

HALF-YARD APRON

One-size-fits-all doesn't work in panty-hose or most clothing, but it works with this apron. Use some pieces from your drapery remnants or buy a half-yard of something special. Minimal sewing skills are needed, and you don't have to make or fit a pattern!



5'7" Trina wearing an apron with a tapered bib.



5' Lisa sporting a square-top bib apron.

Tools and Supplies:

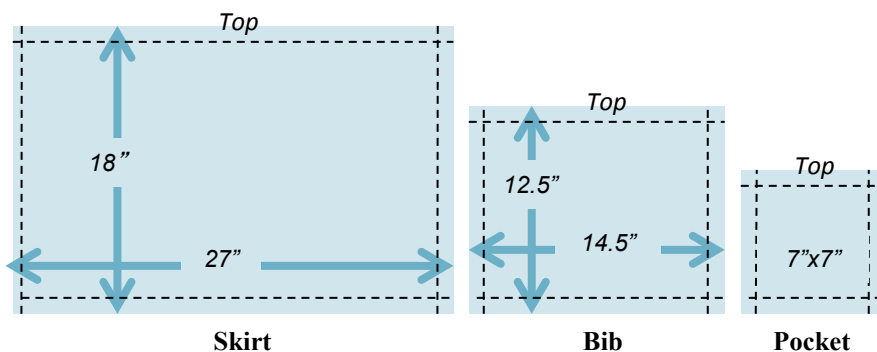
½-yard 54" wide fabric
4 yards 1" twill tape
Color-matched thread
Fabric marking pen/pencil

1. Make fabric cuts

Lay your 1/2-yard piece of fabric out flat, with the selvages to your right and left.

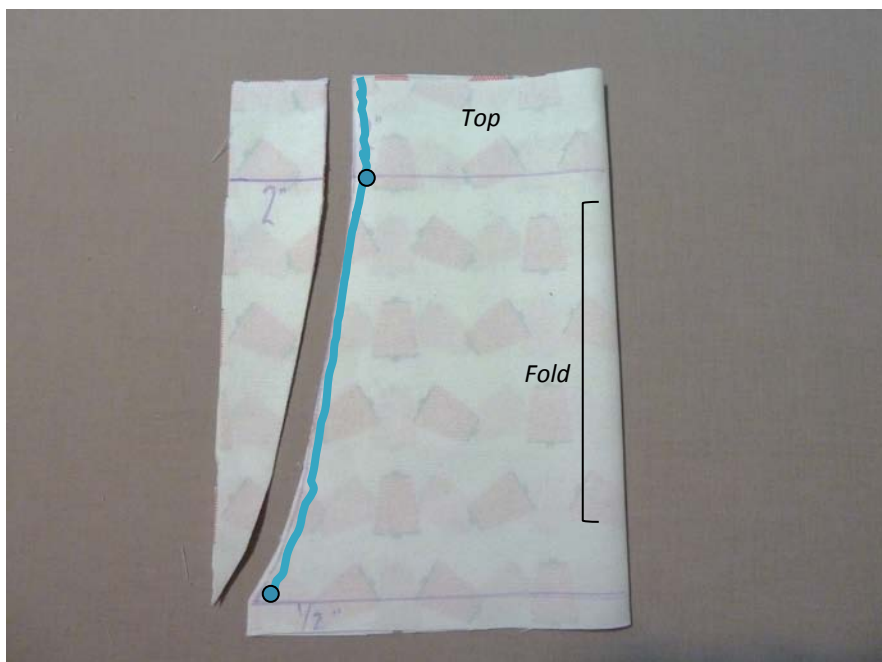
Cut Skirt, Bib and Pocket as illustrated.

Using a fabric marking pen or pencil, mark center top of each piece.



2. Shape the bib (optional)

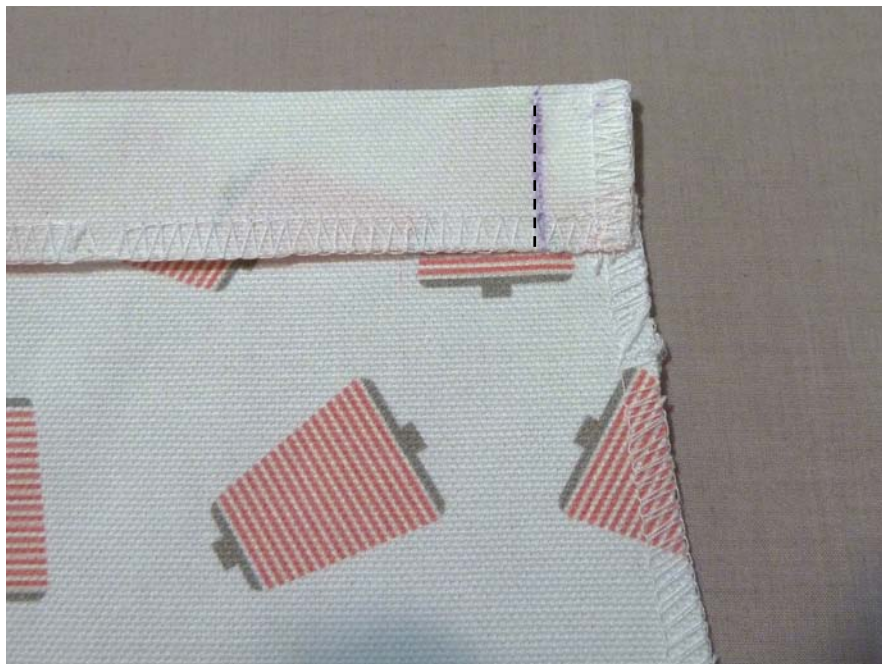
For a tapered bib, like the one worn by Trina in the first photo, fold the bib piece vertically and lay it with the fold to the right. Draw a line 2 inches down from and parallel to the top edge. On this line, place a mark 2 inches in from the left edge. Draw a line across the bib 1/2-inch up from and parallel to the bottom edge. Cut a tapered line (through both layers) from the left edge of this 1/2-inch line to the intersection of the two 2-inch marks, and extend the cut straight up to the top of the bib.



3. Serge and prepare facing

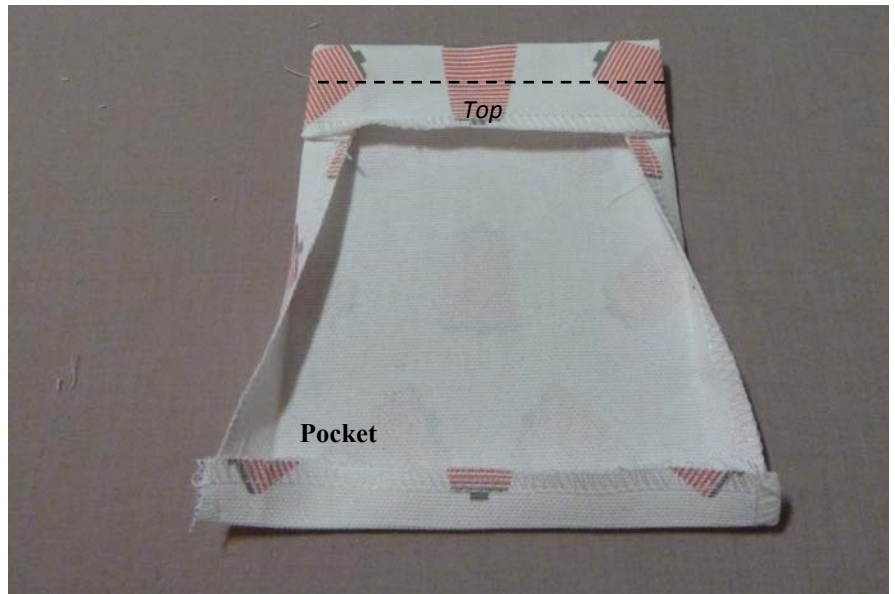
Serge all edges of all pieces.

On the Pocket and the Bib pieces, create a facing by folding 1" of the top edge over onto the face and stitching 1/2" in from the serged edge.



4. Prepare Pocket

Turn Pocket facing right side out and press $\frac{1}{2}$ " turn on sides and bottom. Using color-matched thread, topstitch $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from facing edge.



5. Prepare Bib

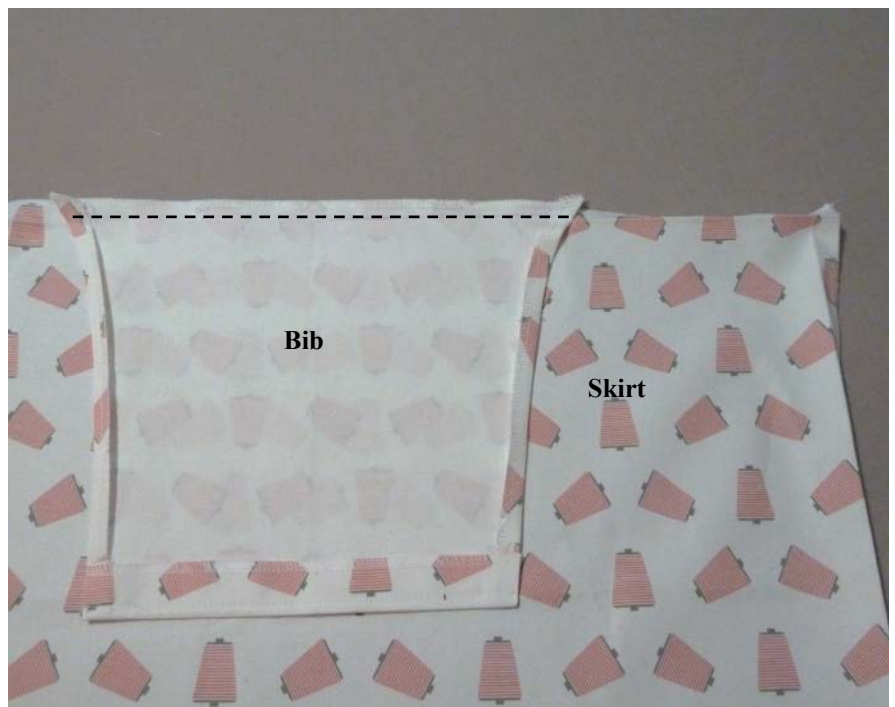
Turn Bib facing right side out and press $\frac{1}{2}$ " turn on sides. Topstitch $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from facing edge.



6. Stitch Bib to Skirt

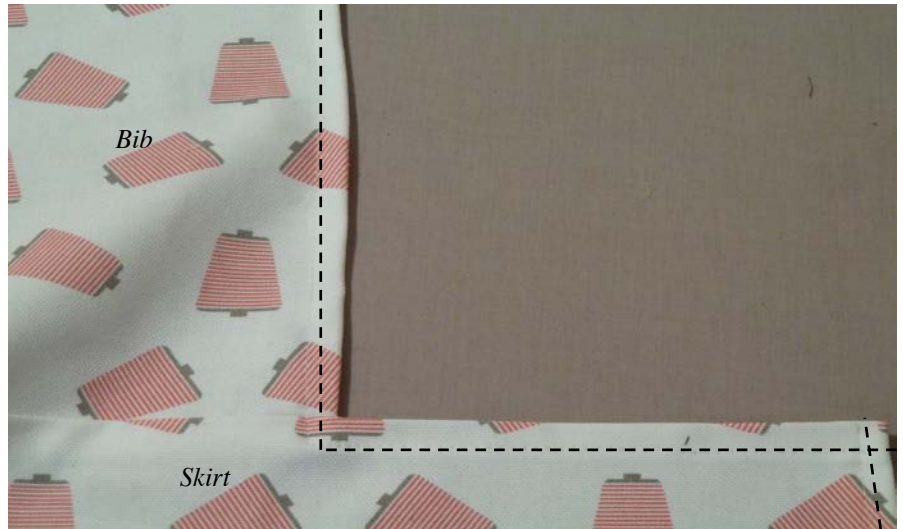
With right sides together, center the bottom edge of the Bib to the top edge of the Skirt. Stitch using a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch seam allowance.

Press the seam allowance towards the skirt, and continue to press $\frac{1}{2}$ " turn on sides and bottom of skirt.



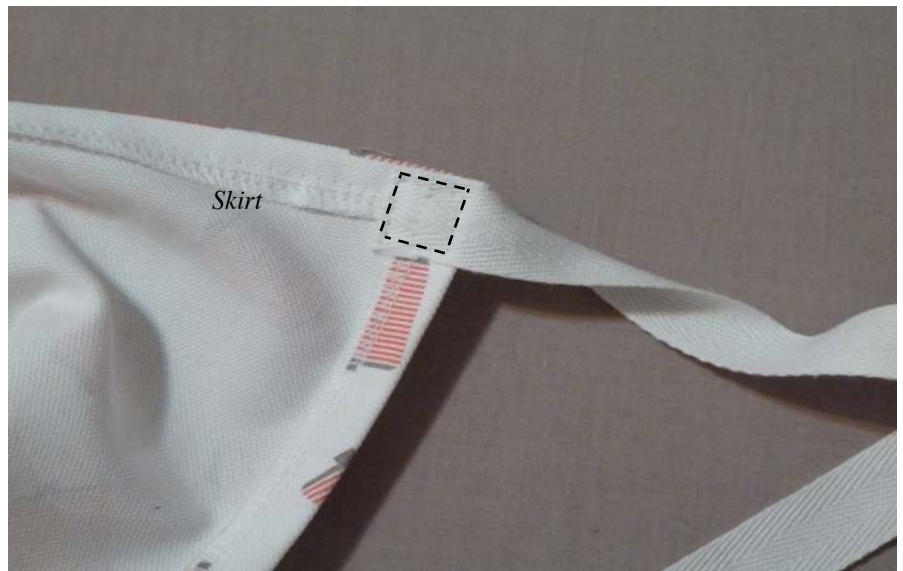
7. Topstitch

Stitch around the apron $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch in from the outside edge.



8. Make and Attach Ties

From the twill tape yardage, cut two 46-inch waist ties and two 26-inch neck ties. Finish one end of each tie with a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch double-fold and topstitch. Turn opposite end of each tie $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch and press. Place these folded ends to the wrong side of the apron at the top outside edge of the bib and the skirt. Stitch in place with a rectangle of stitches for reinforcement.



9. Attach Pockets

Lay the apron out flat and place the pocket. Topstitch around the pocket sides and bottom, back-stitching at the top outside edges.

