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## Le Chef Apron



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### Shopping List:

- HUSQVARNA VIKING sewing/embroidery machine
- 1/4 Yard blue denim
- 28" x 36" Warm and natural cotton batting
- 1/4 Yard red tone-on-tone cotton
- Sewing thread
- Black 12 wt. Sulky cotton thread
- Red 40 wt. rayon embroidery thread
- INSPIRA™ Tear-A-Way Light Stabilizer
- Sulky 12 wt. cotton blendable thread #4007
- Bobbin thread
- Quick easy mitred-binding tool #140 002 480
- Size 90 topstitch needle
- Edge Stitching Foot #412 79 67-45
- 1/4" Wide Steam-A-Seam 2
- Dual Feed Foot
- Clear Stitch in the Ditch Foot #412927446

## Cut:

### From red tone-on-tone:

- 1 Piece 8½" wide by 9" high for embroidery pocket lining
- 1 Apron piece 26" x 34"
- 3 Strips 3" wide by the width of the fabric for ties and strap

### From denim:

- 1 Apron piece 26" x 34"
- 10" x 12" For pocket embroidery

## Embroider:



1. Bring up Le Chef Design. (See *illustration A*) Hoop the 10" x 12" denim with INSPIRA Tear-A-Way Light Stabilizer. Insert a size 90 topstitch needle. Stitch the chef design in 12 wt. black cotton Sulky and the letters in 40 wt. rayon embroidery thread. Embroider the design.
2. Cut the embroidered denim to 6½" x 7" high with the embroidery centered.
3. Place it centered, on the 8½" x 9" red tone on tone fabric. The right side of the embroidery is up and the wrong side of the red fabric is up. Following the instructions in the Quick Easy Mitred-Binding Tool, bring the red fabric up around the pocket and mitre the corners. The instructions say to allow 1½," but 1" on the edges will work without a problem.
4. With the red fabric pressed, select F11.  Mirror the stitch side to side.  Stitch the red border through all the layers.

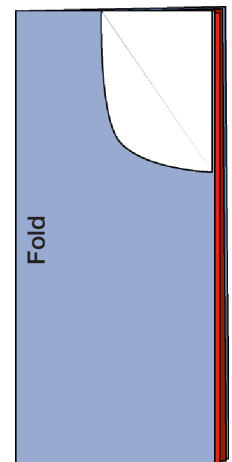
Illustration A



## Make the Strap and Ties:

1. Press the 3" wide strips in half lengthwise. Open out and bring the raw edges to the center and press again. Refold and press.
2. Fold in ¼" on the end of two of the three pieces. Snap on your Edge Stitching Foot. Select right needle position. Stitch along the edge of all three strips.
3. Cut the one without the finished end to 29" for the neck strap. The other two will be the ties.

Illustration B



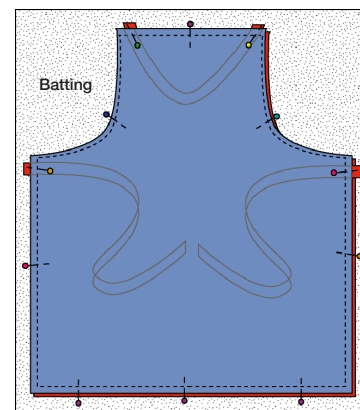
## Cut out the apron:

1. Place the 26" x 34" denim and the 26" x 34" lining fabric right sides together.
2. Fold to measure 13" x 24." Place the armhole template as shown (See *illustration B*) and cut the armhole through all layers of fabric.

## Quilt the apron:

1. Unfold the apron fabric and lay it (still right sides together) on top of the batting. (See *illustration C*) Insert the neck strap between the layers on the top and the ties at the sides as shown. Keep them  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the corners to they don't get caught in the stitching.
2. Stitch around the whole apron leaving a 6" opening on one side.
3. Turn and press. Insert Steam-A-Seam 2 into the opening and press with steam to fuse closed.
4. Using your Pictogram Pen, mark the center of the apron vertically. Then mark lines 3" apart from the center out on each side of the center.
5. Insert a size 90 Topstitch Needle. Thread with 12 wt. cotton Sulky blendable thread on top and sewing thread in the bobbin.
6. Attach your Dual Feed Foot. Stitch from the top down, on all the marked lines, channel quilting your apron.

Illustration C



## Make the pockets:

1. Depending on your barbecue tools, you will need to adjust your pockets accordingly. We suggest that you make a pocket out of scrap fabric and pin it to your apron to see if these dimensions work for you. If not, adjust the pocket accordingly.
2. For each long handled tool, two pocket pieces 6" wide x approx. 15" long depending on the size of your barbecue tools. We pieced the fabric before we cut the pocket piece out so it would have red at the top. The pocket should be just a bit shorter than the handle, so only the metal end sticks out. On one end, cut a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square out as shown. (See *illustration D*)
3. Fold the pocket pieces as shown, (See *illustration E*) and stitch across the corners, creating the "depth" to the pocket. Do this for all the corners on all the pockets.
4. Place the two pocket pieces right sides together and stitch around the pocket piece using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Leave the bottom open to turn.
5. Turn and press. Insert Steam-A-Seam 2 into the opening to fuse closed.
6. Lay your apron flat on a table and place your barbecue tools on the apron. The top of the longest one should be about 9" down from the top. Mark the top of your pockets. Place the center pocket on the center line. Measure  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " out from the center on each side of the center line and mark with your Pictogram Pen. Place your pocket on these lines. Snap on your Edge Stitching Foot and select right needle position. Edge stitch the pocket in place.
7. Repeat for the other two pockets spacing them about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " apart.
8. Snap on the B Foot and select one of your pre-programmed bar tack stitches like A32. Stitch a bartack at the top of each pocket to reinforce the stitching.
9. Place the embroidered pocket  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " down from the top of the apron. Snap on your Clear Stitch in the Ditch Foot. Stitch in the ditch of the binding to attach the pocket to the apron.
10. Place the barbecue tools in the pockets and you are ready for Fathers Day!

Illustration D



Illustration E

