mix and match the fabrics randomly!
2. Piece and stitch the strips for the bias trim together. Using a bias tape maker, make a continuous bias strip. Press.
3. Sew a strip of bias to the top edge (32" length) of the pocket, right side of bias trim to wrong side of pocket edge.
4. Press the bias to the right side of the pocket. With a contrasting embroidery thread, stitch the bias to the pocket panel with a decorative stitch.
5. Divide the pocket into three equal sections. At each division make a pleat that has a 2" depth. At the end of the pocket panel fold in half a pleat that measures 1" deep and allows for a 1/2" seam extension.
6. Pin the pocket onto the apron panel, matching the bottom and side edges. Pull the pocket pleats open and sew down the center of each pleat to attach it to the apron panel.
7. Stitch the pleat folds near the edges on each side of all the pleats. Refold the pleats, baste the pocket panel sides and bottom to the apron panel.
8. Sew bias trim to the sides of the apron, right side of bias trim to wrong side of



apron. Press to the front of the apron, stitch bias to the apron with decorative stitch and embroidery thread.

9. Sew bias trim to the bottom of the apron panel, right side of bias trim to wrong side of apron. Fold bias to the front of the apron, stitch bias to the apron with decorative stitch and embroidery thread.
10. For the waistband and ties of the apron, stitch enough strips of 4" wide fabric together to form a 52" or longer strip. Find the middle point along the length of the waistband/tie. Match the middle point of the waistband/tie to the middle point of the apron top. Pin and stitch the waistband/tie to the apron.
11. Fold each tie end over, wrong sides together. Sew the tie lengths together, stopping at each side of the waistband.
12. Turn the ties right side out and press. The waistband section will naturally fold to the backside of the apron, fold the raw edge under and pin. Stitch the edge of the waistband to the apron.

Garden Gloves:

1. Cut two pieces of fabric 4" x 13". Stitch the 4" edges of the first strip together, repeat for the second strip. Press the seam open. Fold each of the lengths of the fabric in half, matching the raw edges, press.
2. Sew a basting stitch near the raw edges of each length of fabric. Gently pull the gathering stitches. Pulling in just enough gathers to allow the fabric to fit around the top edge of the glove. Pin and stitch the gathered fabric to the glove. Press the ruffle up over the top of the glove.

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