

GIVE THE GIFT OF A CLOTHESPIN

Apron



Ca-ute!

“A good mother gives her daughter
an apron **without** strings.”

– Virginia Helwig

Cold- weather Tip:

Soak clothespins in a salt-water solution before using. They will last longer and not freeze on the clothes when there's ice in the air.

– Grace, Spokane

YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 yard 45"-wide cotton fabric, prewashed
- 1 spool regular sewing thread

CUTTING DIAGRAM

	3"	3"	fold	
sash	sash		11 1/2" pockets	18 1/2" apron
			selvage	

CUTTING: Fold fabric in half with selvages together and cut the following:
 18 1/2" x 45" for apron
 11 1/2" x 45" for pocket
 two 3" x 45" for sash

1. To form pockets, fold top edge down 1/4" along 45" width with wrong sides together and press, then fold down again 2" and press. Stitch along bottom edge of fold. Pin bottom of pocket section to bottom of apron with right side of pocket to wrong side of apron. Stitch 1/2" seam along bottom edge and press seam flat toward apron. Turn wrong side of pocket to right side of apron and stitch close to edge on each side and along bottom edge of pocket. To finish side edges of apron, fold edge down 1/4" and press, then fold down again 1/2" and press. Stitch along bottom edge of fold. To complete pockets, divide into fourths and mark. Sew two rows of stitches close together between each pocket section to form four pockets.
2. To form apron, fold top edge down 1/2" along 45" width with wrong sides together and press, then fold down again 2 1/2" and press. Stitch along bottom edge of fold. To form casing, stitch 1" down from top edge along 45" width.
3. To form sash, stitch ends of two strips together with 1/2" seam to form 90"-long strip, and press seam open. With wrong sides together, press under each end 1/4". Fold sash in half lengthwise and press. Turn each long edge under 1/4" toward inside and press. Pin closed. Topstitch close to finished edge, starting at one end, along length, and up other end. Run finished sash through open casing at the waist (fasten a safety pin to the end of the sash to help guide it through the casing). Center sash and tack to casing at center point to hold sash in place.



Here's a cute packaging idea for gifting your clothespin apron.

1. With wrong side of apron facing up, fold sides of apron toward middle, leaving a gap of about 4", and fold bottom of apron up about 3", as shown.
2. Fold apron in half from bottom to top. Take left sash and fold it down over apron. Keeping sash in place, flip the whole thing over from bottom to top to hide seams when folded.
3. You'll need 48 flat wooden clothespins. Ours came with 12 pins clipped to each side of a 1 3/4" x 6 1/2" cardboard strip, but you can easily do this yourself (make 2 sets). Stack your two sets of clothespins on the top middle of apron.
4. Fold sides of apron in toward middle over the clothespins.
5. Take apron strings and pull over top of apron in opposite directions. Holding the bottom, carefully flip apron over and tie strings in a bow to secure.
6. Include a retractable clothesline (try Lehmans.com) for a ca-ute, practical gift.

