



## P.D.Q. Apron

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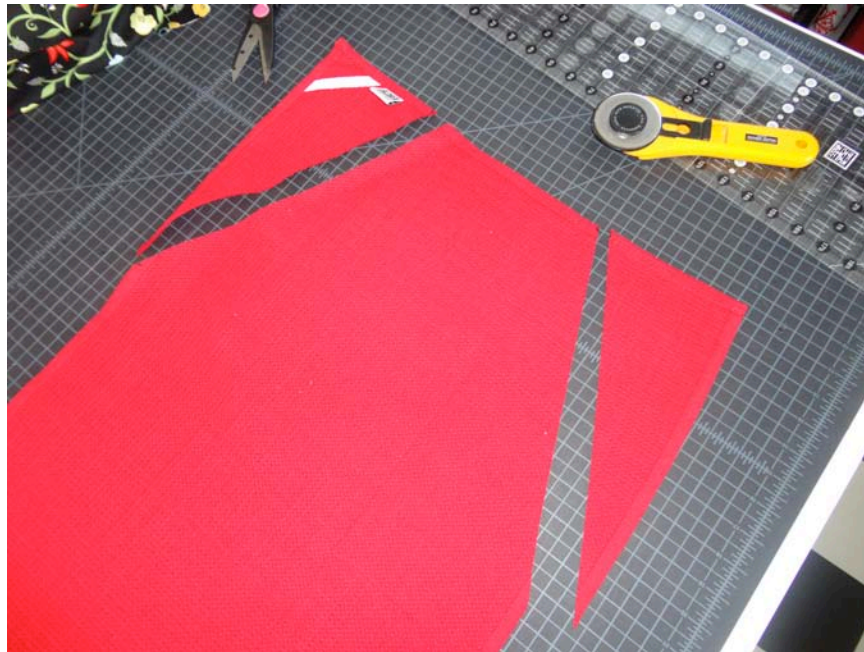
### **Supplies:**

One dish towel  
(~18" x 27")  
1/2 yard of coordinating  
fabric  
ric rac trim (optional)

What a quick (and CUTE) project for an hour or so of sewing! I used a dish towel I bought at the grocery store—the waffle weave kind—but you could use any type. The coordinating fabric is from my Beyond the Gate collection from Henry Glass. It's in stores now, so go grab some before it's all gone!

Instructions:

1. Shape the dishtowel: First measure and mark from the corner, down the long sides about 10". Measure and mark along one short side 5" from the corner. Place your ruler connecting the two marks and cut off the corners on one end of the dish towel as shown.



2. Turn the raw edges under and stitch in place.



3. From your coordinating fabric, cut a strip 11" wide across the width of the fabric. Cut the selvages off, and cut a 12" piece from one end of the strip.



4. Fold the long strip in half lengthwise, right sides together. Press. Stitch along the three sides in a 1/4" seam, leaving an opening to turn.



5. Turn right side out and stitch opening closed. Press. Sew a long basting stitch about 1" from the folded edge, with a second line of stitching 1/4" away.



6. Pull up the bottom threads to gather the strip.



7. Fold the 11" x 12" piece you cut from the strip in half with the right sides together making a piece 6" x 11". Press. Stitch along three sides leaving an opening to turn. Turn right side out. Press. Stitch opening closed. This is your pocket.
8. Place the pocket on the shaped dish towel: Center the pocket and place the bottom edge 7" above the bottom of the dish towel. Pin and topstitch in place along sides and bottom of the pocket. Top-stitch down the center of the pocket creating two compartments.



9. Place the ruffle along the bottom edge of the dish towel with the top of the ruffle 4 1/2" from the bottom edge of the towel. Top-stitch along the gathering lines with a zig zag stitch.

10. Cut two strips, 3 1/2" wide across the width of the remaining coordinating fabric. Seam these strips together end-to-end to make one long strip. Fold the strip in half lengthwise and press. From this strip, cut a piece 28" long to make the neck loop. Stitch along the long edge and turn right side out.



11. Fold the ends under and sew to the top corners of the dish towel. You can pinch a little pleat in the strip to make it a bit more narrow.



12. Cut the remaining long folded strip in half to make the ties. Sew along the long edge and to a point on one end. Turn right side out. Turn inside the short raw edges and attach to the dish towel at the waist corners.



13. Add a little ric rac trim to the top of the apron and ruffle, if desired. Lay the ric rac over the gathering stitches and fold the ends of the ric rac around to the back of the apron. Top-stitch in place. Place the upper ric rac about 1/2" from the top edge of the apron.

Enjoy your new apron!

-Jill