

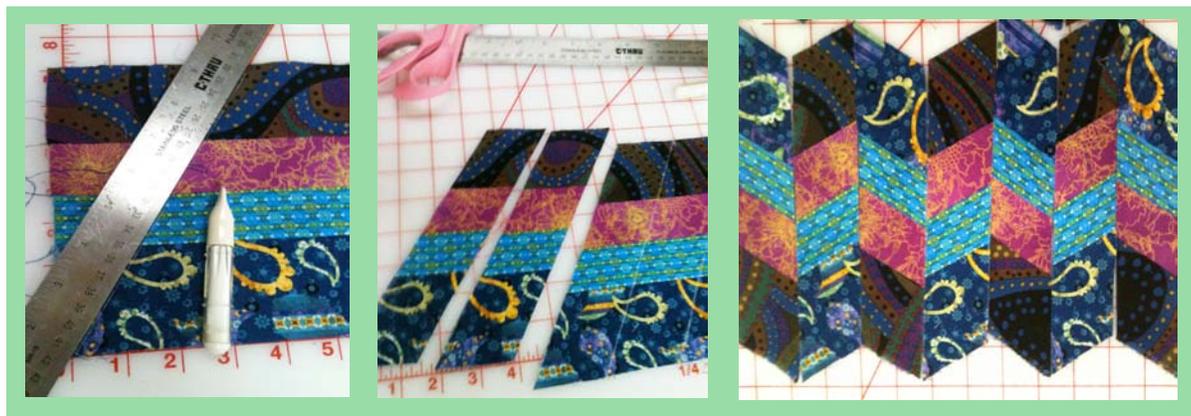
Pieced Apron by Brenda Pinnick

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Although this apron looks complicated, it isn't due to the technique given to us by the Seminole Indian culture. This apron can be made in one evening and can vary in size according to your needs. It's finished off with a ribbon waistband which is offset, to tie on one side. It's embellished with a handmade flower featuring a layered button center. I used fabrics from my previous collections plus one from my stash.



Instructions:

Choose 5 fabrics, each 19" in length, cut with the grain.

Cut strips as follows:

2 different fabrics at $2\frac{3}{8}$ " x 19"

2 different fabrics at $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x 19"

2 same of fabric at 3" x 19"

1 border fabric at 12" x 19"

* all seams are 1/4"

* seams are sewn right sides together

Using the first set of 4 strips:

Step 1. Using the fabric strips, lay them out so the two wider ones are top and bottom.

Step 2. Pin the long edges together then stitch, using 1/4" seams.

Step 5. Using a ruler and chalking tool, draw lines at a 30° angle. Repeat every 2" until you've reached the end. Cut pieces precisely on the lines.

Using the second set of 4 strips:

Repeat steps 1-4

Step 5. Turn your sewn strips wrong side up on your cutting board before completing the rest of step 5. Be sure to keep the tops and bottoms the same.

Step 6. Arrange your strips in the alternating pattern shown above. Pin and sew all strips together. Press all seams open from front and back.

I like to use some starch in this step.

Step 7. Lay the sewn strips out onto your cutting board. Trim the edges, creating a clean rectangle.
Step 8. Pin the borders to each long end then stitch. Press seams open.
Step 9. Choose a piece of lining material. Lay your pieced rectangle on top of lining, right sides together. Cut to match.
Step 10. With right side still together, pin and stitch the apron front to the back, leaving a 3" opening along top edge for turning right side out.
Finish apron by cutting a piece of ribbon to fit your waist plus enough to tie a nice bow with tails. Place it on the front of the apron and pin in place, positioning it so the bow will tie off to one side. Use topstitching to sew in place.
optional: embellish with a fabric flower.



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