

one are the days when aprons were only for our grandmothers. Now they are just as stylish and fun as any fashion accessory. Make one that's reversible to get two styles in one—use a sophisticated fabric on one side to wear for your Friday night dinner party and a whimsical fabric on the opposite side to show off when baking muffins Saturday morning. To create this delicious two-sided apron, enlarge the pattern pieces on page 95. Cut two coordinating fabrics as directed on the pattern, and be sure to transfer all marks. Soon you'll be cooking up a double-duty stylish apron!

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Create and attach the pockets and waistband

Whether it houses a recipe and stirring spoon or it's simply decorative, the pocket stands out in the reverse side's fabric. Finish the contrasting look with a decorative waistband.



CREATE THE POCKETS. With right sides together, sew around the pockets' edges, leaving a 3-inch to 4-inch opening at the lower edge. Clip the corners.



2 FINISH THE POCKET. Turn the pocket right side out, being sure the corners are sharp. Slipstitch the opening closed. {continued}



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B EDGESTITCH THE POCKET. Stitching close to the edge, attach the pockets where indicated one pocket on each side of the apron. Pivoting at each corner with the needle down, sew down one side, across the bottom, and up the other side. If desired, reinforce the top corners with a stitched triangle.



4 ATTACH A CONTRASTING DECORATIVE WAISTBAND TO BOTH APRON SIDES. Press under the ½-inch seam allowance along the waistband's long edges. Topstitch the waistband to the right side of each apron layer where indicated.

Make the ties, and finish the apron

Add neck and waist ties in the contrasting fabric. Sew the front and reverse sides together to finish your apron.



SEW THE NECK AND WAIST TIES. Fold each tie lengthwise, right sides together. Sew across one short end, pivot, and sew the open long side. Clip the corners. Using a loop turner, turn the ties right side out. Topstitch all edges except the open end.



2 ATTACH THE TIES TO THE APRON. Pin and baste the neck and waist ties to one apron side's right side where indicated.



3 JOIN THE APRON'S TWO SIDES. Place the apron layers right sides together, sandwiching the ties between them. When pinning, be sure the waistband edges align on both layers. Sew around the apron edges, leaving a 6-inch opening at the lower edge. Clip all corners.

4FINISH THE APRON. Turn the apron right side out. Slipstitch the opening closed, press, and topstitch around the edges.

REVERSIBLE APRON P. 40

Enlarge the pattern 1,000 percent. All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and are included. Cut the fabric and contrasting fabric pieces as indicated.

