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# KWIK APRON – for Kwilting, Kooking & Kleening

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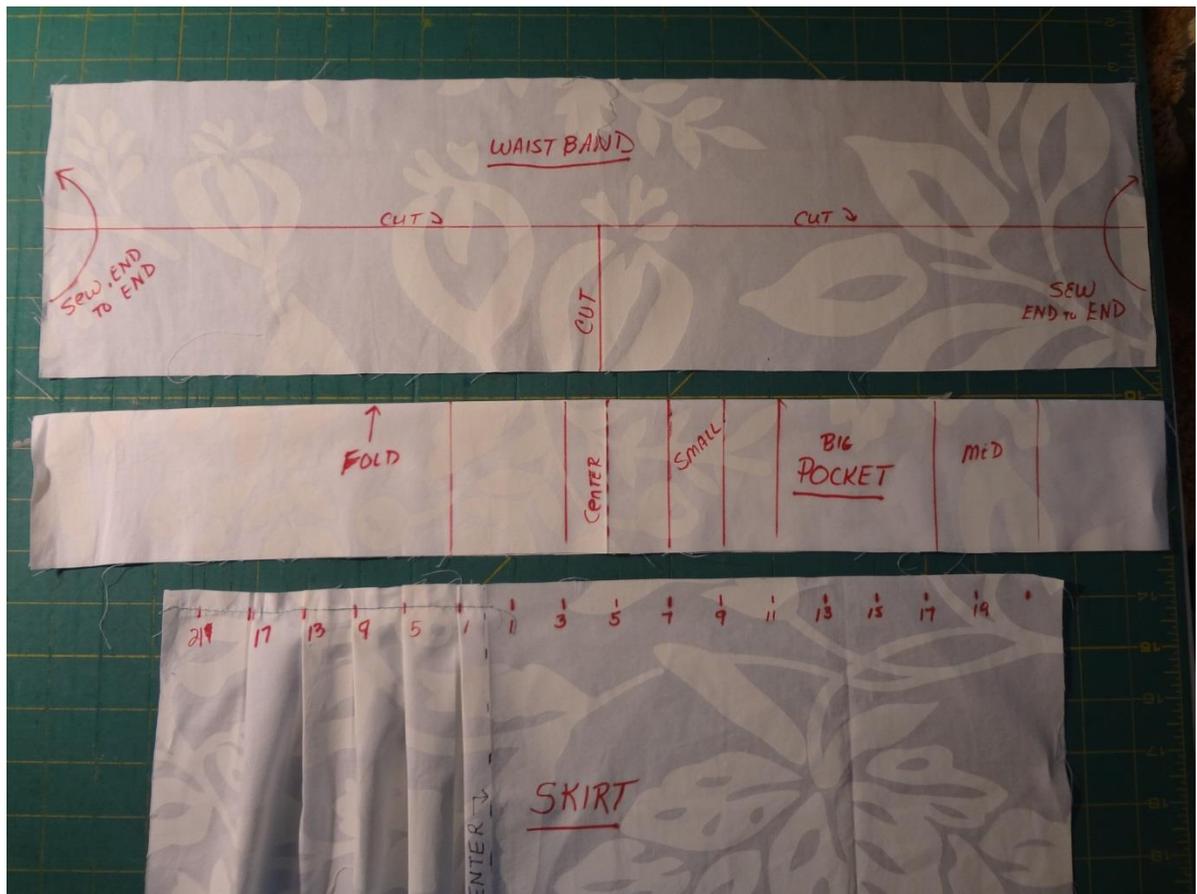
This apron is super quick and easy to make and has a finished look that belies its simplicity. Adorned with as many pockets in as many sizes as you need, it is exceptionally useful and versatile. Make the apron as long as you want it. I make mine to the end of my fingertips. I hope you will enjoy making and using it!!

1. Measure the distance between your natural waistline and your fingertips, when your arms hang freely. I am short (5'2") and my measurement is 12". I have found that most women's drop run between 14"-16". I will call this distance "L" throughout the following instructions.
2. The instructions will indicate whether to use a ¼" or ½" seam allowance.
3. Fabric selection and cutting: See Photo Below
  - a. Select 3 coordinating pieces of fabrics for (1) skirt (2) pockets and (3) waistband.
  - b. Skirt - Fabric (1) cut WOF "L" inches.
  - c. Pockets - Fabric (2) cut WOF "L" inches.
  - d. Waistband - Fabric (3) cut WOF 16 inches.
4. Preparation of the Waistband (3)
  - a. Cut the 16" fabric lengthwise into two 8" x WOF pieces.
  - b. Cut ONE piece in half widthwise, forming two 8" x 20+" pieces.
  - c. Sew one 20+" long piece to each end of the WOF pieces, forming long waistband/tie.
  - d. Fold in half lengthwise, right sides together. Press.
  - e. Mark center of waistband.
5. Preparation of the Pockets (2)
  - a. Fold the piece of fabric lengthwise, right sides together. Press.
  - b. Draw lines on the right side, marking where you want the pockets to be sewn. Think about what size spaces you want. For example, narrow ones for pens, pencils. Medium ones for scissors, etc. Larger ones for paper, dust cloths, etc.
6. Preparation of the Skirt (3)
  - a. Find the center of the piece of skirt fabric and mark 1", 3" and every 2" thereafter, in both directions. Make the marks in the seam allowance, so they will not show.
  - b. Fold each side under ½" once, then again. Press.
  - c. To make pleats, start at the right hand 1" mark, fold fabric and align the fold with the 3" mark – Pin in place. Fold fabric at the 5" mark and align the fold with the next mark (7") – Pin in place. Continue to the end of the fabric. Repeat starting with the left hand 1" mark. Make sure that each pleat is perpendicular to the top edge of the fabric.
  - d. Sew pleats in place with basting stitch just OUTSIDE the seam allowance (5/8"). (Note, you will remove the basting later). Remove all pins.
7. Sewing the Waistband
  - a. Spread out the waistband, unfolded, RIGHT side up, with the center mark at the top. Place the skirt section on top, RIGHT side up, aligning centers. Baste just inside the seam line along the top.
  - b. Take a piece of seam binding, selvedge or ribbon the length of the waistband. Safety pin it to one end of the waistband and lay the ribbon along the full length of the waistband on top of the skirt. You will use this to pull the waistband right side out.**
  - c. Roll/fold the skirt tightly up close to the seam line. Bring the bottom of the waistband up to the top, right sides together. Carefully pin on the seam line (parallel to the top) both edges of the waistband

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together, careful to not catch the skirt in the seam. (This is the same method used to make pillowcases). Make sure you have not left in any pins from Step A.

- d. Sew the waistband, from one end to the other using  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Pull the ribbon from the unpinned end and work the skirt/waistband right sides out. Remove basting.
  - e. Turn the raw edges of the ends to the inside. Top stitch or hand stitch closed.
8. Sewing Pocket Section to Skirt, Forming Hem
- a. Spread out the skirt as much as you can; WRONG side up, with raw edge at the top.
  - b. Place the folded pocket section on the skirt, RIGHT side down, raw edges on top, aligned with the raw edge of the skirt. [Note that the right side of pocket (with markings) is against the wrong side of skirt].
  - c. Sew raw edges together using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press seam toward pocket section, turn pocket to right side of skirt. Make sure that skirt fabric does not peak out under the pocket when looking from the front.
  - d. Pin pocket section flat onto skirt, avoiding markings that indicate where you will sew the pockets.
9. Sewing Pockets and Side Edges
- a. Turn under the side edges  $\frac{1}{2}$ " two times, forming a nice finished edge. Press
  - b. Start top stitching from the waistband down one side, turn at the bottom, sew across the bottom and turn at the first pocket marking. Sew up to the edge of the pocket, turn and sew back down to the bottom. Repeat until you reach the other side, and continue sewing up to the waistband.
  - c. You will be sewing through several layers of fabric on the sides and at the corners. Lengthen your stitch, sew  $\frac{3}{8}$ " from edge and go slowly.



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