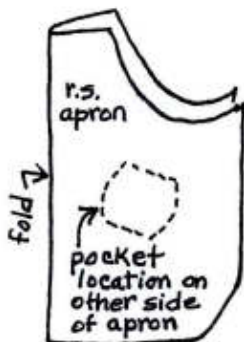


Viola Apron Tip Sheet

Use these ideas with Mary Mulari's Viola apron pattern.



Replace apron ties and straps with grosgrain ribbon. Cut ends diagonally or "v" shaped to prevent fraying.



Easy Pocket Placement

Mark pocket placement on one side of apron. Pin and sew pocket in place. Fold apron in half along center line with attached pocket side down. Align the second

pocket over the attached pocket by using your fingers to "feel" the placement. Pin the second pocket and sew.

Hem Edge Alignment

The reversible Viola apron's bottom edges are open. See the pattern instructions for details.

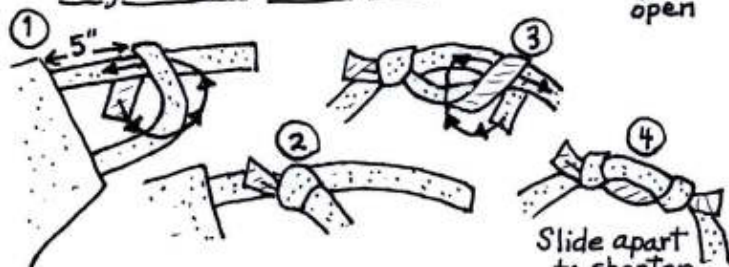
To make sure both hem edges line up, sew the two apron layers together with a long basting stitch on the bottom edges only.

Press basted seam allowances open before removing the basting stitches and thread.

Turn the apron right sides out, press bottom edges again, and topstitch them in place.



Adjustable Neck Ties



Follow these four steps to create adjustable neck bands with two slip knots. You can use this technique with other aprons with two separate neck ties.

Slide apart to shorten neck bands or pull knots together to lengthen.

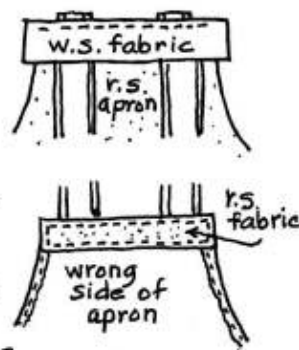
fold over the $\frac{3}{4}$ " edge and stitch it in place. This is an easy and fast way to make apron ties and straps.



wrong side of straps or ties

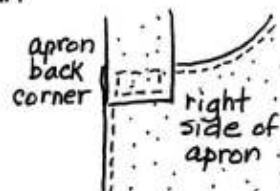
Pin and sew one short end of each strap or tie to the top edge of the apron.

7. Sew the 2" fabric strip to the apron top edge with right sides of strip and apron meeting. Turn and press the strip to the wrong side of the apron. Turn under the three loose edges (trim off extra fabric) to align with apron edges. Press, pin, and topstitch around the four sides of the strip.



8. Cross and pin the straps to the apron back corners using the estimated strap lengths in the pattern instructions. Try the apron on to test comfort and length of the straps, and the ease of getting the apron on and off.

When you have chosen the correct strap length, cut off any extra fabric, turn under the ends and stitch to the apron back corners.



* For a great single layer laminated cotton apron, use Splash fabrics. splashfabric.com

Additional Viola Apron Tips:



The apron features a shirt-tail hem but you can cut a square corner if you wish.

If you cut out extra straps or ties either by mistake or intentionally, use the fabric strips to trim towels to match the apron.



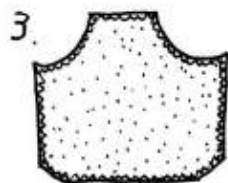
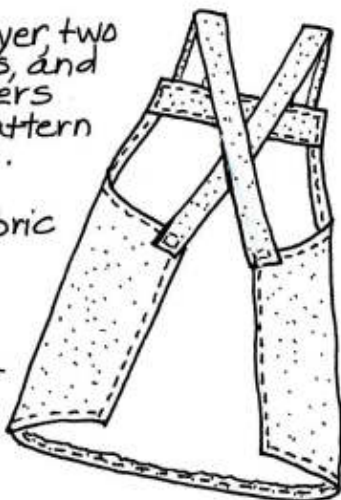
Viola Apron - Single Fabric

Mary Mulari's Viola reversible apron pattern is required for this variation.

Fabric Suggestions: vintage or new tablecloths, denim, home dec fabrics, laminated cotton* or other medium to heavy weight fabrics for a sturdy apron made from one fabric - not reversible.

1. Cut one apron layer, two 3" straps, pockets, and mask/towel holders using the Viola pattern layout illustration.

2. Cut a 2" x 15" fabric strip to reinforce the apron top edge. (You can use contrasting fabric for interest on the apron back.)



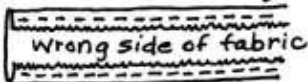
Serge or zigzag around the entire apron body.

Turn under and press all edges except apron top. Topstitch on all pressed edges.

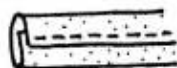
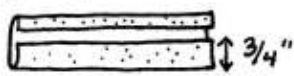
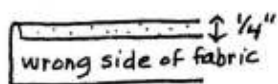


4. Sew pockets and mask/towel holders to the apron or wait until the apron is assembled so you can try it on to determine your preferred placements.

5. Wide Straps: Serge or zigzag the long edges of the 3" straps. Turn under the edges and topstitch.

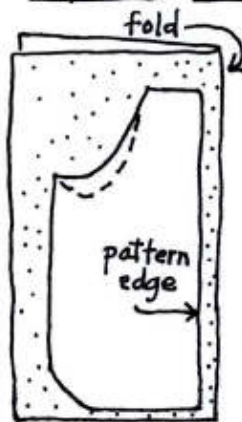


Narrow Straps: Turn under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and and press on one long edge.



On the opposite edge, turn up $\frac{3}{4}$ " and press. Fold over and press the $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Apron Sizing Alteration



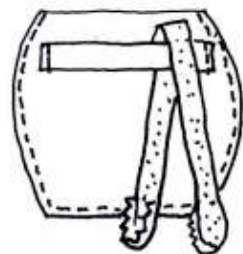
The Viola apron measures about 36" around waist and hips. For a wider apron, move the pattern away from the fabric center fold. In this case, you may need to cut narrower straps or ties or use ribbon or other fabric.

To make it easier to wear and take off the cross back straps

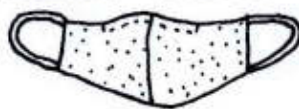
version of this apron, cut the armhole deeper, as indicated on the dashed line above.

Kitchen Tool Holder

Here's another use for the mask/towel holder on the Viola apron pockets: store tongs and other tools for easy access while wearing the apron.



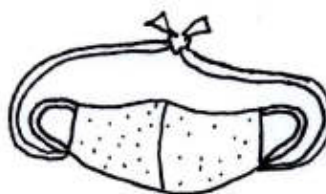
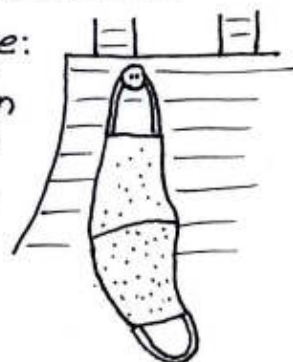
More about Masks



The Viola apron pattern includes a face mask pattern in 3 sizes.

Temporary Storage:

Sew a large button to the top of the apron. Hang the mask's ear loop from the button.



Add two ties to the mask to Knot behind your neck. The mask can be taken off to hang down around your neck, ready to be quickly lifted up and over your face again.

My sister Becky calls masks "face aprons." Thanks to Louise for suggesting masks to match aprons.