

[NOVELTY DOMESTIC DIVA APRON by Darlene Cahill](#)

This Holiday season why not gift someone special in your life with a cookie apron? It's an opportunity to give an old set of kitchen curtains or an old tablecloth a new life!

From blackjack to butterflies, from hot air balloons to bird watching, you're bound to stumble upon a print that reminds you of someone special to you! My friend Mary loves Monet and when I saw this print, it was screaming to be her newest apron.

You won't need a pattern to make this apron but there are dozens of designs and commercial patterns available from a retro stylized 1950's to a modern day gourmet chef. This is what I call a 'Domestic Diva' apron and it is quick and easy and best of all, patternless.



[SUPPLIES:](#)

- 1) 3/8 Yd. Novelty print for pocket
- 2) 1/2 Yd. Solid cotton for apron base
- 3) One package 1/2" double fold contrasting bias tape
- 4) One package Satin double fold blanket binding (same color as bias tape)
- 5) 1/2 Yd. piece of gathered lace
- 6) Thread, measuring tape, scissors,

7) Bread Plate

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Fold solid piece in half. Cut a 16" width x 16" height square of the folded fabric. DON'T cut the fold!
- 2) Now Fold the pocket piece in half. Cut a 16" width by 11" height square. Again, DON'T cut the fold!
- 3) Place the pocket piece over the solid piece right sides up matching folds.
- 4) Lay the plate in the outside bottom corner and mark along outside edge. Cut along markings through both layers.



The bread plate is on the outside edge.



The right edge shown here is the foldline.

- 5) Gather the 32" top of the pocket to 18" by using a basting (4.5- 5.0mm) stitch and pulling the bobbin thread.



- 6) Place the lace over the gathering and sandwich the gathered pocket top and lace



inside the bias tape and pin. Stitch close to edge through all layers. If you use a tiny zig-zag stitch , (1.5 -2.0mm) then you are less likely to slip off the top or bottom edge.

- 7) Place the pocket over the base fabric and pin both layers inside the bias tape around the sides and bottom. Stitch layers together close to the inside edge of bias tape and remember to backtack along pocket top to reinforce that seam. You will have excess underlayer but don't worry. We'll be gathering that in a few minutes!



- 8) Gather top of solid piece to 15". Sandwich the solid gathered top inside the double folded satin blanket binding and pin in place. Be sure to leave a 3 foot tail on each end for tying the apron strings. Begin sewing on one end of the strap and close the entire length across the waistband and through to the other end.



- 9) Mark and pin the center of the pocket to the apron. Stitch in place and use a backtack at the top for reinforcement.

Enjoy your new apron!

Darlene