Simple directions on

How to Make a Pioneer Apron

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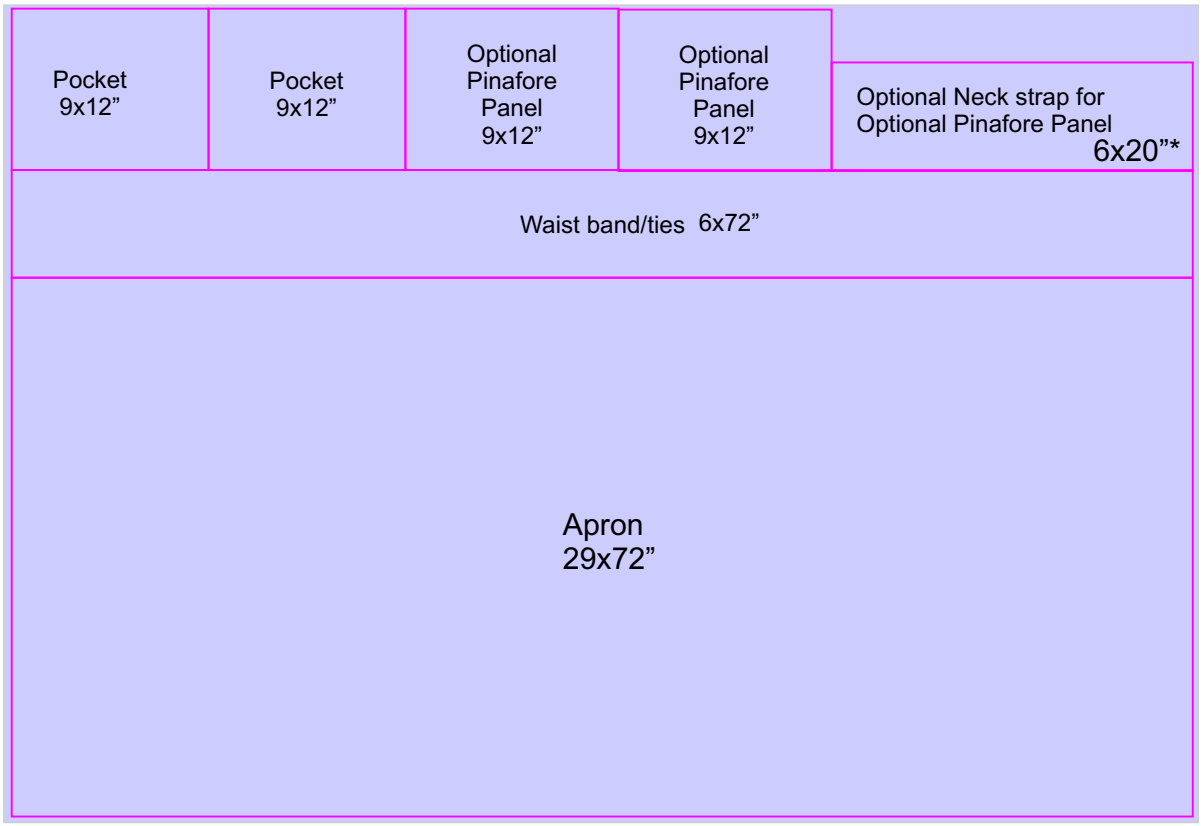
You will need 2 yards of solid white or earth-toned fabric. Cut or rip according to the dimensions in the illustration (optional pinafore panel is included in this pattern but not required for your apron).



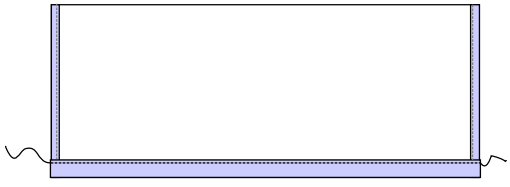
*adjust length according to desired fit

It is easiest to rip the long pieces first, then, the smaller pieces.

Apron

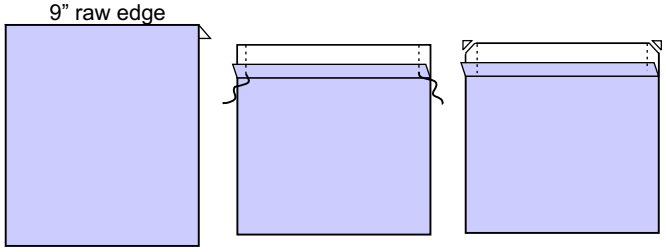
1. Hem the short sides of the apron piece turning under ½” twice

2. Hem one of the long edges of the apron piece turning under ½” then 1 ½.” Press.

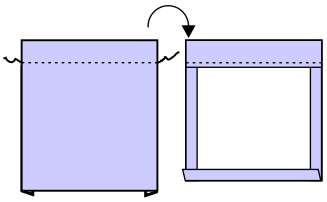


Pocket(s)

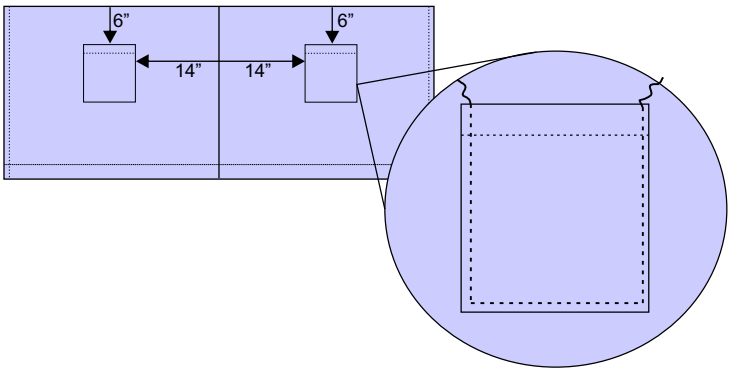
3. Turn top (short edge) of pockets under 1/4.” Fold this edge over (right sides together) 1” and pin. Stitch each side of folded area. Clip corners.



4. Turn right side out and top stitch to secure Pocket upper hem. Press lower and side edges of Pocket(s) under 5/8."



5. To place the pockets on the Apron, fold Apron piece in half lengthwise. Place inner edge of Pocket 14" from center line and upper edge of Pocket 6" from Apron top edge (long edge). Stitch around sides and bottom of Pocket(s) being sure to backstitch at the beginning and end.



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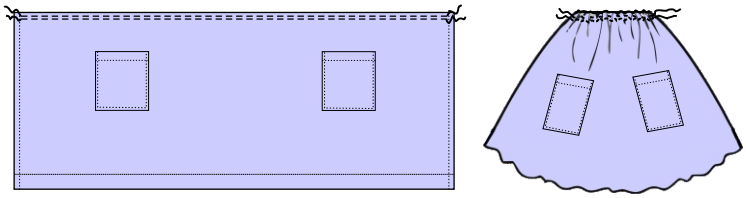
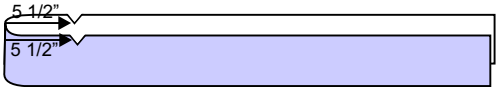
6. Sew two rows of gathering stitches in other long side of apron piece. Gather to measure approx. 11." Set aside.



Waistband/Ties

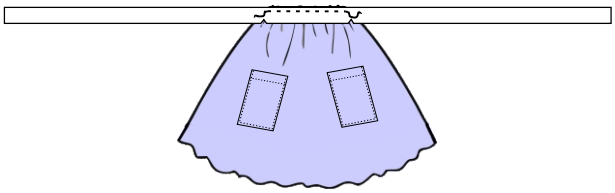
7. Fold length in half and place pin in fold to mark middle. Measure 5 ½" out from center mark on both sides *(this is the area to which you will sew both edges of your gathered apron-it can be adjusted according to you desired coverage width)*. Mark and clip ½" into seam allowance.



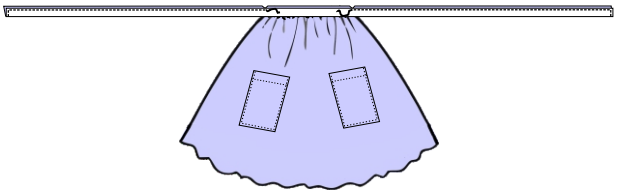
[If attaching Optional Pinafore Bib, continue at this point to instruction A, page 3.]

Apron and Waistband/Ties

8. Right sides together stitch gathered edge of Apron to waistband (adjusting to width) between the marks/clips.

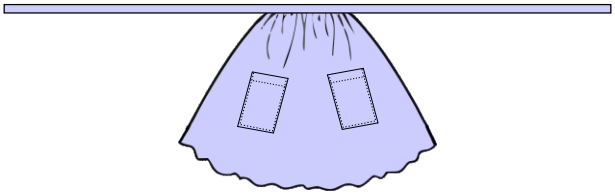


9. Turn right sides together of waistband/ties. Stitch tie ends, across waist band, leaving a 10" opening in the middle.



10. Turn ties right side out. Press.

11. Stay stitch waistband opening.



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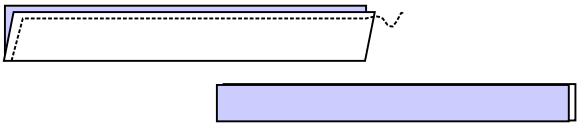
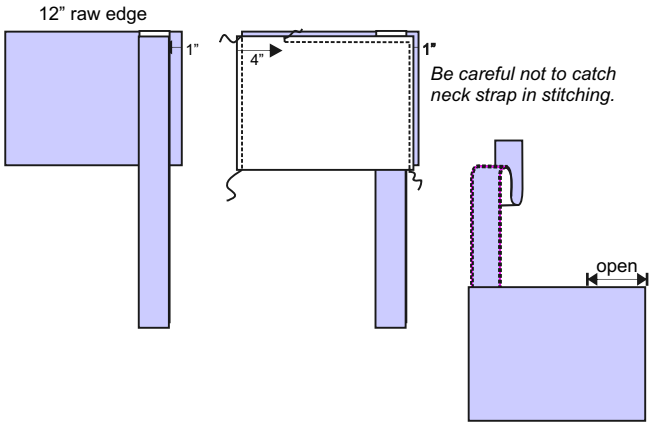


Neck Strap

A. Fold Neck Strap in half lengthwise. Stitch along long edge. Turn right side out. Press.

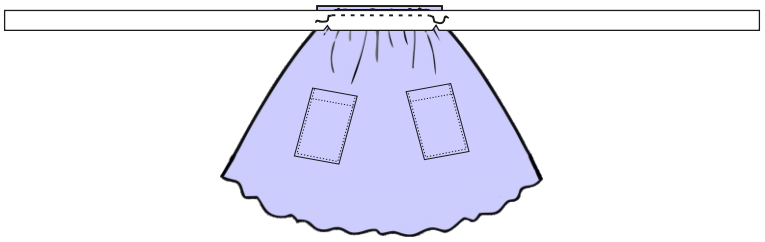
Neck Strap and Bib



B. Pin one end of neck strap with outside edge 1” in on the long side of Bib piece. Pin other Bib piece (right sides together) over strap and first Bib piece. With a pin, mark the side opposite 4” in from outer edge (*you will leave this area open/unstitched at this point). S*ew along both short and upper edge of the Bib being sure to leave the top edge opposite the strap open.

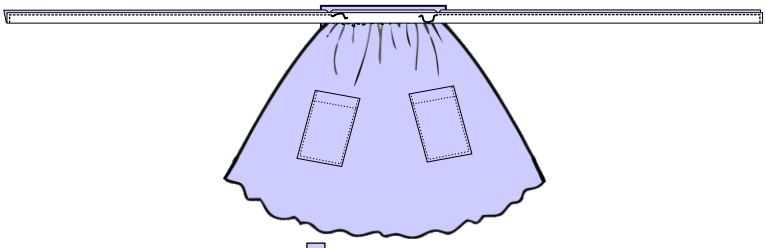
C. Clip corners and turn right side out. Press.

Bib, Apron and Waistband/Ties



D. Matching up raw edges, pin these layers together in this order: Bib (right side down),gathered Apron (right side up), Waistband/Ties (right side down)--adjust the gathering to fit.

E. Stitch Bib, gathered edge of Apron and Waistband between the marks/clips.



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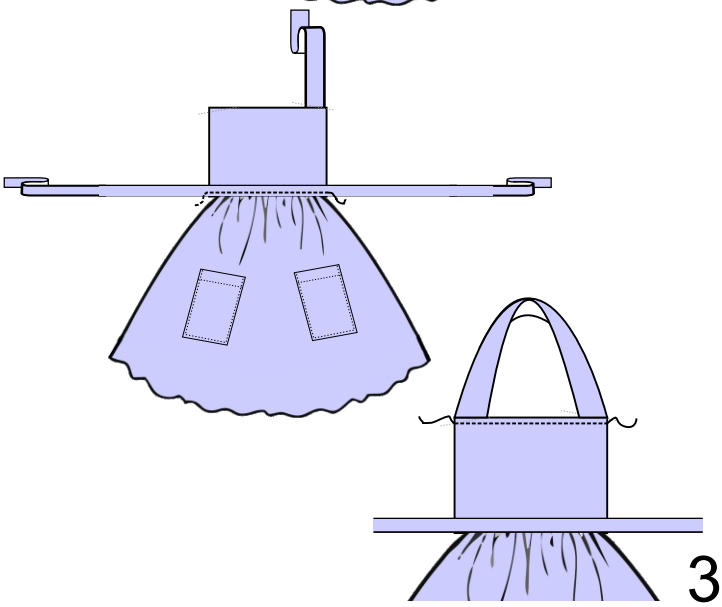

H. Stay stitch waistband opening with Bib hanging down OR top stitch waistband with Bib up.

Neck Strap and Bib

I. Try on Apron for fit. Measure desired length of Neck Strap. Insert Neck Strap in Bib opening at desired length and top stitch.