

## How to make a garden apron from scrap material

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Hi everybody.

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I'm here today with Naomi who is going

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to do a textile waste reduction workshop for us

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and she's going to show us how to make something out of um,

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fabrics that are secondhand preloved.

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And we are going to turn those, uh,

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fabrics into something pretty special that,

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so it can prolong the life of the textiles

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and be used again.

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This is Naomi. Uh, so what we are making today,

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00:00:32.375 --> 00:00:35.685

today we're going to make um, a garden apron.

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Oh, brilliant. Love that.

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00:00:37.835 --> 00:00:41.885

With pockets also, you put all your tools in your tools

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and we're going to make use it,

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00:00:44.795 --> 00:00:47.945  
you make it outta this fabric.

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That was samples. It's an oil cloth.

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00:00:50.785 --> 00:00:53.345  
I was gonna say it's got like a certain finish to it. Yeah.

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00:00:53.345 --> 00:00:55.545  
So, so it's good for the garden. Yeah.

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00:00:55.685 --> 00:00:58.665  
So you know, it sheds all your muck. Right.

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But it was um, a sample sheets.

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So we've taken off the label on the back.

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So it says that it's a sample. Yeah, yeah. Okay. Brilliant.

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Okay, so what we got to cut out first, first of all, we need

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to cut out the, the backing piece of the material.

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00:01:18.725 --> 00:01:20.575  
Yeah. So is there anything inside this?

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00:01:20.835 --> 00:01:22.255  
No, there's nothing inside, right?

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00:01:22.405 --> 00:01:25.415  
It's just plain simple material. Yeah.

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00:01:25.565 --> 00:01:29.095  
Just one depth and we need it to be 22

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inches in width.

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Yeah. And 12 and a half inches in depth. Okay.

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Right. Okay. So we're gonna cut that first piece.

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Right. So the tools I am using to cut the fabric are

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a creative grid at 12 and a half inch square

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00:01:48.965 --> 00:01:50.385

and my rotary cutter

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and my cutting mat, I folded the fabric in half.

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So I'm only gonna cut uh, it to be 11 inches,

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which when you double open it up it's 22 and a half inches.

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00:02:04.905 --> 00:02:06.225

Yeah, got you. But we need the depth

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which is 12 and a half inches.

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And I'm going to fussy cut it

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so I get this fabric's got a nice um,

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carnation fabric color in it.

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Ah, that's what you mean by fussy cut.

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00:02:16.085 --> 00:02:17.425

You are picking the pattern

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that's gonna appear on your apron.

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00:02:19.015 --> 00:02:21.105

Yeah. So I'm gonna make it really good. Yeah.

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00:02:21.285 --> 00:02:23.545

And then I'm just going to use my rotary cutter

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00:02:23.965 --> 00:02:25.425

and I'm going to cut straight across

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00:02:27.045 --> 00:02:29.385

and from this side I'm just going

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to cut straight across at the top

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00:02:33.885 --> 00:02:36.425

and then I'm going to cut.

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00:02:38.655 --> 00:02:41.795

That's your depth. So your, my depth 12 and a half inches.

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00:02:42.055 --> 00:02:42.915

So now I have

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00:02:42.935 --> 00:02:47.115

got that one.

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00:02:47.225 --> 00:02:48.355

Yeah. Brilliant.

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00:02:48.535 --> 00:02:50.395

And it's all nice with a nice big pattern on it.

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00:02:50.395 --> 00:02:54.915

And that is 22 and a half, 22 inches wide and 12

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and a half inches deep.

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Great. So

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what I'm gonna do now is I'm going to cut the pocket.

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00:03:01.275 --> 00:03:05.305

Yeah. Right. And the pocket has to be 20 inches

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00:03:06.845 --> 00:03:09.695

wide and six and a half inches deep.

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Right. Okay. So I am then going to get my creative grid

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and because I've got the fabric folded in half

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like that, all I need

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to do is measure 10 inches

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from the fold instead

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of the 20 instead of the, for the full length.

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Yeah, the 20 for the full length.

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So I'm gonna use my creative grid

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00:03:35.385 --> 00:03:39.495

and I'm going to put the center fold on the 10,

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00:03:40.475 --> 00:03:44.065

which I can do, I'm doing backwards like

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00:03:44.065 --> 00:03:45.825  
that so it could be there.

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00:03:45.925 --> 00:03:47.945  
Ah, I see. And then you make the cut there.

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00:03:47.945 --> 00:03:49.345  
So, and then you make the cut on that side.

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00:03:49.345 --> 00:03:51.585  
So it's 10 there, open it out, you've got the 20. Yeah.

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00:03:51.585 --> 00:03:53.105  
Yeah. So I'm gonna do that,

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making sure it got me fabric nicely folded in half.

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00:03:57.655 --> 00:04:01.185  
Okie dokie. So the next bit that I'm going to do is

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00:04:01.185 --> 00:04:04.705  
to do the seams on the main piece of fabric.

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Okay. So this is the one that is 22 inches long, uh,

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on the width and on the depth 12 and a half inches.

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And I want these flowers to be this way up. Yeah. Okay.

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So I'm just gonna do fold quarter inch seam on the side

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00:04:24.385 --> 00:04:27.445  
and then double stitch it on the same machine,

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00:04:28.425 --> 00:04:32.015  
do the same along the bottom, double stitch it

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and then do it on the third side.

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Quarter inch seam, double stitch it.

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I leave the top with my flowers coming up

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00:04:42.755 --> 00:04:43.925

with no sea on it.

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00:04:44.375 --> 00:04:46.325

Right. Yeah. Okay. Okay.

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00:04:47.675 --> 00:04:50.655

So now I'm gonna sew my quarter inch seam.

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00:04:56.675 --> 00:04:59.265

So I've done one seam, right.

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00:04:59.645 --> 00:05:01.865

And now I'm going to do another seam

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00:05:01.865 --> 00:05:03.785

because it's gonna be hard wearing,

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00:05:04.245 --> 00:05:06.505

so I'm just gonna do another seam on that.

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00:05:06.855 --> 00:05:09.545

Okay. Right. Is that on the same fold? On the same fold?

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00:05:09.735 --> 00:05:11.585

Just do but two lines of stitching, two lines

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of stitching just to reinforce it

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because it's gonna be outside

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00:05:16.725 --> 00:05:18.865

and you can be messing about with things.

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101  
00:05:19.095 --> 00:05:20.105  
Yeah. Okay.

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00:05:22.365 --> 00:05:25.905  
So it's a single quarter, quarter inch portage scene. Yeah.

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00:05:25.965 --> 00:05:29.145  
Single um, first one row stitching

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00:05:29.445 --> 00:05:33.905  
and then a second row just to reinforce it so

105  
00:05:33.945 --> 00:05:35.785  
that nothing's going to go west.

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00:05:36.555 --> 00:05:37.905  
Right. And cause problems,

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00:05:42.055 --> 00:05:43.225  
just add it up a bit.

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00:05:49.925 --> 00:05:50.785  
Oh, I see.

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00:05:59.955 --> 00:06:00.885  
Okay. Alright, let's

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00:06:00.885 --> 00:06:02.405  
Have a look at that. Two rows of,

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00:06:02.535 --> 00:06:04.565  
We've got two rows of stitching. Oh

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00:06:04.565 --> 00:06:06.005  
Yeah, You can see it on your back.

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00:06:06.005 --> 00:06:09.365  
Yeah. Okay, so then we repeat that with the bottom

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00:06:09.435 --> 00:06:10.845  
Side from the bottom and the other side

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00:06:10.955 --> 00:06:11.955

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Side. Right. Gotcha.

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00:06:11.955 --> 00:06:12.285

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00:06:12.585 --> 00:06:15.565

So what we've gotta do now is we've got to do a

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00:06:16.085 --> 00:06:19.685

a quarter inch seam on the pockets,

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00:06:20.305 --> 00:06:22.285

but this time you go all the way round.

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00:06:22.985 --> 00:06:26.725

So starting on the side and then do the bottom.

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00:06:26.905 --> 00:06:28.085

So quarter inch seam

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00:06:29.625 --> 00:06:32.725

and you don't need to do a second stitch on this one

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00:06:33.195 --> 00:06:35.405

because your second stitch will be when you

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00:06:35.425 --> 00:06:36.525

add it to the apron.

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00:06:36.825 --> 00:06:38.365

Oh yeah, that makes sense.

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00:06:45.865 --> 00:06:48.525

So we will repeat that until we've done all four

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00:06:48.975 --> 00:06:49.975

Edges. All four edges.

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00:06:49.975 --> 00:06:53.445

Now we've got our apron backing done

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00:06:53.865 --> 00:06:55.125

and we've got our pockets.

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00:06:55.745 --> 00:06:56.885  
So on all four sides

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00:06:57.185 --> 00:07:00.045  
and we need to put our pocket onto our apron backing.

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00:07:00.545 --> 00:07:04.005  
So first of all, fold your backing in half

133  
00:07:06.185 --> 00:07:07.845  
and at the bottom

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00:07:10.745 --> 00:07:13.355  
just do a little,

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00:07:15.615 --> 00:07:17.835  
you know, mark the center like

136  
00:07:17.835 --> 00:07:18.515  
That. Yeah.

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00:07:18.745 --> 00:07:20.875  
Just with your thumb. Yeah. So you've got a nice

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00:07:21.495 --> 00:07:22.755  
Crease Crease in it.

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00:07:23.175 --> 00:07:25.755  
Do exactly the same with your pocket.

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00:07:26.895 --> 00:07:28.755  
Get a nice crease in the center

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00:07:29.815 --> 00:07:33.955  
and then measure four inches from the

142  
00:07:33.955 --> 00:07:35.705  
bottom upwards.

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00:07:36.645 --> 00:07:37.785  
And you,

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00:07:39.165 --> 00:07:42.025

so I will use my creative grid 'cause I do that.

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00:07:42.455 --> 00:07:43.785

Yeah. And then I will

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00:07:45.865 --> 00:07:48.345

place my pocket.

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00:07:49.515 --> 00:07:50.975

So your center points match,

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00:07:51.195 --> 00:07:53.415

but four inches above for the pocket.

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00:07:53.845 --> 00:07:54.975

Yeah. Got you.

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00:07:55.525 --> 00:07:59.925

Okie doke. So I am going to fold the,

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00:08:00.065 --> 00:08:03.485

my pocket in half and do a

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00:08:04.395 --> 00:08:06.375

Crease Crease to get the center.

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00:08:06.925 --> 00:08:11.855

I've already crease on my big backing.

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00:08:12.445 --> 00:08:14.175

I've got my creative grid.

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00:08:14.525 --> 00:08:17.015

It's got 1, 2, 3, 4 inches from the bottom.

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00:08:18.125 --> 00:08:21.135

There's my center and I'm just gonna pop it there.

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00:08:21.755 --> 00:08:23.375

So you're matching the backing and the pocket

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00:08:23.635 --> 00:08:25.655

Crease matching the backing and the pocket crease.

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00:08:26.155 --> 00:08:27.855

So it's evens from either side.

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00:08:28.075 --> 00:08:29.935

And what I'm just gonna do, first of all,

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00:08:30.795 --> 00:08:32.655

is just stick some pins in it

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00:08:36.745 --> 00:08:40.045

to hold it in place and then I will stitch

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00:08:40.665 --> 00:08:45.445

around 1, 2, 3 sides leaving this side open.

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00:08:45.855 --> 00:08:46.885

Right. Got you.

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00:08:47.345 --> 00:08:48.925

Now you can see I've attached it

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00:08:48.925 --> 00:08:51.725

and you've got an nice big pocket there.

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00:08:52.185 --> 00:08:54.885

Oh yeah. And if you've got a pattern on the fabric, don't

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00:08:54.925 --> 00:08:57.045

Forget to leave the hole the right way.

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00:08:57.115 --> 00:08:58.565

Yeah. Make sure your fabrics are

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00:08:58.565 --> 00:08:59.685

always facing the right way.

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00:08:59.875 --> 00:09:02.885

What I've done as well is on these edges up at the top,

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00:09:03.195 --> 00:09:04.525

I've just gone over a bit

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00:09:04.585 --> 00:09:06.725

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and it anchors the ceiling in place.

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00:09:06.725 --> 00:09:08.205

Oh yeah, that's a good idea. And now

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what I'm gonna do is I'm going to use my grid

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and my marker and I'm gonna use my fabric marker

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00:09:16.825 --> 00:09:18.965

and I'm just gonna draw a line six

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00:09:18.965 --> 00:09:20.445

and a half inches from one side,

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00:09:24.465 --> 00:09:27.675

turn it around and do six

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00:09:27.675 --> 00:09:29.715

and a half inches from the other side.

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00:09:38.855 --> 00:09:41.635

And what I'm now gonna do is I'm going to stitch

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00:09:43.625 --> 00:09:46.425

a bit down at the bottom, all the way up just down a bit.

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00:09:46.465 --> 00:09:48.305

I can't see that. So stitch it

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00:09:49.945 --> 00:09:52.715

down from there all the way up and there

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00:09:52.975 --> 00:09:54.835

and I'll do exactly the same on the other side.

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00:09:54.855 --> 00:09:58.315

And then you will end up with three pockets. Got it. Right.

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00:09:58.525 --> 00:10:03.485

Great. I've now got my fabric into my machine.

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00:10:03.985 --> 00:10:06.405  
I'm just going to go stitch a couple

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00:10:06.405 --> 00:10:08.835  
of stitches on the other side.

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00:10:09.015 --> 00:10:13.275  
Um, below. Below. Yeah. So just to anchor it. Yeah.

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00:10:14.015 --> 00:10:15.435  
All right. Drop me needle,

192  
00:10:19.535 --> 00:10:20.715  
Go straight up my line

193  
00:10:22.095 --> 00:10:24.835  
and as it's fabric pencil it'll disappear anyway.

194  
00:10:26.815 --> 00:10:29.035  
And then I go a couple of stitches over at the top

195  
00:10:34.575 --> 00:10:35.715  
and backs and forwards just

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00:10:35.715 --> 00:10:37.075  
to backs and forwards just to anchor.

197  
00:10:37.425 --> 00:10:42.385  
Yeah. So then

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00:10:42.385 --> 00:10:46.225  
you've got a nicely

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00:10:46.535 --> 00:10:48.425  
secured pocket.

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00:10:48.805 --> 00:10:51.905  
Ah, brilliant. Okay. And repeat. Right.

201  
00:10:51.905 --> 00:10:54.665  
So now what I'm going to do is attach my,

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00:10:54.895 --> 00:10:56.505

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your strap to go around your waist.

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00:10:57.005 --> 00:11:01.745

Um, I got this material, uh, this binding from hobby craft,

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00:11:02.525 --> 00:11:05.425

um, and it's um, like gross grain,

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00:11:06.385 --> 00:11:07.385

Right? Or

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00:11:07.385 --> 00:11:10.175

it's a binding like a cotton twirl. Yeah, cotton twill.

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00:11:10.245 --> 00:11:12.815

Yeah. But it was quite cheap. Yeah.

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00:11:12.815 --> 00:11:14.615

So we've got plenty for each other.

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00:11:14.965 --> 00:11:16.895

I've now folded it in half. Yeah.

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00:11:17.175 --> 00:11:18.455

'cause I need to find the center points.

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00:11:19.195 --> 00:11:23.755

I'm folding my AP print in half again just

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00:11:23.755 --> 00:11:25.235

to make sure I've got it at the right point.

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00:11:25.935 --> 00:11:28.995

And what I'm gonna do, she says she can find a center point

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00:11:28.995 --> 00:11:31.795

again, doesn't always work.

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00:11:31.795 --> 00:11:35.165

First time. There we go.

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00:11:36.945 --> 00:11:41.025

She says I'm going

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00:11:41.025 --> 00:11:44.105  
to put my center point from if material, the fabric

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00:11:44.885 --> 00:11:47.785  
and I'm just first of all going to sew,

219  
00:11:50.545 --> 00:11:52.765  
sew it on like that. Okay. So this

220  
00:11:52.765 --> 00:11:53.915  
Is onto the raw edge.

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00:11:53.975 --> 00:11:55.195  
The one side that you

222  
00:11:55.195 --> 00:11:57.235  
Didn't fold, I didn't fold over.

223  
00:11:57.345 --> 00:11:58.875  
This is onto the raw edge. Yeah.

224  
00:11:58.875 --> 00:12:00.715  
So I'm just gonna stitch do a line

225  
00:12:00.715 --> 00:12:02.235  
of stitching quarter inch seam.

226  
00:12:02.305 --> 00:12:04.755  
Yeah. Down there. Okay. Okay. Yep. Got it.

227  
00:12:05.975 --> 00:12:07.995  
So we have attached our

228  
00:12:09.065 --> 00:12:11.085  
um, apron strings.

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00:12:11.275 --> 00:12:15.885  
Effectively you're bending to the raw edge across the top.

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00:12:16.275 --> 00:12:19.365  
It's fabric facing. Yeah. Yeah.

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00:12:19.585 --> 00:12:21.325



Now what I'm gonna do, so that we don't have

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00:12:21.325 --> 00:12:24.445  
that raw edge is I'm just going to turn this over

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00:12:25.885 --> 00:12:29.775  
and do another stitch over like that.

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00:12:30.985 --> 00:12:32.645  
So you're folding it at the point

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00:12:32.765 --> 00:12:34.725  
where it joins. The two things join

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00:12:34.905 --> 00:12:37.965  
And we're gonna have, so you will not see the black

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00:12:39.205 --> 00:12:40.635  
waistbands from the front,

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00:12:41.175 --> 00:12:42.955  
so it's gonna be spelled over like that.

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00:12:43.065 --> 00:12:44.835  
Yeah. And I'm just gonna stitch that

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00:12:45.225 --> 00:12:46.315  
with one like stitching.

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00:12:46.785 --> 00:12:51.595  
Okay. And they have it your gardening apron

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00:12:51.935 --> 00:12:55.195  
or you could even have your pegs in it. Yeah. I find it

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00:12:55.195 --> 00:12:56.875  
Really useful for putting my pegs

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00:12:56.875 --> 00:12:57.995  
in when I'm hanging out the clothes.

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00:12:58.095 --> 00:13:01.435  
But you know, you could put your mobile phone in here, um,

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00:13:01.615 --> 00:13:03.915

if you around the house, you could put your dusters in it.

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00:13:04.225 --> 00:13:07.755

Yeah. So really useful. And wipeable as well is

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00:13:07.755 --> 00:13:08.755

Usable. Really good.

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Thanks for listening. Okay. Bye.