

THREE BEARS PRINTS



Tutorial



Vintage Style Half Apron

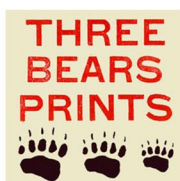


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Introduction to Three Bears Prints

Three Bears Prints is run by Marliese Richmond. She lives in Perth, Scotland, with her husband, daughter and dog. Her first passion is linocutting and printmaking, and she has also applied those skills to fabric design and pop ups. She lives in a beautiful part of the world, and this is often a source of inspiration. She enjoys running workshops and her tutorials are an extension of her teaching work.



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Project Description: Vintage Style Half Apron



Make yourself or a friend a lovely vintage style half apron - so stylish!

This is a great project for making use of a fat quarter quarter. The reverse can make use of another fat quarter or scrap fabric cut to size (I used old curtain fabric in my case). Treat yourself to a beautiful trim to make the ruffles and a fabric which tones in for the ties.

The brown hen fabric, and a red hen version can be bought as either fabric or wallpapers at my Spoonflower shop:

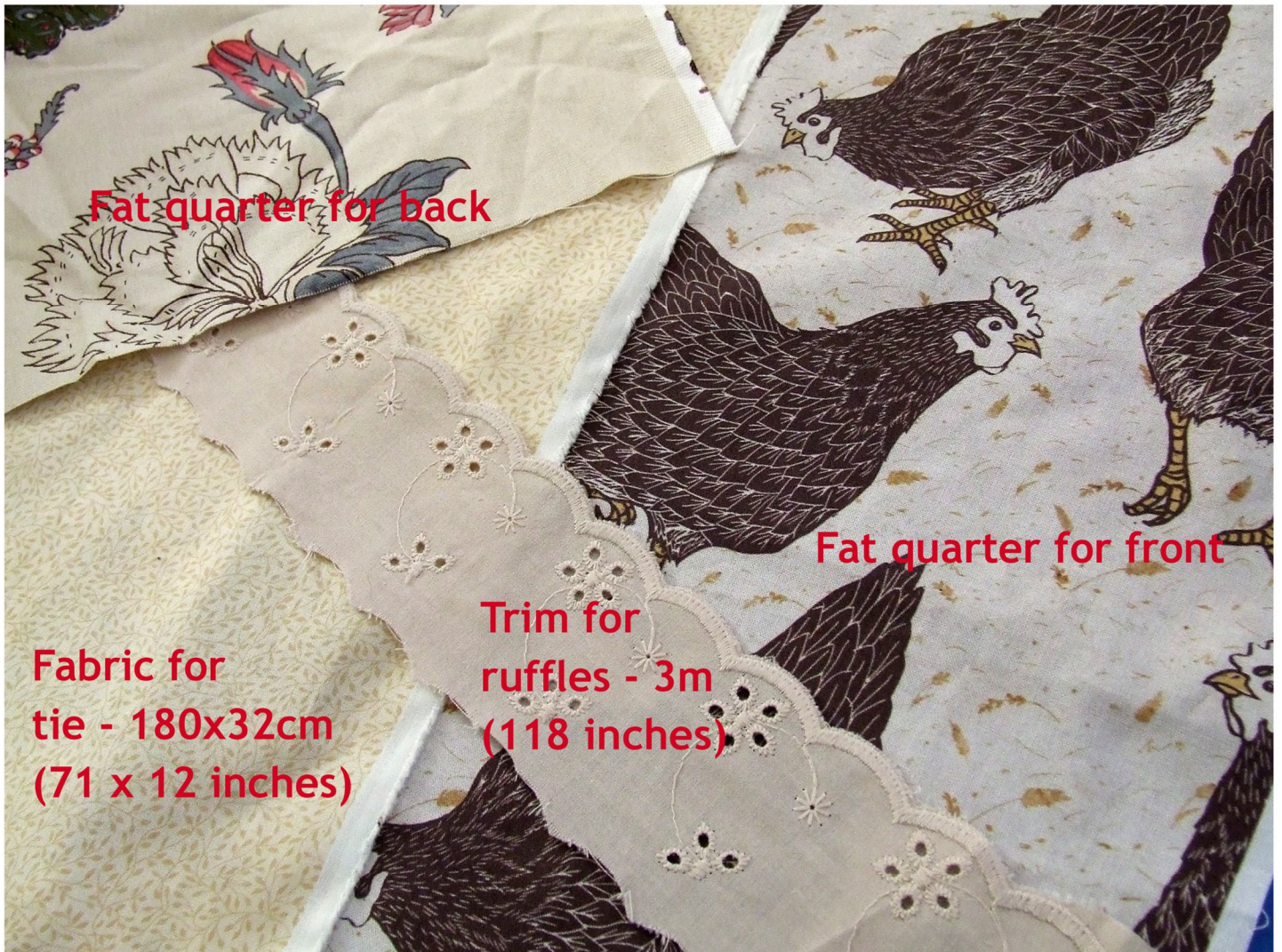
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What you will need: Vintage Style Half Apron



- Fat quarter fabric for front - mine measured 53x 45cm (21 x 18 inches). You can buy this hen design from Three Bears Prints on Spoonflower:

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- Fat quarter for reverse of apron same size

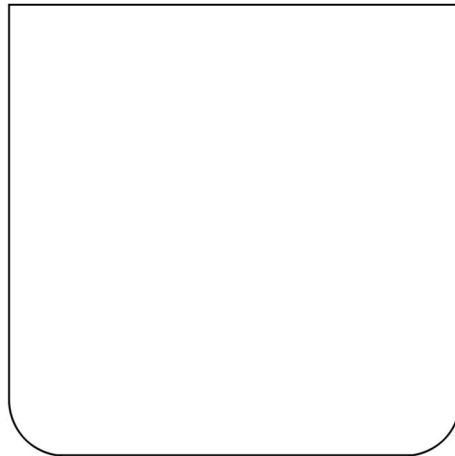
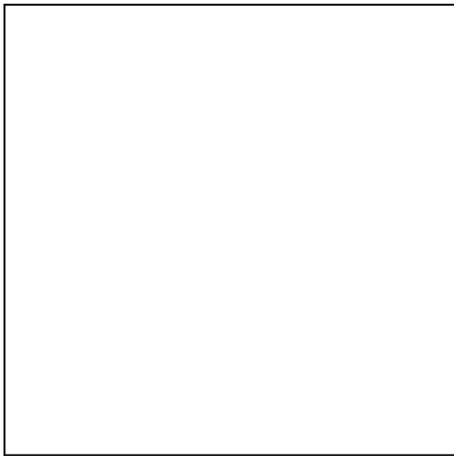
- Trim for ruffles, 3 metres (118 inches)

- Fabric for tie, mine was 180 x 32cm (71 x 12 inches)

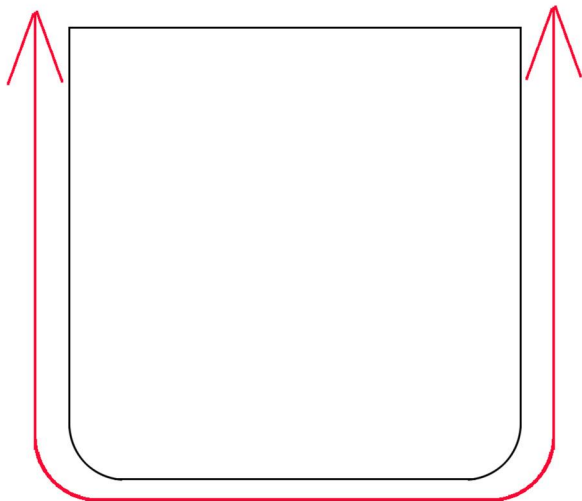
If the fabric you have available measures slightly differently, it does not matter - the technique is the same.

You will also need a sewing machine, thread which tones in, measuring tape, scissors/and or a cutting mat and rotary cutter.

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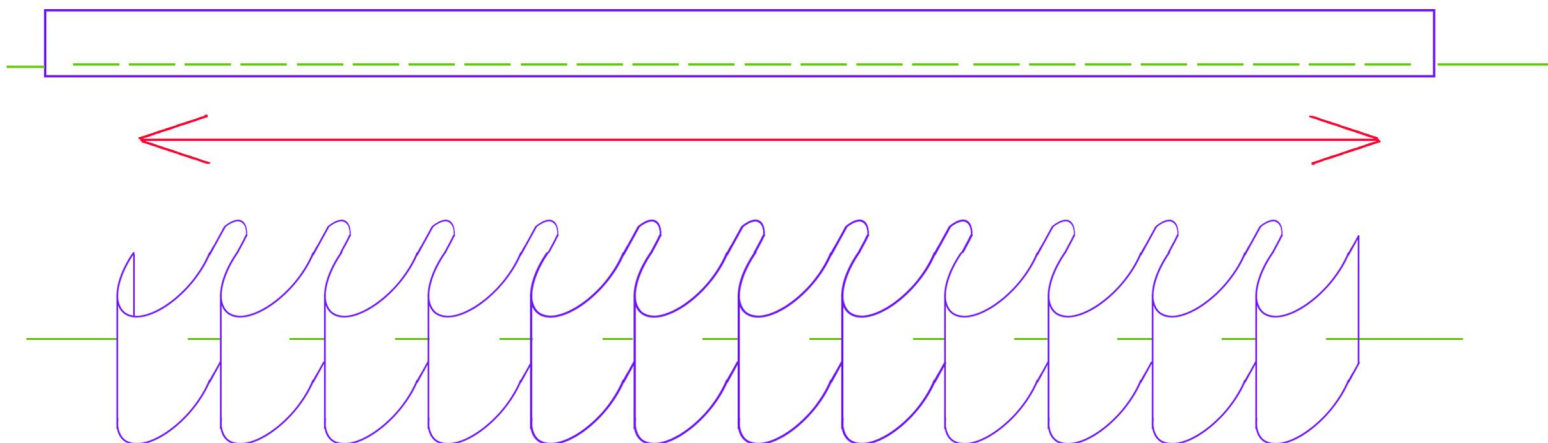


1. Take each fat quarter and round off the corners. As you can see, I used a yoghurt pot lid to do this.



2. Measure round your fat quarter on the 3 sides indicated. In my case, this was 140cm (55 inches).

3. Lay out the trim which you are going to make into the ruffle. Sew a straight stitch along the edge to be sewn into the apron (which will not be seen). I did this on the largest setting on my sewing machine.

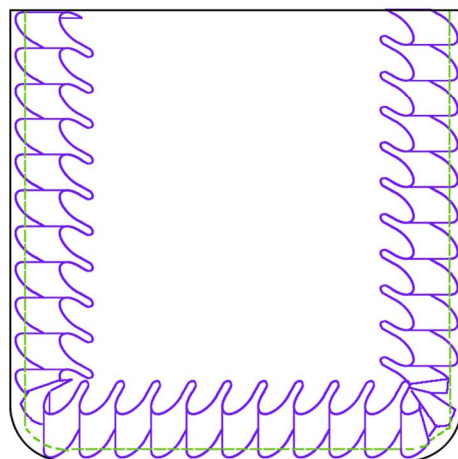


4. Pull the straight stitch to create a series of ruffles. Keep pulling it till it is the same length as the measurement around your fat quarter - 140cm (55 inches) for me.

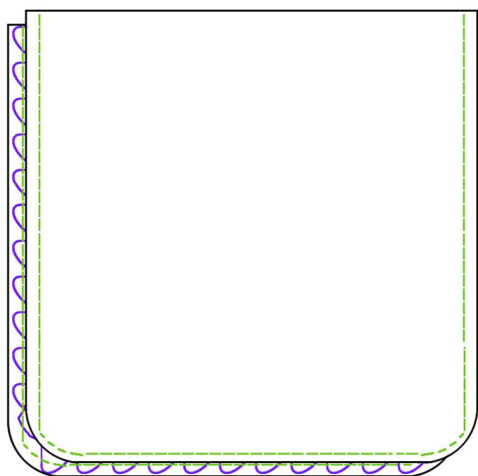
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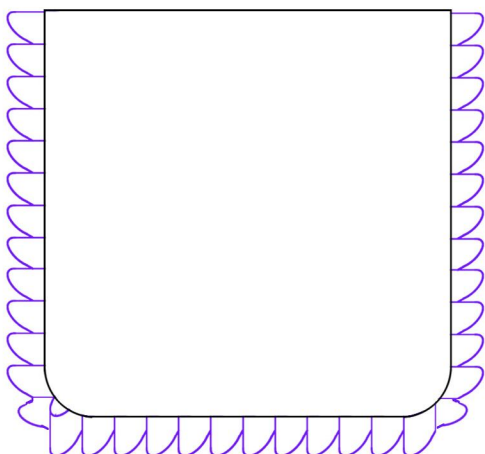
5. Here you can see the running stitch along the top of my trim which has been pulled to create the ruffles.



6. Taking your trim of ruffles, pin it into place, right sides together, along the edge of the fat quarter which is to be the front of your apron. Tack it into place with a straight stitch along the edge, about 0.5cm (quarter inch) from the edge.

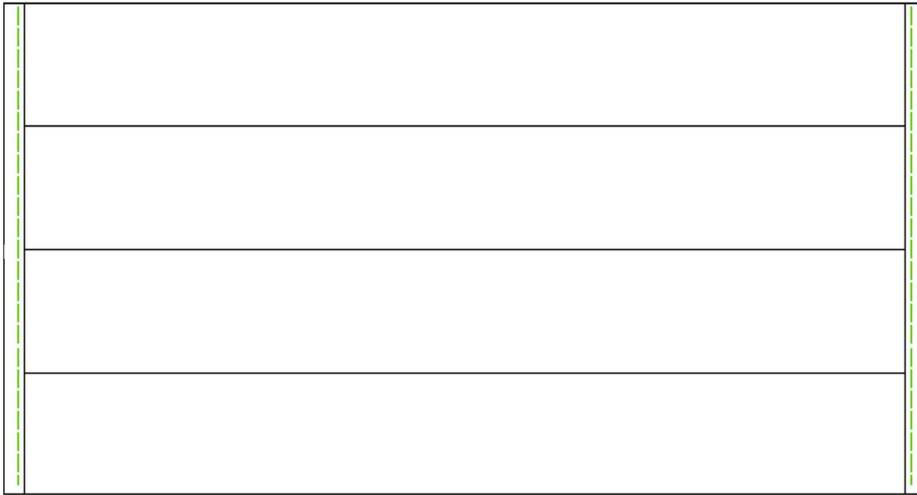


7. Place your other fat quarter on top and line it up, right sides together. Sew round the edge with a straight stitch about 2.5cm (1 inch) in from the edge.

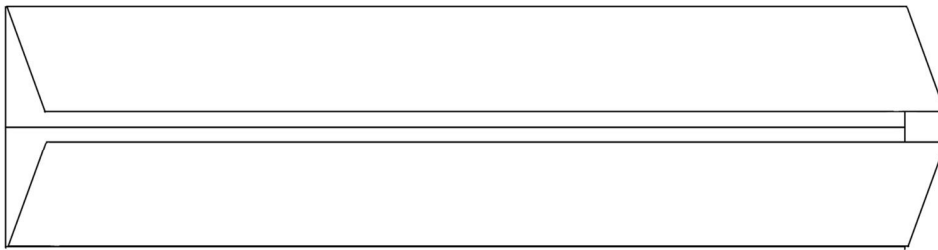


8. Turn the apron the right way round - it will now look like a bag with a frill round the edge. Give it a good iron so that the seams lie flat.

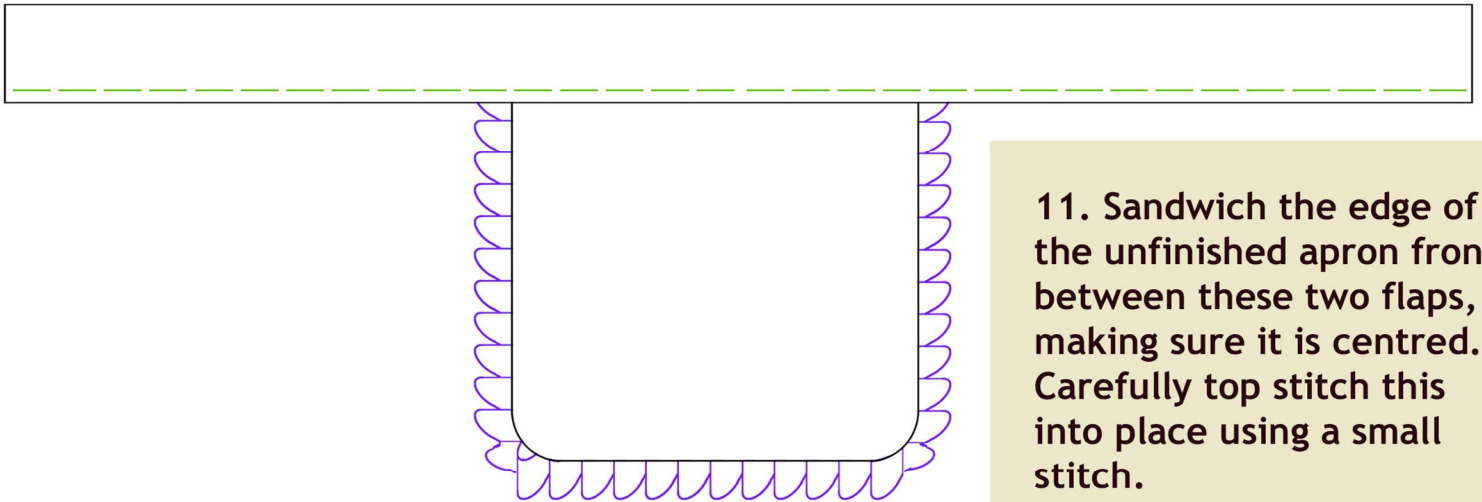
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9. Now for the tie. Take fabric for the apron tie - in my case, this was 32cm x 180 cm (12 x 71 inches). Fold and iron the crease, into half lengthways, and then into quarters (so this was 8 cm or 3 inches in my case).



10. Fold the edges in towards the middle.



11. Sandwich the edge of the unfinished apron front between these two flaps, making sure it is centred. Carefully top stitch this into place using a small stitch.



12. The finished apron!