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Barbeque Apron

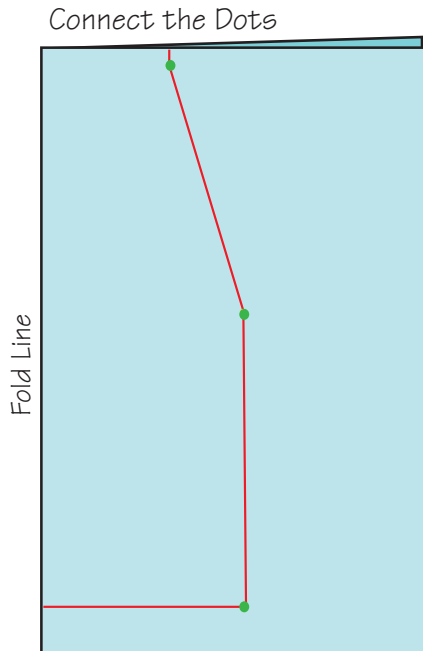
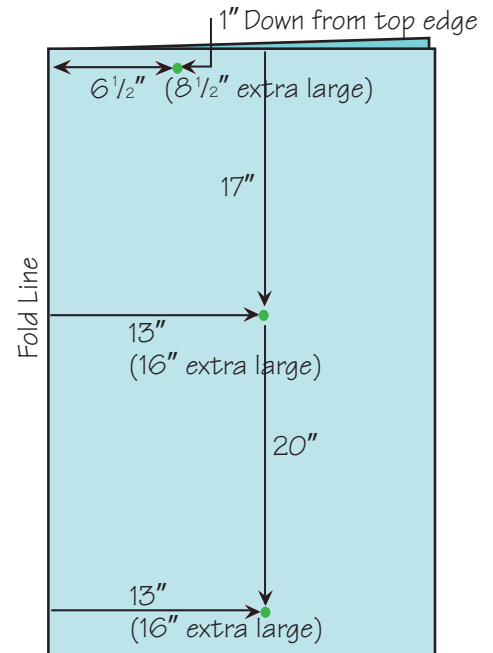
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Materials Needed

- 1 ¼ yards fabric (I used canvas)
- 3 yards cotton twill tape (1-inch-wide preferably)
- Thread to match apron fabric
- Fabric scraps for letters
- Paper-backed fusible web such as Shades Soft-Fuse®
- Thread to match letter fabric
- Removable fabric marker such as Frixion®

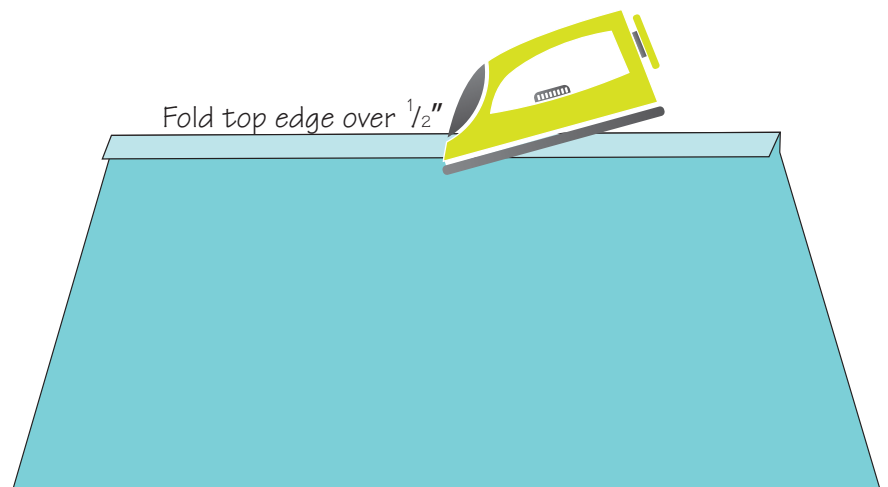
No paper pattern is needed for this easy apron. You simply draw the shape of the apron directly onto the fabric. The measurements for the extra large apron are in parentheses. The instructions are exactly the same for all sizes.

1. Measure from the folded edge towards the center $6\frac{1}{2}"$ ($8\frac{1}{2}"$ for extra large). Measure down from the top edge $1"$. Place your first mark at this point (green dot in fig. to the right).
2. Measure down from the top edge $17"$. Measure in from the folded edge $13"$ ($16"$). Place a mark at this point.
3. Measure down another $20"$ and place your third and final mark that is $13"$ ($16"$) from folded edge.

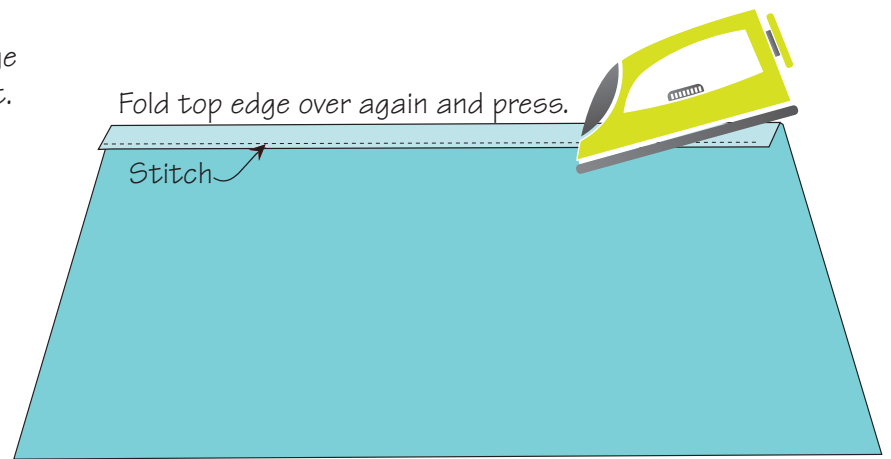


4. Using a ruler, connect the dots with your Frixion® pen. Pin the layers together to avoid shifting when cutting out apron.
5. Carefully cut along the line you drew. Open apron and press out the center crease.

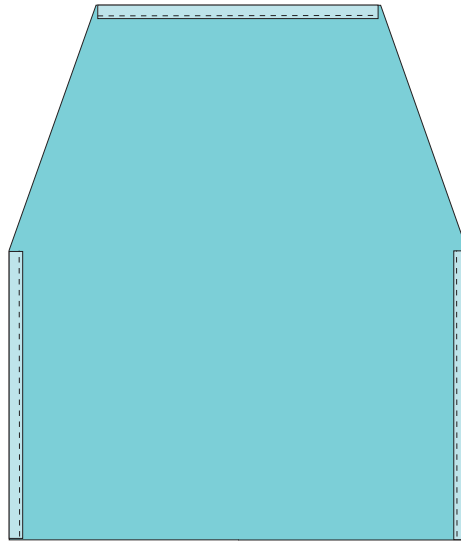
6. Create a double $\frac{1}{2}"$ hem along the top edge of the apron. To do this, fold over and press $\frac{1}{2}"$ toward the wrong side of the apron. Press in place.



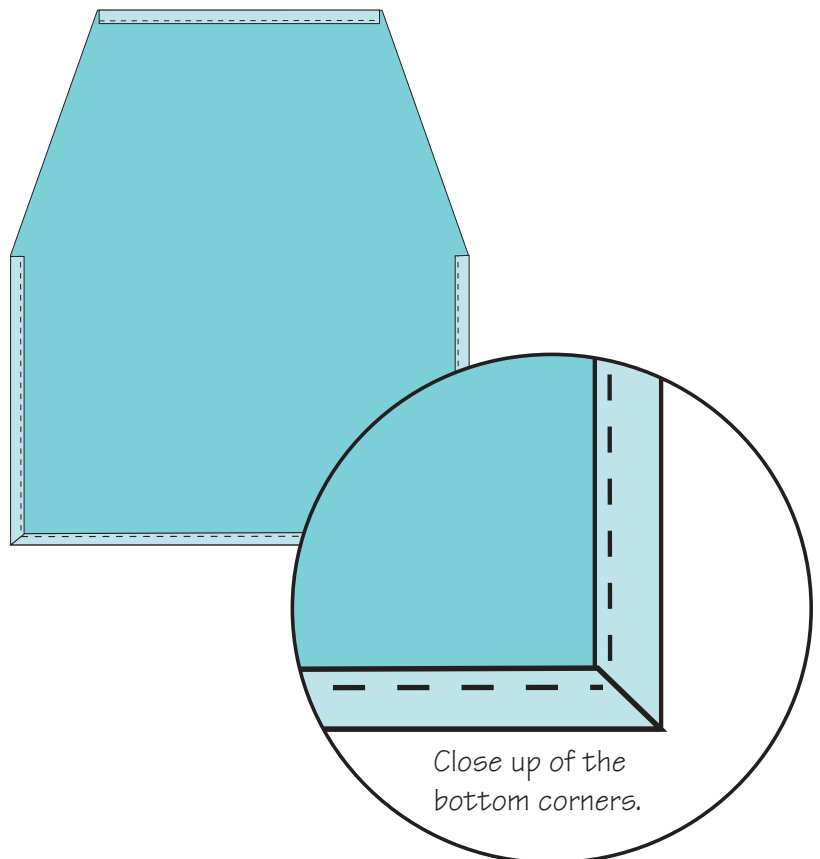
7. To complete the double $\frac{1}{2}$ " hem, fold edge over again $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press smooth and flat. Stitch along the first folded edge.



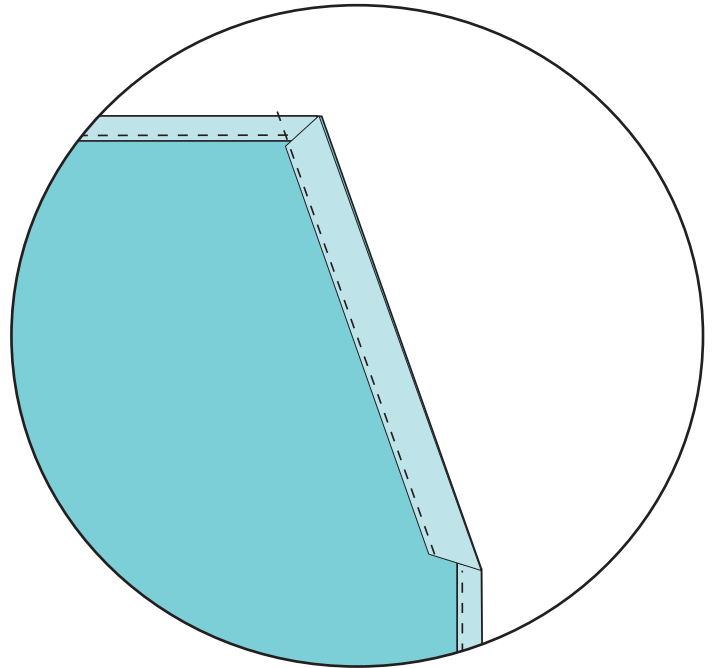
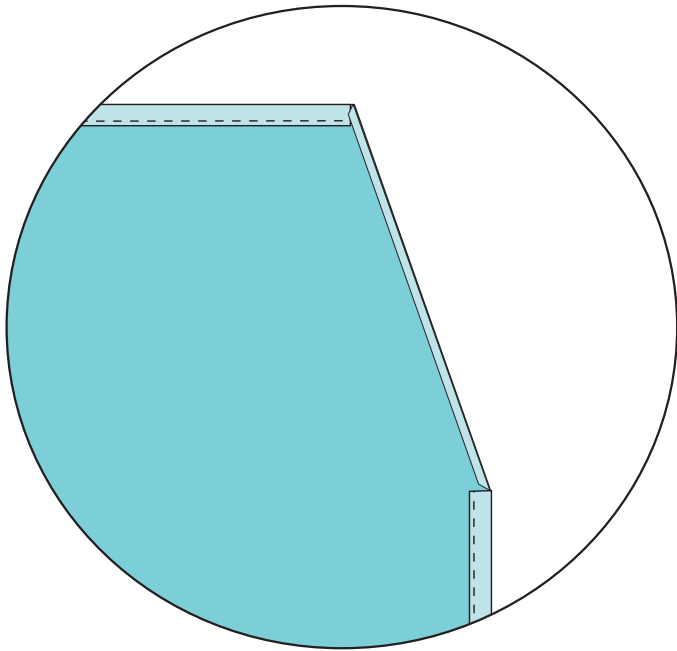
8. In the same manner as the top edge hem, create double $\frac{1}{2}$ " hems along both straight side edges.



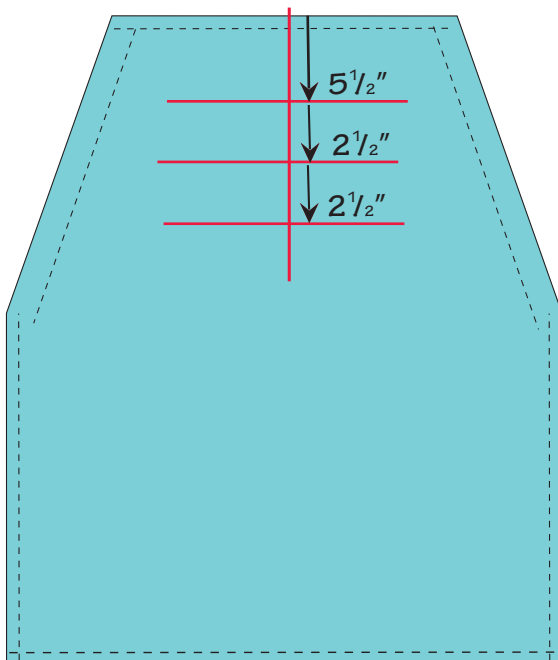
9. Also hem the bottom edge with a double $\frac{1}{2}$ " hem. Arrange the outer corners of the hem so that a diagonal line forms. Do this by tucking under the open edge of the hem to form a triangle.



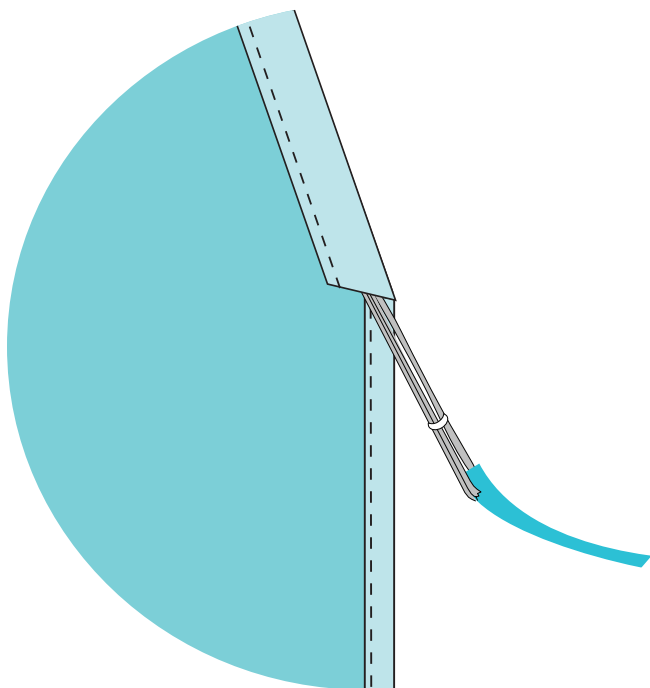
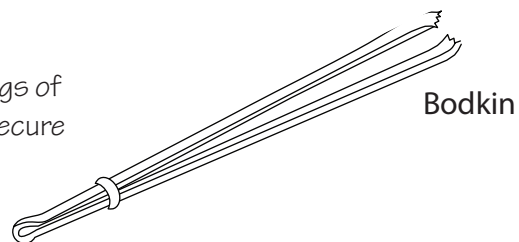
10. The diagonal side hems are folded differently than the previous hems. To begin, fold the diagonal edge over to the wrong side $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press (left fig, below). Be careful not to stretch this edge as you fold and press. Then fold over again 1" and press. Stitch along the first folded edge. (right fig, below). Notice that you have formed a tunnel-like channel with this folded edge. This is how it is supposed to be. Don't stitch the openings closed or you won't be able to complete the project.



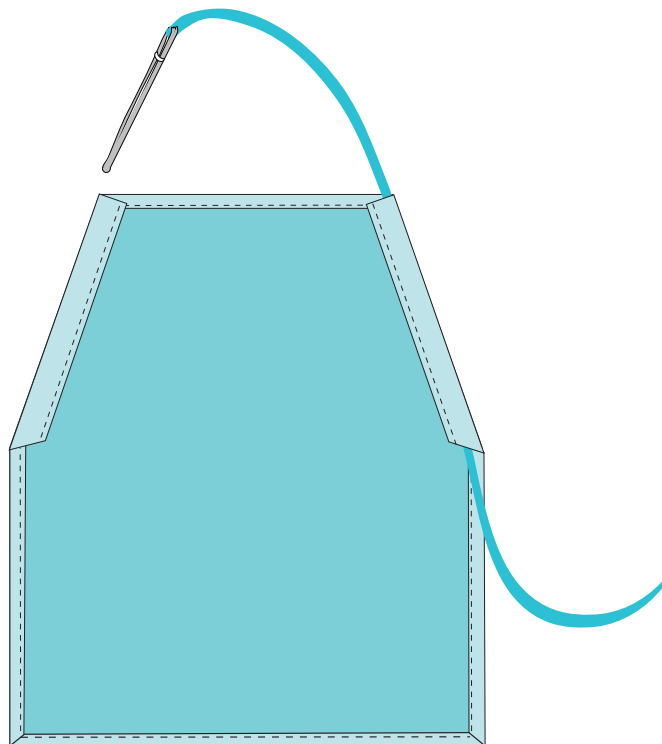
11. Arrange the apron so the front side is facing you. Find the exact center at the top edge of the apron. With your Frixion® pen, draw a vertical line down towards the body of the apron. Then mark three horizontal lines as indicated on the left fig below. These are the placement guidelines for the letters.
12. Carefully remove the paper backing from the fabric letters. Using the right fig below as a guide, place the fabric letters as shown. Adjust their position so they look good to your eye. Stitch around the edge of the letters to secure. Use any stitch tht you want— a straight, zigzag, satin, or blanket stitch.



13. Place the cut edge of the twill tape between the tooth-like prongs of the bodkin. Slide the small ring down towards the open end to secure the twill tape in place.



14. Insert the opposite end of the bodkin through the right bottom diagonal channel opening. "Scooch" the bodkin through the channel, exiting at the top edge.



15. Pull the bodkin and tape upwards forming a half circle (this is the part that will go over the head) and then down through and out of the opposite channel. Arrange the twill tape so that it is evenly distributed through the channels and have the same length ties.



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