

## Retro Handyman's Apron



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Use your favorite retro fabrics to make this useful handyman's apron. All the tools you need for your next project will be within your reach when you place them in the pockets!

**Skill Level:** Beginner 

**Time to Complete:** 3 1/2 hours

### Tools Needed:

- [45mm Quick-Change Rotary Cutter \(RTY-2/NS\)](#)
- [6" x 24" Non-Slip, Frosted Advantage™ Acrylic Ruler: "The Essential" \(QR 6 x 24\)](#)

### Materials Needed:

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- 3/8 yard fabric for front and back
- 1/4 yard fabric for pockets
- 1/4 yard fabric for binding and ties
- 1/3 yard cotton batting
- 2/3 yard rick rack
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### Instructions

1. Cut 2-12x21 1/2" for the front and back of the apron. Cut a piece of cotton batting the same size. Sandwich the batting between the front and back pieces, right sides out, and pin or spray baste the layers.
2. Cut 2-8x21 1/2" for pockets. Stitch one 21 1/2" side with a 1/4" seam allowance, right sides together. Press seam open and then fold in half so that the right sides are out on both sides. Press carefully so that you have a nice, sharp edge along your seam line.
3. Stitch a length of rick rack along the top edge of the pocket. Sew down the center of the rick rack and trim the ends even with the pocket.
4. To make individual pockets, find the center of the pocket piece and draw a line with chalk or pencil from the rick rack edge to the bottom of the pocket piece. Mark a line on either side of the center, 5 1/2" beyond the center.
5. Pin the pocket on to the layered front and back, matching raw edges along the bottom and sides. Stitch on the chalk lines through all layers, making a triangle at the top where the seam meets the rick rack.
6. Cut 4-2 1/2xWOF for binding strips and ties. Sew all the strips together like you would for binding. Press in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Press each raw edge to the center.
7. Starting on one short edge, sandwich the apron between the binding so it covers the raw edges. Pin carefully so that the binding covers both sides equally. Stitch 1/8" from the folded edge between all thicknesses, mitering the corners as you get to them. A walking foot helps move the fabric easier. Bind two short sides and one long side with continuous binding.
8. Cut the binding even with the apron when the sides are completed.
9. Find the center of the remaining strip of binding and the center of the apron. Sandwich the apron between the binding like you did for the sides, matching the two center points. A length of binding will extend equally on either side of the apron.
10. Beginning at the very edge of the folded binding strip, sew the strip together, continuing on to the

apron and then finishing with the remaining binding strip. This forms the ties to the apron.

11. Try the apron on to see how long you need the ties. The apron is designed so the ties can be brought around to the front if you wish. Trim off extra length. Tie a knot 1" away from the end of each tie.