

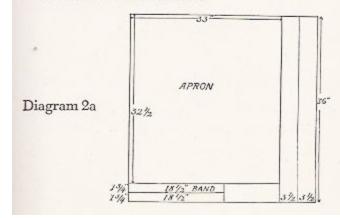
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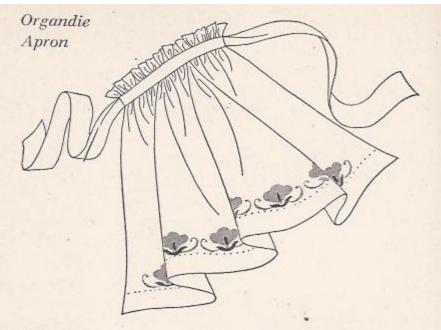
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Aprons

Aprons are a necessity in the kitchen and they may Aprons be pretty as well as practical. They should be made of fabrics which launder easily and well, such as gingham, percale or unbleached muslin. Dainty party aprons may be made of organdie or dotted swiss. Bias trim in various combinations makes an easy and attractive trimming. There are many commercial patterns for aprons. The directions on page 54 for a simple apron made without a pattern may be applied to any of the fabrics mentioned.





Material:

Organdie—1% yds. of white; scraps of light weight cotton fabric in a pretty color for appliqué.

Directions for cutting (see diagram 2a, page 53):

Skirt-1 piece, 321/2" by 33"

Ties-2 pieces, each 31/2" by 36"

Bands-2 pieces, each 134" by 1812"

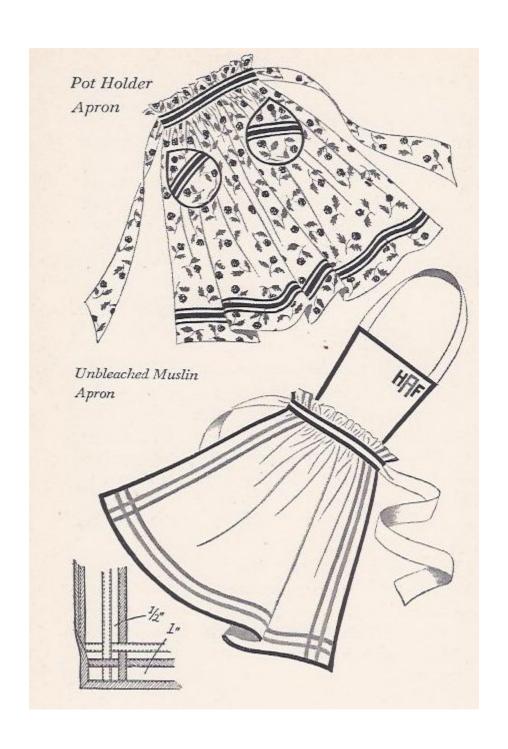
Directions for making apron: (1/2" seams allowed)

- 1. On the band pieces, turn under and press ¼" around all sides.
- 2. On the ties, make a narrow hem (see figures 27-29, page 37) along two long sides and one short side.
- 3. On the skirt, make a narrow hem along each long side.

- 4. On one short side, fold 11/4" to wrong side, baste and press.
- 5. On the same side, make two rows of gathers (through both thicknesses) (see figure 31, page 38), the first row 1" from the fold edge and the second row 1" below.
- 6. Pleat unfinished ends of ties to measure 1" and baste to skirt on the right side between the lines of gathers, lapping ends of ties ½" over side edges of skirt.
- Baste band to right side of skirt over the rows of gathers, covering the tie ends. Edge stitch all around (see figure 38, page 41).
- 8. Baste the other band piece to the wrong side of skirt over the gathers and slip stitch in place (see figure 39, page 41).
- 9. Make a 2½" hem at lower edge of apron (see figure 47, page 44). (For most adults, a 2½" hem will make the apron the correct length. Pin this amount up and try on apron, adjusting as necessary.)
- 10. Trim just above hem line with a dainty appliqué (see pages 268 and 270 for design and directions).

Potholder Apron Unbleached Muslin Apron with Bias Trim

These two aprons are pictured on page 56. They are variations of the same design that is used in the organdie apron and can be made from the same directions. The potholders button on and have an extra flap added for a pocket.



Mother and Daughter Aprons

Size 14 and Size 8 Picture and patterns, pages 58 and 59

Materials:

Plain fabric (linen like rayon)—(mother) ¾ yd.; (daughter) ½ yd... Flowered Chintz—(mother) % yd.; (daughter) ¾ yd... Percale bias trim, double fold (see figure 52, page 49) in contrasting color—(mother) 11 yds.; (daughter) 9 yds.

Directions for Cutting: (See figure 4, page 29.)

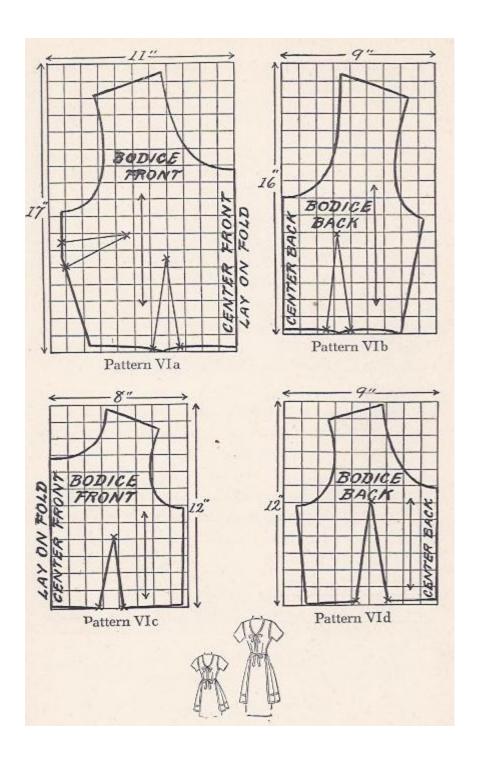
Patterns (page 59)	Mother	Daughter
Bodice Front (plain)	1 piece (Pattern VIa)	1 piece (Pattern VIc)
Bodice Back (plain)	2 pieces (Pattern VIb)	2 pieces (Pattern VId)
Apron Skirt (chintz)	1 piece (21½" x 36")	1 piece (10½" x 36")
Bottom Band (plain)	1 piece (6" x 36")	1 piece (3¼" x 36")

Directions for making either apron: (1/2" seams are allowed)

- 1. Baste and stitch the darts on bodice front, right sides together, as shown by X's; graduate to single X at points. Press darts to one side. Stitch darts on back bodice in same way.
- 2. Baste and stitch side seams of bodice, right sides together. Press open.
- 3. Press out center fold of bias trim for about 32" (mother), 26" (daughter). Pin in crisscross design down center front of bodice, taking in fullness on inner curved edge by making a small dart. Baste and top stitch close to each edge.
- 4. Bind edges of back opening and neckline of bodice



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Directions for making given on page 57.

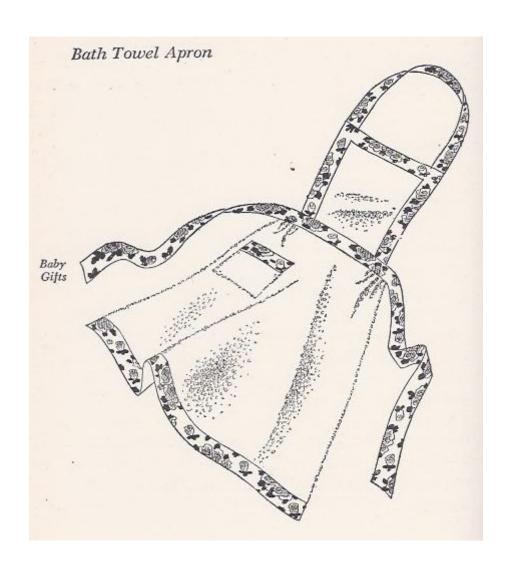


with bias trim. Bind armholes in same way. (See figure 56, page 50.)

- Baste and stitch bottom band to lower edge of apron, wrong sides together. Press seam open. Turn seam allowance on lower edge of band to right side; press.
- 6. Press out center fold of bias trim for 2 yds. and baste over seam joining apron and bottom band and again across lower edge of bottom band. Top stitch close to each edge of bias trim.
- Bind side edges of apron with bias trim.
- 8. Run gathering stitches at upper edge of apron (see figure 31, page 38).
- 9. Baste and stitch gathered apron to bodice front, wrong side to wrong side, adjusting gathers evenly (see figure 32, page 38). Trim seam to ¼".
- 10. Bind seam joining bodice and apron skirt.
- 11. For ties, fold a piece of bias trim about 2 yds. long on the length so that the right side is inside and raw edges are even. Sew twice close to raw edges. Turn to right side.
- 12. From this piece, cut 20" for a bow at center front waistline and divide remainder into four parts for ties at neck and waist. Finish ends by folding under raw edges and slip stitching.

Fig. 62

Figure 62—Whip stitch is used to catch an edge to another piece of fabric. It is done with small slanted stitches. Catch through only a few threads of the under piece of fabric and then through the edge which is being whipped down. Whip stitch is also used for joining edges (see index).



Material: Plain bath towel, 27"x42"; chintz—½ yd. Directions for Cutting: Cut away hems on both ends of towel. Skirt—1 piece, 26" long x width of towel (27"); bib—1 piece, 10"x13"; pocket—1 piece, 7"x8"; chintz—7 strips, each 2½"x35" or 36".

Directions for Making:

- On one 27" end of skirt, place right side of one chintz strip on wrong side of towel, edge to edge, stitch. Turn to right side on seam line, press, stitch close to edge. Turn free edge ½" to wrong side, edge stitch to towel.
- On opposite end of towel, mark center of width. Gather this end to measure 22".
- Piece chintz strips to make 2 strips, each 2½" x 54".
- 4. Place 1 strip on unfinished end of towel, right sides together, edge to edge, match center of strip to center of towel. In same manner, place right side of other long strip on wrong side of apron, edge to edge. Stitch 2 strips together along top side, including the apron, across ends, and on under side as far as sides of apron. Turn tie ends to right side and press (middle section is open and raw edges are turned in).
- 5. To make bib, apply strip of chintz to two 10" sides and one 13" side as in step 1. (Pleat corners diagonally to make strip lie flat.) On untrimmed side, 3" from center front, make ½" pleat on each side of bib. To sew bib to apron, insert bib in opening, matching centers. Baste and stitch all around band close to edge.
 - 6. To make strap for bib, cut a chintz strip 21/2"x20".

Fold in half lengthwise. Stitch around one end and lengthwise edge, turn. Turn in raw edges at end and slip stitch (see figure 39, page 41). Attach ends to top corners of bib.

7. For pocket, cut a chintz strip 2½"x7". On one 7" edge of pocket, apply chintz as in step 1. Turn raw edges of pocket ½" to wrong side. Apply pocket to apron in desired position. Stitch around 3 sides, close to edge.