



DIY Harvest Apron: Step-by-Step Instructions

Make your own gathering apron with simple tools—no fancy sewing skills required.

Supplies You'll Need

- 1 “pretty” cotton or linen fabric (30" x 30")
- 1 heavy backing fabric (like duck cloth or muslin)
- Coordinating fabric for the waistband/sash (8" wide and long enough to wrap + tie)
- Ribbon or fabric strip for the gathering cord
- Matching thread
- Pins, scissors, measuring tape, sewing machine, iron
- Optional: chalk or fabric pen

Instructions

Step 1: Make the Apron Body

Cut your front and backing fabrics to 30" x 30" (or adjust to fit your frame). With right sides facing, sew both pieces together along the sides and bottom using a ½" seam allowance. Leave the top open.

Step 2: Turn and Topstitch

Trim the corners, turn the apron right side out, and topstitch along the sewn edges to neaten it. Leave the top edge open.

Step 3: Create the Waistband

Cut your sash piece and fold the long edges in ½". Then fold in half lengthwise and iron flat. Hem the short edges if desired.

Step 4: Gather and Attach the Apron

Use a wide hand-sewn running stitch along the top of the apron to help with gathering. Find the center of your sash and the apron body. Insert the gathered top edge of the apron into the folded sash, pin in place, and sew across the length of the sash, catching all layers.



Step 5: Add Buttonholes for Gathering

Sew four 1" buttonholes near the bottom edge of the apron:

- One in each bottom corner, about 1" from the edges
- Two in the center, 1" apart



Thread ribbon through the holes as follows: up through an outer hole, across behind the apron, then down through the middle holes. Stitch the ribbon securely to the center of the waistband.



How to Use It

To form a pouch, pull the ribbon ends upward and tie them. The apron will gather into a pocket, ready to carry herbs, eggs, or produce hands-free.



Customization Tips

- For eggs: Add padding or reinforce the bottom seam.
- For herbs or flowers: Use lighter cotton and smaller dimensions.
- For heavy produce: Choose sturdy fabric like canvas or denim and double-stitch seams.



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