

Easter Bunny Apron

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Greet your Easter Brunch guests wearing this adorable apron! The bunny's chenille tail is just to die for! This festive apron will put everyone in the mood for the Easter Egg hunt to follow!

Sewing Supplies:

Robison Anton Swirling Sensations Spring Lawn Color 005

Assorted 40 wt. Rayon Embroidery Threads

7/8 yard of White Cotton/Linen

1/4 yard of Green Contrast for Scallops and Ties

Sensor Q Foot

60 wt. White Cotton Thread

INSPIRA® 90 Topstitch Needles

INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way Stabilizer

INSPIRA® Wing Needle

Vanish Extra Water Soluble Thread #620000196

Pictogram Pen

Mini Scallop Radial Ruler #140000404

Pinking Shears

Clear Open Toe Foot #413 03 19-45

Clear 1/4" Piecing Foot #412927447

1/4" Wide Steam-A-Seam 2

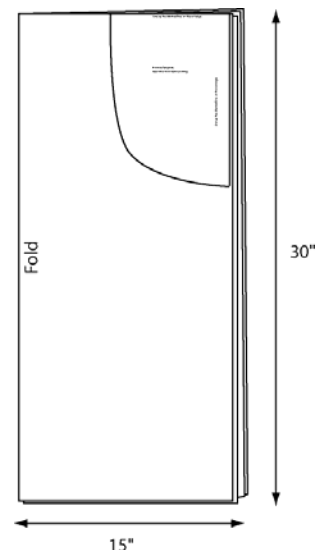


Cut out the apron:

1. Cut a cotton/linen square 30" x 30".
2. Fold to measure 15" x 30". Place the armhole template as shown and cut the armhole through all layers of fabric.
3. From contrast, cut a band 30" x 4" for Madeira Border

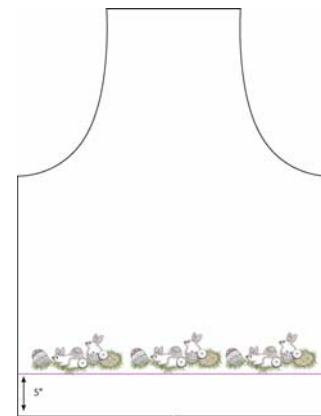
Embroider:

1. Attach your Sensor Q Foot. The chenille stitching on the bunny's tail builds up a lot of thread and the Sensor Q foot will handle the thickness better than the R Foot. Insert a size 90 INSPIRA® Topstitch Needle.
2. Using your Pictogram Pen, mark a line 5" from the bottom edge. The line is the bottom of the embroidery. Hoop INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way Stabilizer. Place your linen on the stabilizer and baste. The basting



along the bottom of the embroidery should be along the marked line as shown. The embroidery should start 1" from each cut edge.

3. Thread with Robison Anton Swirling Sensations Spring Lawn Color 005 on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin. Embroider until you reach color 11, changing colors as called for. Before stitching color 11 (the tail), insert a bobbin wound with Wash Away Thread. Finish the embroidery. (NOTE: don't forget to remove the water soluble thread and replace with bobbin thread before embroidering the next set.)



4. Embroider three repeats of the design along the bottom edge of the apron. When the embroidery is complete, remove the stabilizer. Spritz the back of the tail embroidery with water to dissolve the water soluble bobbin thread. "Fluff" up the tail. Put a drop of fabric glue on the wrong side, in the center of the tails to secure the tail stitches when the apron is washed.
5. In your 4D Software, program in "Happy Easter". We used Adina Script size 25mm. Embroider "Happy Easter", centered, on the bib of your apron approximately 4" down from the top.

Sew:

Madeira border:

1. Fold the 4" x 30" contrast band in half to measure 4" x 15".
2. Place your Mini scalloped Ruler on the fold end and mark a 2" scallop as shown 1/2" down from the raw edge.
3. Continue marking scallops across the remainder of the fabric. You should have 1/2" left at the end.
4. Thread with sewing thread on top and water soluble thread in the bobbin.




5. Leaving the fabric folded as it is, stitch on the marked lines.
6. Trim away the excess fabric using a pinking shears. Clip into the points of the scallops close to the stitching.
7. Turn right side out and carefully press, "poking out" the curves. Spray with Spray Starch to dissolve the water soluble thread, and set the pressed edges. Carefully open up the seam. If the thread has not dissolved all the way, wet slightly with water and then re-press to dry.
8. You now have a scalloped border with the edges perfectly pressed under.
9. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.



10. Place the right side of the border to the wrong side of the bottom of the apron. Pin the straight edges. Have the top edge folded to the wrong side as shown. Stitch across the bottom and sides using a 1/2" seam allowance.


11. Clip the corners and turn the border to the right side.

12. Clip the white linen seam allowance to the seam line as shown. Press the edges being careful not to disturb the pressed under scallop edges. Pin the scallops in

place. Select a Handlook Applique Stitch # F11 . Thread with Robison Anton Swirling Sensations Spring Lawn Color 005 on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin. Snap on your Clear Open Toe Foot.



13. Mirror image and stitch the edge of the scallops in place.

14. Spray starch the apron edges. Insert an INSPIRA® Wing Needle. Thread with fine 60 wt. white thread on top and in the bobbin. Select D4 . Snap on your "A" foot. Align the edge of the fabric with the 15mm line on your stitch plate. Stitch along both edges of the apron, starting just above the scallop stitching. Trim up to the stitching as shown.

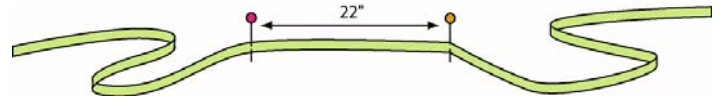


15. Check the width of the apron top. Cut a deeper armhole by moving the template closer to the center if needed.

16. Cut bias strips 2" wide, to equal 72" in length. Sew end to end.

17. Fold in half, wrong sides together, lengthwise and press.

18. Bring the ends of the strip together, locating the center. This will be the center back of the neck strap.



19. Mark 11" on each side, for a total of 22".

Put a pin at these points. Pin the binding/strap to the arm openings matching the raw edges. Try on over your head and adjust the neck strap as needed.

20. The binding strap should be on the wrong side of the apron. Snap on your Clear 1/4" Piecing Foot. Stitch the binding in place using a 1/4" seam allowance.

21. Bring the binding around to the right sides along the armholes and press. Insert Steam-A-Seam 2 under the edge of the binding and fuse in place.

22. Fold the tie strips and neck strap following the binding, and press. Insert Steam-A-Seam 2 and press to fuse.

23. Thread with Robison Anton Swirling Sensations Spring Lawn Color 005 on top and in the bobbin. Stitch the binding and the ties. Try on the apron and trim off any excess tie length. Tie the end of the ties in a knot and you are ready for the Easter Bunny to arrive!

Line up the dashed line on the cut edge.

Armhole Template
See instructions before cutting

Line up the dashed line on the cut edge.