

Patriotic Apron



You'll sizzle like a firecracker at a 4th of July picnic in this stars and stripes apron. It's quick and easy to a make – if you use a combination of sewing and fusing. For an even faster option, use Heavy-Duty Wonder-Under to trim a purchased apron.

Apron Fabric 5/8 yard
Stars 1/8 yard
Ribbon 7/8 " wide, 5 1/2 yards
Heavy Duty Wonder Under 1/2 yard
Tru Grid 1/2 yard

- Following Tru-Grid lines, draw two rectangles, one 10 x 12", the other 27" x 19". Use this pattern to cut out apron. (To eliminate the need for a hem, position the lower edge of the apron along the selvedge (finished edge) of the fabric.
- Cut ribbon into 5 pieces: 1-- 39" for bib of apron, 3-- 27" each for trim, 1 --73" for waist trim and ties.
- Using a rotary cutter and ruler, cut 1/4 yd. Heavy-Duty Wonder-Under into 3/4" wide strips.

- Iron Wonder-Under to wrong side of 27" lengths of ribbon. Remove paper backing and fuse ribbon to lower portion of apron as shown. After fusing, stitch along edge of ribbon, if desired.
 - Using strips of Wonder-Under, narrow hem: top of bib, and sides of bib and sides of lower apron.
1. Place Wonder-Under, rough (adhesive) side down, on wrong side of fabric, 1/4" from edge. Press in place.
 2. Fold edge of fabric over paper backing and press.
 3. Fold tape in half (paper still in place) and press.
 4. Remove paper backing, and press lightly.
 5. Cover hem with a damp press cloth and fuse.

<p>Speed tip: Use Wonder-Under as a sewing aid for narrow hems which are stitched. Follow directions through Step 4. Finish hemming by machine stitching.</p>

- Wrong sides of fabric together, center bib on top of lower apron. Stitch a 3/4" seam. Press seam allowance and remaining unfinished edges down 3/4". (Seam will be on right side of apron.)
- Piecing as needed, iron Wonder-Under to ribbon for waist trim and ties. (24" of ribbon at each end, should be left without Wonder-Under.) Peel off paper back and press ribbon on top of seam allowance and unfinished edges. Fuse in place, then topstitch.
- Trace 8 - 3" stars (use a cookie cutter as a guide) on remaining Wonder-Under. Press onto fabric, cut out, and fuse onto apron. If desired, outline stars with fabric paint or satin stitching.