

SINGER® PROJECTS

How to Sew a Utility Apron

By: Carly Olds
Singer Educator

Learn how to make a simple, beginner-friendly utility apron. Personalize it with buckle straps or sew your own tie straps and adjust the pocket sizes to fit your needs. Perfect for gardening, construction, or keeping your sewing tools organized!

This project features the SINGER® Heavy Duty 6700C sewing machine available at select Michaels® locations, [michaels.com](https://www.michaels.com) or [singer.com](https://www.singer.com).



PROJECT SKILL LEVEL: ■■■□□

Shopping List

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room or take it with you while you shop for supplies.

PROJECT SUPPLIES:

- Singer® sewing machine
- Fabric – 2-4 color selections depending on fabric pockets choice (canvas/denim or thicker materials recommended)
 - 2x outside pieces – 23” (L) x 13” (W)
 - 1x large pocket – 23” (L) x 16” (W)
 - 1x small pocket – 23” (L) x 10” (W)

2x Strap pieces – 35” (L) x 5” (W) - *OR you can get canvas straps and buckle
2x smaller scrap pieces needed for side loops – about 10” (L) x 5” (W) (or can be cut to desired size)

- Machine thread
- Scissors or rotary cutter and cutting mat
- Sewing pins
- Iron
- Chalk or heat removable pen

PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS:

1) Cut the fabric pieces

- First cut all fabric pieces to size as listed. You will have two main pieces for your front and back of the apron and two pocket pieces which will be folded in half when sewn on.
- 2x outside pieces – 23” (L) x 13” (W)
- 1x large pocket – 23” (L) x 16” (W)
- 1x small pocket – 23” (L) x 10” (W)
- 2x Strap pieces – 35” (L) x 5” (W) - *OR you can get canvas straps and buckle
- 2x smaller scrap pieces needed for side loops – about 10” (L) x 5” (W) (or can be cut to desired size)



2) Sew top stitching along top pocket edges

- Fold pocket pieces in half (length wise) and press
- Then sew a top stitch along each top edge about ¼ Inch from the top



3) Align pockets to front piece of fabric (good side facing up) and sew around side edges

- First place large pocket to the good side of front of the apron, then place the small pocket on top. Pin or clip on the sides.
- Then sew around the side edges to secure in place. Sew about ¼ inch from the edge or as close as you can to the outer edge.



4) Sew your straps (if you are using canvas straps with buckle - skip ahead)

- Fold lengthwise and sew up the sides of straps (good sides touching) about ¼ inch. Leave a hole on each side.



- Then use a safety pin or a tube turner to turn right side out.

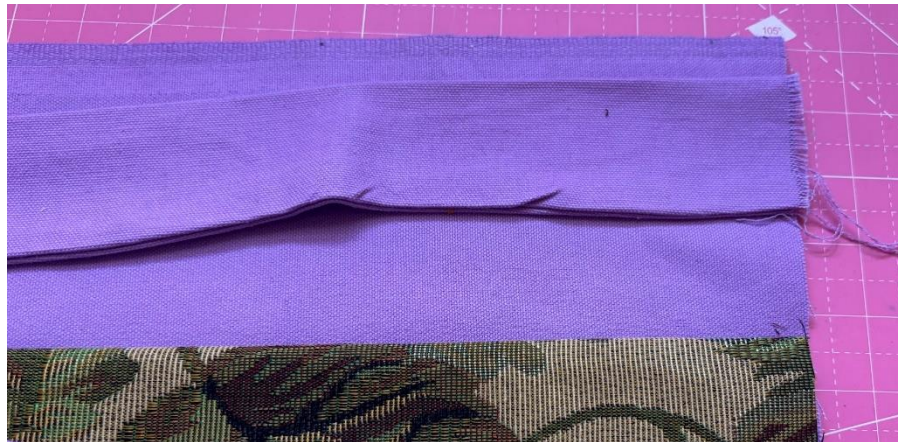
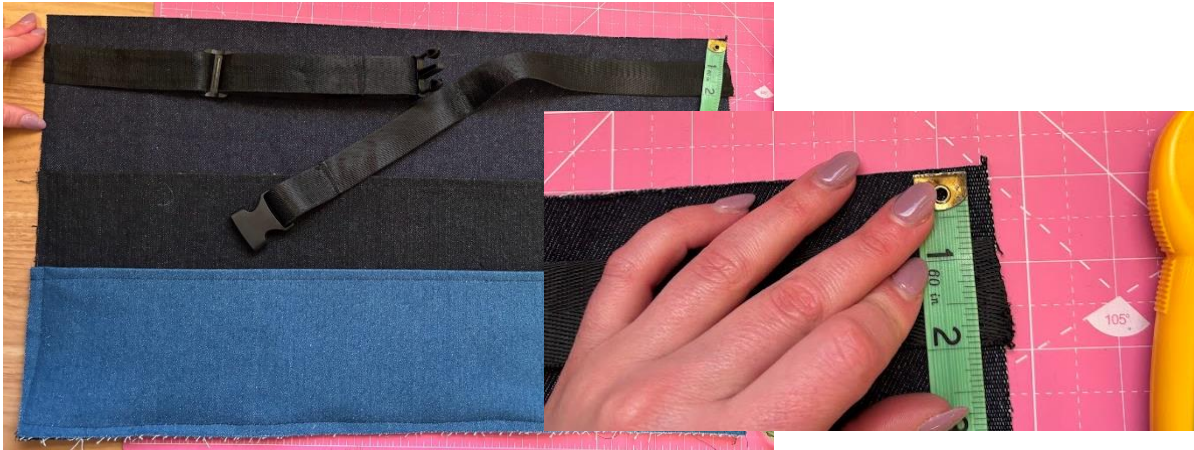


- Press it flat and fold in outside edge inward and press. Sew a top stitch on outside edge (one side of strap can be left with raw edge showing)



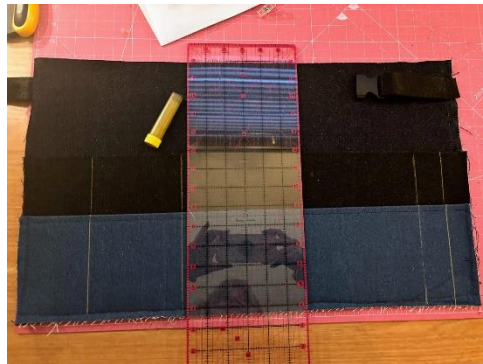
5) **Then place your two straps facing inward on top edges and sew to front piece on side edge**

- Make sure straps are facing inside and that you leave some space at the top, I recommend sewing about 1.5-2 inches down from the top edge.



6) Sew pocket sizes to front piece

- Use chalk or a heat removable pen and mark the size you want to make your pockets. Then sew through all the layers of fabric from top edge of the large pocket to bottom edge, creating your different size pockets of your liking.



7) Sew side loop straps together and sew to side

- These are optional, smaller loops that can be anywhere you want on the side of the apron. They are good for holding tools like a hammer or key chains, so I made two different sizes.
- Fold in half, press. Then fold once more and sew up the sides with a top stitch.



- Fold loop and tuck inwards and sew to side to secure.



8) Sew back piece to apron

- Take back piece of fabric for apron and pin on top with good sides touching.
- Make sure all straps and loops are tucked inwards out of the way.
- Sew around the rectangle with a 5/8" seam allowance. Leave a hole at the top about 4"-5" wide where you will flip it right side out at the end.
- If using thicker material make sure you adjust your stitch length for sewing through multiple layers.





9) Snip corners and flip right side out then press well.

- Snip your corner edges and any excess seam allowance so it is not bulky.
- Flip it to the right side out through the hole, then push all corners out well.
- Press it well, and fold in the hole.



10) Add a top stitch on the top edge and close hole at same time

- Make sure your hole is pressed first then sew a top stitch along the top edge, which will close the hole at the same time.

Optional: You can also sew a rectangle top stitch around the entire apron if desired



11) Final press and done!

- Give it one more good press throughout and then you are ready to get to work with your new apron!



