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An Awesome Dotty Apron

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Make “thread yarn” with your serger! It’s quick and easy, and you get to custom blend the colors. Make the funky multicolor trims, then stitch our pretty yarn flowers all over to create a one of a kind, custom made fabric! You pick the fabrics, you pick the colors.

Sewing Supplies:

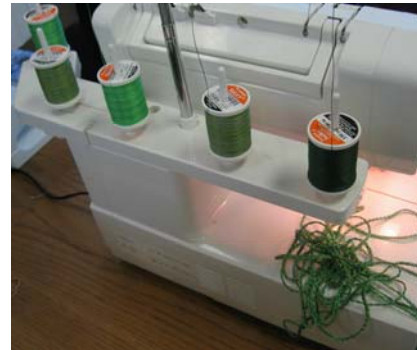
- Pfaff creative Sewing Machine
- Pfaff Coverlock Serger
- 1/2 yard of Large Multicolor Dot Print Cotton
- 3/4 yard of Small Green multicolor Dot Print Cotton
- 1 1/3 yards of Solid Cream Cotton
- 1/8 Yard of Purple Dot Cotton
- 1/8 Yard of Yellow/Orange Dot Cotton
- 1/8 Yard Green/White Dot Cotton
- 1/8 Yard Turquoise Swirl Print Cotton
- Yarn Couching Foot Set # 820 912-096
- 1/4” Right Guide Foot w/IDT™
- Assorted Sulky 12 wt. and 30 wt. Cotton Threads or Blendable Threads
- Assorted 40 wt. Rayon Embroidery Thread
- Bobbin Thread
- Sewing Thread
- Air Soluble Fabric Marking Pen
- INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way Stabilizer
- Fray Blocking Liquid
- 150mm x 150mm creative All Fabric Hoop II #820889096
- Fasturn Tube Turner #140000001
- 1/2” wide Steam-A-Seam
- Sew on Button Foot #820473096
- One Button 3/4” – 1”



Make “Thread Yarn”:

Thread your Coverlock as follows:

- Set for three thread rolled hem.
- Insert a size 90 Topstitch needle in the right needle position.
- Place a 30 wt. green thread on the first spool pin on the left. Place 12 wt. green cotton or 40 wt. green rayon on each of the other four spool pins.
- Thread the first 12 wt. or 30 wt. thread on the left through the right needle. Remove the left needle.
- On the next two, bring the two threads together and thread through the upper looper.
- For the last two, bring together and thread through the lower looper.



Begin to serge, holding the tail taut, as it is coming out of the machine. Check the resulting “thread yarn” for consistency, and adjust the tensions (probably higher) to achieve a nice solid tail of “thread yarn”. Continue stitching until you have a small ball of “thread yarn”. Repeat for the remainder of colors. We made pink, purple, orange and blue.

Make the Trims:

Purple Scallops:

1. Cut two 1 3/4” x 28” strips from purple dot, yellow/orange dot, green and white dot and turquoise.
2. Place the two purple strips right sides together.



3. Select 4.1.1 .
4. Snap on your 2A Foot.
5. Thread with sewing thread on top and in the bobbin.
6. Align the edge of the 2A foot with the edge of the strip. Stitch the length of the strip.

Yellow Orange Triangles:

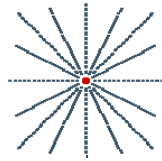
1. Place the two yellow/orange dot strips right sides together.





2. Touch .

3. Select straight stitch 1.1.1








4. Touch Directional Stitches
5. Select 45°.
6. Touch  12 times.
7. Select -45°.
8. Touch  12 times.
9. Stitch the length of the strip.

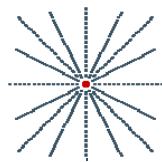
Green/White Dot Squares:




1. Place the two green/white dot strips right sides together.

2. Touch  .

3. Touch and Hold Delete  then touch  to delete the sequence.

4. Select straight stitch 1.1.1  .




5. Touch Directional Stitches
6. Select 0°.
7. Touch  5 times.
8. Select 90°.
9. Touch  10 times.
10. Select 0°.
11. Touch  10 times.
12. Select -90°.



13. Touch  10 times.


14. Stitch the length of the strip.

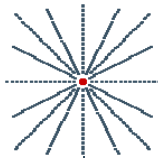
Turquoise Saw Tooth:

1. Place the two turquoise strips right sides together.

2. Touch  .

3. Touch and Hold Delete  then touch  to delete the sequence.

4. Select straight stitch 1.1.1  .

5. Touch Directional Stitches 

6. Select 45°.

7. Touch  12 times.

8. Select -90°.

9. Touch  12 times.

10. Stitch the length of the strip.

11. Trim close to the stitching on all the strips and clip into the corners.

12. Turn and press.

Piece:

Before cutting out the apron, we will piece the fabrics together.

Cut:

- One 5" x 27" from large multicolor dot print
- One 9" x 27" from small green multicolor dot
- One 9" x 27" Solid
- One 12" x 27" from large multicolor dot print

1. Snap on your 1/4" Right Guide Foot w/IDT™.

2. Place the purple trim along the long edge of the 5" x 27" large multicolor dot strip.

3. Stitch in place.
4. Place the yellow/orange triangle trim along one long edge of the green multicolor strip.
5. Stitch in place.
6. Place the turquoise saw tooth trim along one long edge of the solid cream strip.
7. Stitch in place.
8. Place the green/white dot square trim along one long edge of the 12" x 27" large multicolor dot print
9. Stitch the strips together as shown. Stitch with the previous stitching up, and move your needle position one click to the left. Even though the 1/4" Right Guide Foot w/IDT™ is a straight stitch foot, there is room to move one or two clicks. By doing so, you will be sure your first row of stitching is covered.



Cut:

1. Cut lining 26" x 33 1/2" from cream cotton.
2. Fold pieced apron to measure 13" x 33 1/2". Place the armhole template as shown and cut the armhole through all layers of fabric.
3. Repeat for the lining.

Fold

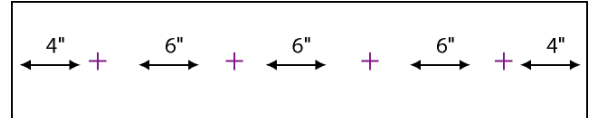



Embroider:



1. Thread with 40 wt. rayon embroidery thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.
2. Hoop INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way Stabilizer in your 150mm x 150mm creative All Fabric Hoop II. Use the hoop marked Light, which is perfect since we are hooping the stabilizer only.
3. Using an air soluble fabric marking pen, mark the center on the stabilizer as shown.

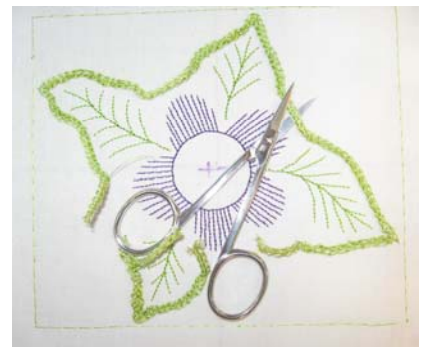


4. Mark your solid cream strip as shown.



5. Place your marked fabric onto the hooped stabilizer. Touch  to baste the fabric to the hoop.
6. Color 1 is the center of the leaves. Thread with green thread. Stitch the leaf centers.
7. Color 2 is the center of the flowers. Thread with the color for the first flower. Stitch the flower center.
8. Color 3 is the green leaf yarn. Using the threader that is provided, thread the yarn through one of your Yarn Couching Feet. Test the yarn and see if it is better in foot #1 or foot #2. It should pull freely, but fill the opening in the foot. With the yarn threaded through the foot from top to bottom, pull an inch or so to the back, and snap the foot onto the machine.

9. Slow the speed down to the second slowest speed. Touch Start Stop  . Using your stylus, keep the yarn tail from being sewn over. Complete the leaves.



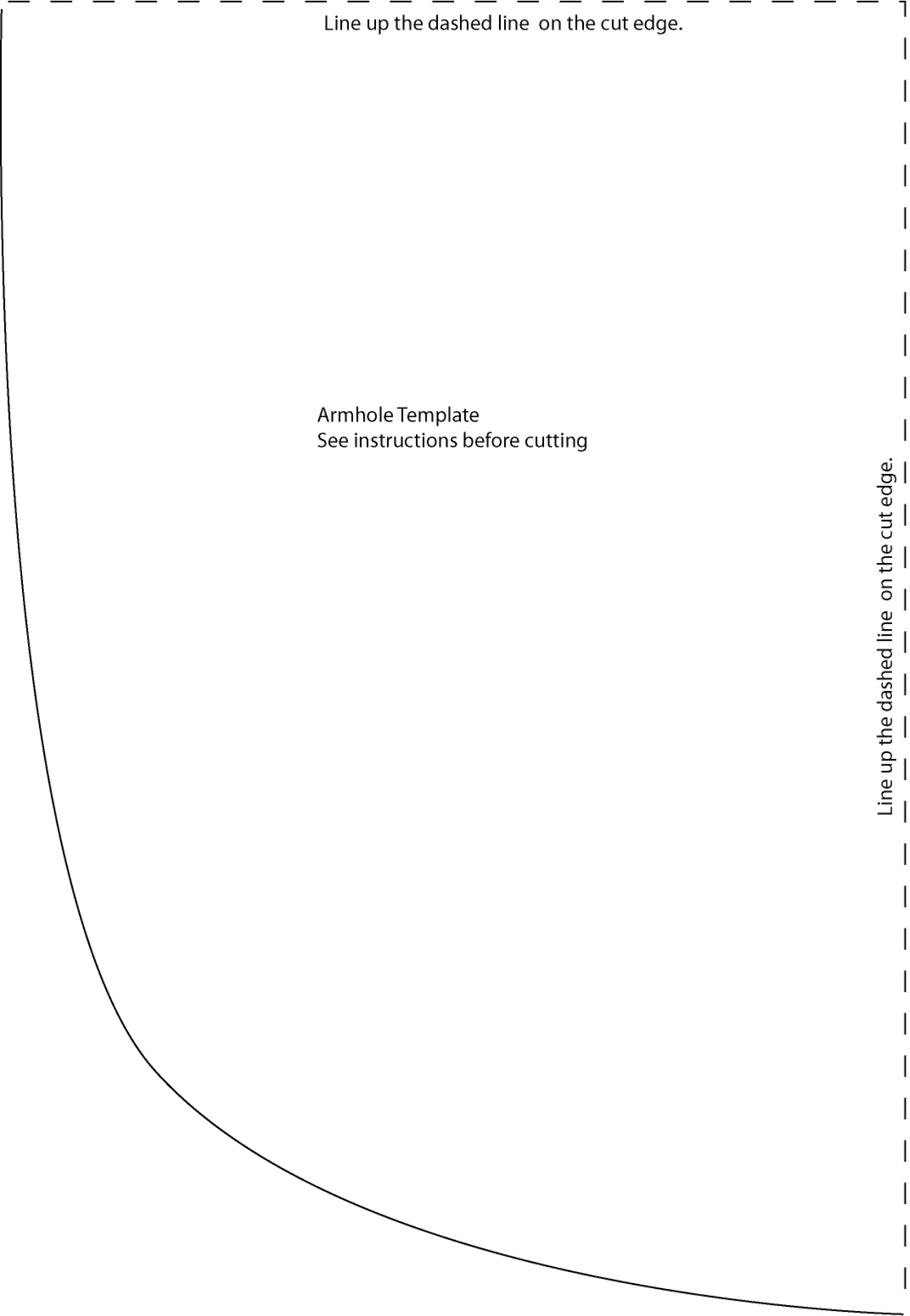
10. When the color 3 is complete, cut between the leaves as shown, so you have a short yarn tail at each beginning and ending.
11. Color 4 is the flower. Thread with thread the color of your flower. Thread the flower colored yarn into the Yarn Couching Foot. Embroider the flower. Keep the yarn tail out of the way with your stylus.
12. The last color, color 5 is the flower center. Thread with thread to match your center yarn and thread the center yarn into the foot. Embroider the flower center keeping the yarn tails out of the way with your stylus.
13. Apply fray blocking liquid to the yarn where the stitching ends. Allow to dry. Cut off the thread ends after the fray blocking liquid is completely dry. If desired, you could pull the ends to the wrong side and tie off.
14. Embroider the remaining flowers rotating the flower 90° each time.

Make the Ties and Strap:

1. Cut two pieces for the neck strap from the 30" x 2 1/2" from the remaining small green multicolor fabric.
2. Cut four pieces 1 1/2" x width of fabric for the back ties.
3. Using the marks on your rotary cutter ruler, cut a 60° angle on one end as shown.
4. Fold over the strip, and using the first end as your guide, cut the same angle on the other end.
5. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.
6. Snap on your 1/4" Right Guide Foot w/IDT™.
7. Place the two neck strap pieces right sides together. Stitch, leaving one short end open.
8. Repeat for the two back ties.
9. Clip the corners; turn using your Fasturn Tube Turner and press.
10. Pin the neck strap as shown, aligning the raw edges.
11. Pin the ties along the top of the edges aligning the raw edges.
12. Place the apron front and lining right sides together. Stitch leaving an 8" opening for turning.
13. Clip the corners, turn and press.
14. Insert 1/2" wide Steam-A-Seam in the opening and press with steam to fuse closed.
15. Try on your apron. Mark the placement for the buttonhole on the neck strap.
16. Snap on your Sensormatic Buttonhole Foot Make a buttonhole, the correct size for your button.
17. Snap on your Sew On Button Foot.
18. Stitch the button in place to correspond with the buttonhole.

You are ready to start cooking!!!



A diagram of an armhole template. It features a solid black line on the left and bottom, and a dashed black line on the top and right. The dashed line on the right is oriented vertically. The text 'Line up the dashed line on the cut edge.' is written at the top and right. The title 'Armhole Template' and the instruction 'See instructions before cutting' are centered in the middle.

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