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## oilcloth apron bonnet

i got this idea way back when i pulled out this apron bonnet (which i did have on inside out, but since then i've finally figured out how to wear an apron bonnet). i got to thinking about bonnets, and rain bonnets (remember those clear plastic ones you could buy in the gumball machines for a quarter?) and apron-bonnets, and wouldn't a waterproof oilcloth apron bonnet be useful for working in the yard when it's drizzling, or for collecting muddy stuff from the garden. then you can just hose it off!

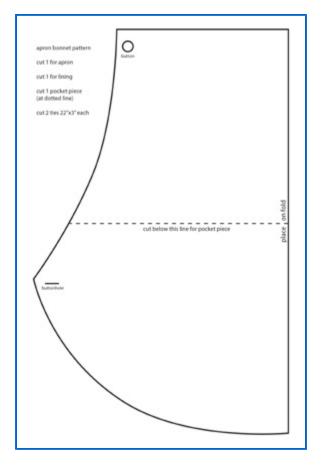


we've been getting a ton of rain here this week, with more still on the way. i thought it would be a good time to make an oilcloth apron bonnet.



i was too wimpy to actually go outside to take the picture, it's really pouring out! by the kitchen window was close enough for me!

i copied the pattern from the original apron bonnet. click on the picture to download the actual size pattern.



i lined it with polkadot fabric because the back of the oilcloth was kind of scratchy and not very pretty, but the original cloth apron was only one layer plus the pocket.



you will need:

2 1/2 yards of 1/4" double fold bias binding

1/2 yard of oilcloth

1/2 - 3/4 yard fabric for lining and ties-it depends on how wide your fabric is. if your fabric is over 44" wide, 1/2 yard is enough

thread

2 buttons

i highly recommend using a teflon foot for sewing oilcloth, it's a zillion times easier.

1) cut pieces. place lining and apron together (wrong sides together) stitch around edge, 1/8" from edge so stitching will be covered up by the binding.

- 2) sew bias binding to top edge of apron pocket. place pocket on top of apron and stitch around sides and bottom (1/8" again) and stitch up the center to divide into 2 pockets. to find the center i folded the pocket in half and made a crease before stitching on to apron, then i stitched along the crease.
- 3) sew bias binding all the way around the apron.
- 4) hem ties (1/2" seam allowance) turn edge under 1/4", then 1/4" again then stitch to make a nice clean hem. to make them triangular at the end like i did, fold one corner over to the edge and tack.
- 5) attach ties to sides of apron top.
- 6) sew on the buttons and make button holes.

to make it into a bonnet, slip the buttonhole over the button and fold the extra material up into the bonnet where your ear would be. use the pocket edge as a guide where to fold to make it nice and neat. the oilcloth holds the shape really well. see, i finally figured it out!

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### 11 Responses to "oilcloth apron bonnet"

1. <u>miss cinti</u> says:

January 20, 2010 at 8:16 pm

inspired, i wonder if i could scale it down for little girls?

2. <u>Anne Weaver</u> says: January 21, 2010 at 7:30 am

Cute, cute!! I blogged your tutorial on Craft Gossip Sewing :http://sewing.craftgossip.com/free-pattern-oilcloth-apron-and-rain-bonnet/2010/01/21/

-Annew

3. Mary says:

January 21, 2010 at 9:28 am

Where do I buy a teflon foot? I have been looking and looking. I don't want to buy on line when the shipping will be more then the teflon foot.

4. <u>hannah</u> says:

January 21, 2010 at 1:40 pm

i think it would be really easy to size it down for girls.

i bought my teflon foot at a repair shop that specialized in industrial sewing machines. they had so many different kinds of feet for different applications. but even if you have to order it in the mail, it will totally be worth it. i did read a few sewing tips that say you can put scotch tape on

the bottom of your regular foot and that will help it glide over plastic and vinyl. that might be worth a try for a small project like this.

#### 5. andrea says:

January 21, 2010 at 3:54 pm

super cute!

#### 6. Heidi says:

January 22, 2010 at 6:57 am

What a great idea! I love seeing the versatility of oilcloth displayed in all its glory! Thanks!

#### 7. Brenda says:

January 22, 2010 at 8:43 am

Mary–If you have a Hancock's near you they carry Teflon feet. Good luck. I just love this Apron Bonnet!!! Going to buy oil cloth today.

I work with Seniors that have dementia and they would love this !!! Thanks

#### 8. *quinn* says:

January 23, 2010 at 7:56 am

Any chance oilcloth bonnets will be appearing in your etsy shop???

#### 9. *hannah* says:

January 23, 2010 at 2:32 pm

no, i won't be making any to sell, i just wanted to make one!

#### 10. Sue says:

March 14, 2010 at 1:20 pm

Hi

I'm having a hard time downloading the pattern. It will only print the top half of the pattern. What am I doing wrong? The pattern is adorable! Thanks......Sue

#### 11. *hannah* says:

March 18, 2010 at 6:06 pm

hi sue! the actual size of the pattern is bigger than  $8.5 \times 11$ , if your printer won't print it out multi-page, you can try opening it in a program like illustrator or photoshop and printing it out from there, or you can print it out 1/2 size (so it will fit on one page) and enlarge it on a xerox machine. i hope that helps!

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