

A child's Apron

a step-by-step how-to instructional set

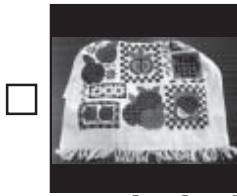


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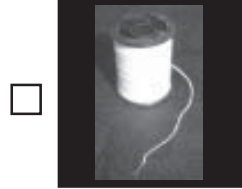


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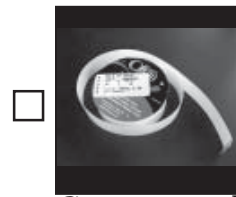
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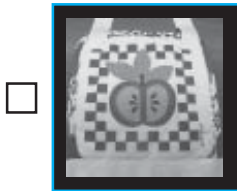
A quality kitchen towel



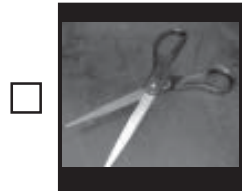
Thread to match the ribbon



Grosgrain ribbon that is 1 inch (1") wide and 2 yards long



A matching potholder



Scissors

materials not pictured

Sewing machine

Needle

Iron

glossary

Backstitching

After sewing with the machine, adjust the machine so that it stitches in reverse. Sew over the same section of material with the machine in reverse.

Baste stitch

Hand stitching using a running stitch, needle, and thread. This is used to hold the material in place so the sewing machine can be used.

Butt

Placing two pieces of material end to end.

Crosswise grain

Yarns run across fabric, from one selvage to another.

Press

An up-and-down motion of the iron--rather than sliding it across the fabric--used to steam the fabric.

Raw edge

The cut edge of the fabric.

Right side

The printed side of the fabric that you want to show on the finished product.

Selvages

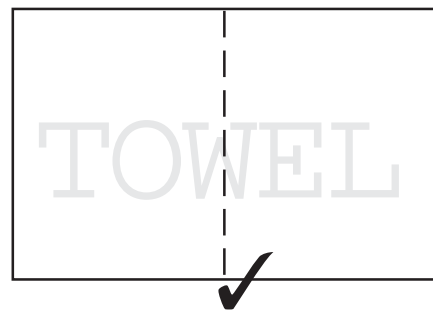
Tightly woven finished edges of the fabric that do not ravel.

Wrong side

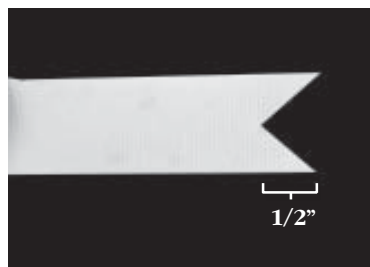
The side of the fabric that you don't want to be shown on the outside of the final project. (Opposite of the *right side*)

directions Steps 1-5

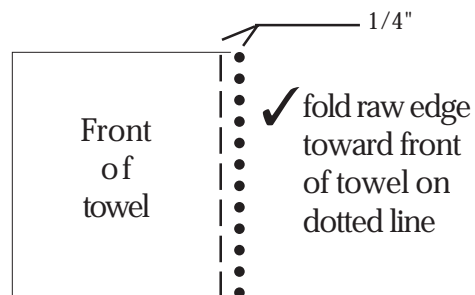
- 1 Pre-wash the towel, potholder, and ribbon. Make sure to wash and dry each fabric according to its care instructions. (This step is known as preshrinking)
- 2 **Press** each material.
- 3 Cut the towel in half widthwise, make sure to leave the **selvages** to form the sides of the apron; also leave the fringe at the hem.



- 4 Cut the ribbon to 41 inches and make a 1/2-inch V cut in both ends of the ribbon.



- 5 Turn over a 1/4 inch of the **raw edge** of the towel toward the **right side** and **press**.

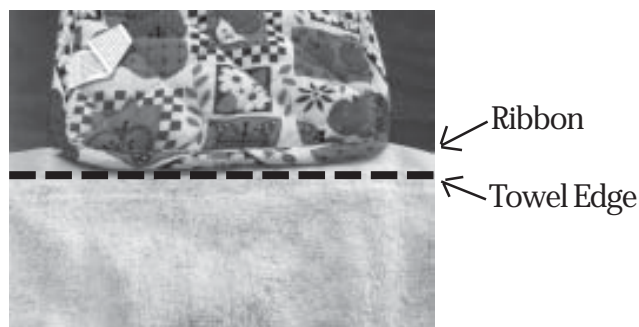


directions Steps 6-14

- 6 Place ribbon on table, **right side** down. Center the **wrong side** of the towel on the **wrong side** of the ribbon. Make sure that the length of the ribbon sticking out from the towel is equal on both sides of the towel. Align the towel halfway up the ribbon's width.



- 7 Pin the towel to the ribbon and **baste**. Remove the pins as you **baste** along the towel.
- 8 Lay down the potholder **wrong side** up. Make sure the image on the **right side** is positioned to look the way you want it to.
- 9 **Butt** the ends of the potholder and the towel together.



- 10 Pin the potholder to the ribbon and **baste** in place. Remove the pins as you go.
- 11 On the **right** side, machine stitch the ribbon on the top of the potholder.
- 12 Go from one end to the other and make sure to secure each end by **backstitching**.
- 13 Tie a knot in thread to secure the stitch. Clip any excess threads.
- 14 Take the remainder of the grosgrain ribbon and lay it out on the table.

directions Steps 15-24

15 Turn one of the ends under $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and **press**.

16 Pin the pressed end of the ribbon to the **right** side of the potholder. It should be approximately 1 inch from the top and along the binding on the side.



17 Make sure the $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch press is behind the rest of the ribbon.

18 **Baste stitch** the potholder and ribbon together.

19 Place the apron on a child for measurement.

20 Run the ribbon around the back of the child's neck to the front of the potholder again. Measure an extra $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and cut the ribbon so that the child can safely remove the apron from around his/her head.

21 Repeat step 15 on the other side of the potholder. Pin the ribbon directly across from where the other ribbon is stitched on. **Baste stitch** in place.

22 Machine stitch both ribbon ends to the **right** side of the potholder.



23 Secure by **backstitching**. Tie a knot in the end of the thread. Clip any loose ends.

24 Carefully remove all **basting** threads with a seam ripper. **Press** the apron.

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