

Farm Fresh Egg Collecting Apron

Supplies used:

½ yard each of three fabrics from Lewis and Irene's Love Me, Love Me Not collection.

Aurifil thread numbers 2000, 2600, and 2024 match this line perfectly.

*All of the sewing will be ¼" seams. However, throughout the tutorial I mention sewing 1/8" from the sewn edges. It isn't 100% necessary, however, sewing your seam allowances down will give your apron a finished look. It will also help in laundering, as your seams will not bunch. A little more time spent in the sewing room can mean a little less time in the laundry room later ironing seams flat. Your choice. 😊

There will be very little fabric left as scraps so I suggest the following:

Main apron panel fabric:

Cut one 17" x WOF piece

Accent Fabric 1:

Cut one 2 ½" x WOF strip

Cut five 4 ¾" x 5 ½" rectangles (egg pockets)

Cut two 4 ¾" x 4" rectangles (egg pocket strip ends)

Cut two 5 ½" x WOF strips (Apron strings)

Accent Fabric 2:

Cut one 4" x WOF strip

Cut five 4 ¾" x 5 ½" rectangles (egg pockets)

Cut two 4 ¾" x 4" rectangles (egg pocket strip ends)

Cut two 4 ¾" x 32" strips (back of egg pocket strips)

First we will sew the main body of the apron together. Sew the WOF pieces together so that the 2 ½" strip is sewn below the main apron panel, and the 4" strip is along the bottom. Cut off selvages and even up both ends. Cut in half so you end up with two even pieces that will become the front and back of the apron. Now iron your seams flat so they will nest later when

sewing the sides together. Next would be sewing 1/8" from the edge of your seams so your seam allowance is caught and sewn down.

Next step is prepping the pockets we will use for the eggs. We will end up with two separate strips, with five pocket pieces sewn together, and an edge piece on either side. I liked alternating the fabric to give it a cute pattern. Once they are sewn in strips, match a back strip with a pocket strip and face right sides together. Sew along the two longest sides leaving the short sides open. Flip your egg pockets right side out and iron. Sew 1/8" from the top edge. (We will get the bottom edge later)

Each egg pocket will need a box pleat. Leave the edge pieces flat.

- Measure 1 1/2" from pocket edge and fold under itself.
- Iron a crease so that it will fold pointing out like a mountain peak.
- Do same for the other side of the same pocket.
- Fold the two edge creases together, trying to keep even, and iron down very well.
- Pocket should measure 3" folded.
- Pin in place and move to the next pocket until all of them are done.

Take one of the pocket strips and pin 4" from the top of the apron front. Sew slowly along the bottom 1/8" from the edge, and then sew down both short sides. Place the second strip anywhere between 1 1/2" and 2 1/2" from the bottom of the top row of pockets, and sew like the first strip. Feel free to work with it to best show the details in the fabrics. Once sewn, trim off the excess of the edges.

Next step is to sew the front and back of the apron body together, and I would take out all of the pins holding the egg pockets down. First make a mark three inches from the top of the fabric. This will be our stop sewing mark. Place the apron bodies right sides together, pin down, and start sewing along the bottom. Next sew along both sides, starting in the bottom corner and sewing up to the 3" stopping point mark made earlier. Last, sew across the top. Flip apron right side out, and iron down your seams.

Draw a line across the top that is 3" from the top of the apron. This will be sewn in order to make a pocket for the apron ties.

Next item to sew are the apron strings. Sew the two strips together so they make one very long strip. Iron the seam open. Fold the strip in half along the long side with right sides together. Make a stop sewing mark on each end that is 2 1/2" from the edges. Start sewing somewhere in the middle of the strip. Sew to the edge stopping at your mark, then turn to sew diagonally to the corner. Cut off the excess fabric. Do same thing to other side, leaving a big gap in the middle to turn your apron tie right side out. Turn and iron down your seams. Then sew 1/8" from the edge all of the way around the apron string.

In order to attach your apron string to your apron, feed your string through the pocket you made earlier. I used my quilting ruler to help push it through. Once it is through and you have the apron strings centered, sew along the whole outside of the apron 1/8" from the edge. This will sew down your seam allowance as well as close the holes for the apron strings. I did another loop of sewing the apron string pocket to make sure the apron string is sewn down and will not flip during wash.

You are almost finished! The last step involves making your individual egg pockets. Sew a stitch in the ditch along the seam in between each pocket.

Enjoy!