



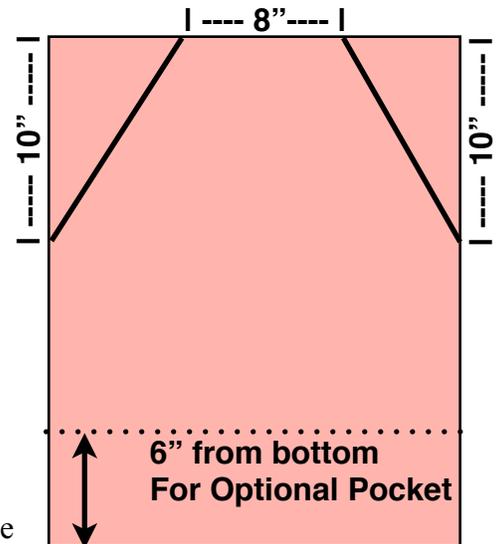
# Tea Towel Apron

with Merry May

Here is a quick and easy Hostess gift for the holidays! We added a machine embroidered design at the top of the towel, but you don't have to include this if you don't want to.

**Start with a 20" x 28" pre-washed tea towel (to shrink it).**

1. Trim top edge of tea towel so you have 8" across the center, and 10" down along each side. Note: If you wish to attach rick-rack, do it before you attach the ribbon. There is no need to turn under the ends of the rick-rack at the top of the apron, because you will catch the ends when attaching the ribbon.
2. Fold a **2-yard piece of 1" wide grosgrain ribbon** in half and mark the center with a safety pin. Then measure 10-12" on each side of the center and mark with pins. Pin at the upper cut edge of the apron, laying the ribbon on the **FRONT** of the apron. Machine stitch 1/4" away from raw edge of apron. Press ribbon to back and stitch again, close to the folded edge of the apron. Repeat for the strap on the other side of the apron. Make sure the ribbon is not twisted before attaching the second side of the strap.
3. Turn under the ends of the ribbon and stitch to hem them.
4. Add a pocket, if you wish.\*
5. Hand-stitch the loose side of the ribbon onto the wrong side of the apron if you wish, OR use a thread color that matches the tea towel and top-stitch by machine..



**Please Note: Diagrams are not to scale.**

\* **To make a Pocket**, fold a 1/4 yard piece of fabric in half, wrong sides together, with the selvage ends together. Trim off selvages. Press. Top-stitch along the long folded edge, using a decorative machine stitch.

Use a removable marking pencil and a ruler to draw a line 6" up from the bottom of the tea towel. Lay the pocket right side down, with the **open side of the pocket along the line you just drew, and the top-stitched edge at the bottom of the tea towel (upside down)**. Sew the pocket onto the tea towel with 1/4" seam. Press seam flat, then **press the pocket up**. Stitch across the bottom edge of the pocket with a 3/8" seam, enclosing the seam you just sewed. Wrap the short ends of the pocket around to the back of the tea towel and pin in place, with the raw edges turned under. Top-stitch the short ends of the pocket in place.

Draw a vertical line on the pocket at the center. Stitch along this line to make two pockets.

