# Peekaboo & Twirly Girl Aprons

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# **Supplies Needed**

**Peekaboo Pleated Apron** 1/2 yard AAK-14574-195 1/2 yard AAK-14575-195

**Twirly Girl Layered Apron** 1/2 yard AAK-14574-287 1/2 yard AAK-14575-287

#### Pattern Level: Confident Beginner

"I have basic block construction down and would like to learn a new trick!"

# Notes Before You Begin

- All of the seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.
- Remember to measure twice and cut once!
- Please read through all of the instructions before beginning.

# **Cutting Instructions**

#### Peekaboo Pleated Apron

## Fabric A: AAK-14575-195 (Unicorns)

- Cut 1 strip 12" x WOF.
- Cut 1 strip 4" x WOF.
  - Subcut into 2 strips 4" x 22" for the ties.

# Fabric B: AAK-14574-195 (Rainbows)

- Cut 1 strip 12" x WOF.
- Cut 1 strip 5" x WOF.
  - Subcut into 1 strip 5" x 20" for the waistband.



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Finished aprons fit child's sizes S/M

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## Twirly Girl Layered Apron

#### Fabric A: AAK-14575-287 (Unicorns)

- Cut 1 strip 7-1/2" x WOF (width of fabric).
- Cut 1 strip 5" x WOF.
  - Subcut into 1 strip 5" x 20" to make the waistband.
- Cut 1 strip 4" x WOF.
  - subcut into 2 strips 4" x 22" to make the ties.

#### Fabric B: AAK-14574-287 (Rainbows)

Cut 1 strip 12" x WOF

Edgestitch: A row of top-stitching sewn very close (1/16"-1/8") to an edge or existing seam.

#### Make Waistband/Ties

- Step 1: Fold in the top, bottom, and one short side of each of the ties 1/4" and press. Fold in half lengthwise and press. Edgestitch to enclose seam allowances.
- Step 2: Fold in the top, bottom, and sides of the waistband 1/4" and press. Fold in half lengthwise and press.
- Step 3: Insert the ties into the sides of the waistband 1/4"-1/2" and edgestitch the side openings of the waistband closed (you can do this later but I think it is easier to do before everything else is attached). Set waitband/ties aside.

#### **Cut Apron Panels**

- Step 1: Lineup the large fabric A piece with the grid on your cutting mat so that the fold is on the right and the selvedge is on the left. Trim off selvedges.
- Step 2: Take a long ruler and line it up with the bottom left corner and 1-1/2" to the right of the upper left corner. Cut along the edge of the ruler (figure 1).



- Step 3: Now lineup the ruler with the spot on the top of the fabric that is 4" from the edge and with the spot on the bottom of the fabric that is 7" from the edge. This will create a shape that is 4" wide on the top and 7" on the bottom and has vertical symmetry.
- Step 4: Next line up with your ruler with a spot that is 4" from the edge of the bottom of the fabric and 7" from the fabric at the top. This will create an upside-down version of what you just made which is fine because fabric A is not directional. You need 4 total fabric A pieces.
- Step 5: Repeat this with fabric B. The only difference is that fabric B is directional, so after you cut the first two shapes, repeat step 1 and then make another cut to make sure the rainbows are right side up. You need 3 total fabric B pieces.

#### **Sew Apron Panels**

Step 1: Place an A piece right sides together with a B piece with the 4" side on the top and the 7" side on the bottom.
Sew along the long edge using a 1/4" seam allowance (figure 2).
Repeat until the shapes are A-B-A-B-A.



- Step 2: Fold along each seam so that fabric A and fabric B piece are wrong sides together. Press flat and sew 3/8" from the edge of the fabric along the entire seam. This will enclose the raw edges and create pintucks. Repeat for each seam.
- **Step 3:** Press each of the pintucks toward fabric B.
- **Step 4:** Hem the bottom and sides of the apron by folding in 1/2", press, fold in 1/2"again, press, and edgestich hem down along second fold.
- Step 5: Form pleats by bringing the top edge of each fabric A piece to the center of the top of fabric B (figure 3). Sew a basting stitch over the pleats to make sure they don't wiggle free in the final step.



### **Final Assembly**

Step 1: Insert the apron body into the waistband and sew shut by topstitching along the edge.

Step 2: Topstitch the top of the apron along the full length of the ties and waistband.

# Twirly Girl Layered Apron Sewing Instructions

#### Make Waistband/Ties

- **Step 1**: Fold in the top, bottom, and one side of each of the ties 1/4" and press. Fold in half lengthwise and press. Edgestitch to enclose seam allowances.
- Step 2: Fold in the top, bottom, and sides of the waistband 1/4" and press. Fold in half lengthwise and press.
- Step 3: Insert the ties into the sides of the waistband 1/4"-1/2" and edgestitch the side openings of the waistband closed (you can do this later but I think it is easier to do before everything else is attached). Set waitband/ties aside.

# Hem and Gather Skirt Panels

**Step 1:** Fold the short sides and one of the WOF sides (this will be the bottom) of your

7-1/2" x WOF and 12" x WOF pieces in 1/2 ". Press. Fold in 1/2" again, press, and edgestich hem down along second fold (figure 1).



Step 2: Sew a gathering stitch 1/4" from the top of each of these pieces and gather until it is 19" wide.

## **Final Assembly**

Step 1: Place the main fabric A on top of the main fabric B piece and insert into the opening at the bottom of the waistband.

Step 2: Carefully sew along the opening (figure 2).

Step 3: Topstitch the top of the apron along the full length of the ties and waistband (figure 2).



Enjoy your aprons!