MARYJANESFARM Oliday Apron

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YOU'LL NEED:

¹/₃ yard 45"-wide fabric for front top panel
1 yard 45"-wide fabric for back top panel and tie
¹/₄ yard 45"-wide fabric for middle panel
¹/₂ yard 45"-wide fabric for lower panel
basic sewing supplies

CUTTING:

Tie: Cut three 6" x 44" pieces Front top: Cut one 12" x 25" piece Back top: Cut one 12" x 25" piece Middle panel: Cut one 9" x 42" piece Lower panel: Cut one 18" x 42" piece

*Seam allowance: 1/2" unless otherwise noted.

Tie:

1. Stitch the three tie pieces together to make one long, narrow tie. 2. With right sides together, fold tie in half lengthwise and stitch along long edge, leaving a 2" opening in center of tie to create a tube. Press seam open. Turn right side out.

3. Fold the tube lengthwise so the seam is centered and press.

4. Hand stitch opening closed.

Top front and back panels:

1. With right sides together, stitch tops of panels together; press seam allowance to one side.

2. With right sides together, match bottom edges; using a 1" seam allowance, stitch side seams up $2^{1}/_{2}$ " from bottom edge, making sure to backstitch.

3. With right sides out, fold side seams under $\frac{1}{2}$ " twice, press, and topstitch to create a pocket opening (the entire top panel is a pocket).

4. Press back panel lower edge under $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Set aside.

Middle and lower panels:

1. Fold sides and bottoms under ¹/₄" twice, press, and topstitch.

2. Baste stitch middle and lower panels together at top edge. Mark center top edge with a pin; do the same on bottom edge of top front and back panels.

3. Matching center pins and edges, gather and pin, with right sides together, top of middle and lower panels evenly to bottom of top front panel.

4. With right sides together, stitch middle and lower panels to top front panel along gathered edge and press towards top front panel. Turn right sides out.

5. Topstitch through all layers.

Attaching tie to apron body:

1. Divide length of tie in half and mark with pin, do the same with the apron body top edge.

2. Place the tie over apron front, matching pins at center, and topstitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edge along entire edge of tie, securing it to apron body. Backstitch tie at apron side seams for reinforcement.

