

Meow, Meow – A Catty Apron



Easy to make and fun to wear, this catty apron is made with *Meow Meow* fabrics designed by Phyllis Dobbs for Quilting Treasures.

Website – www.phyllisdobbs.com/

Blog - www.phyllisdobbs.info/ (additional patterns for aprons and quilts plus discussions on sewing, fabrics, quilting, designing, and much more).

Materials:

1/2 yard – Pink “Cat words” fabric 25719-P

1/2 yard – Pink/yellow cat patchwork fabric 25687-SP

1 cat block patch – Pink Cat blocks 25688-P

Optional –

Cutting mat

Rotary Cutter

Cutting:

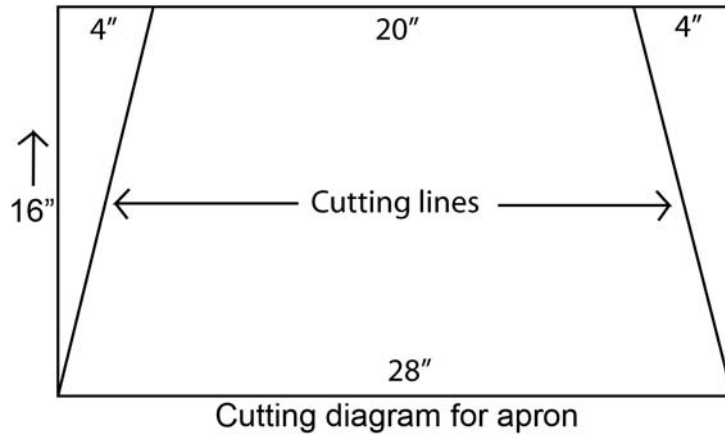
1. From the pink cat words fabric, cut one piece 16” x 27”

2. From the cat patchwork fabric, cut 3 strips 4 ½” wide, cutting across the fabric from selvage to selvage. Trim selvage from the fabric.

3. Cut 1 cat block, allowing ½” seam allowance all the way around the block (cut size will be 5 7/8” square).

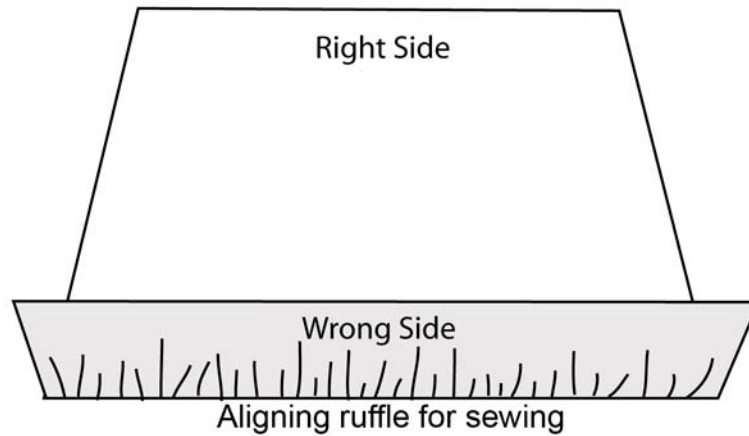
Instructions:

1. Lay the pink fabric flat as shown in diagram. Cut edges 4" from the top side edges cutting diagonally to the bottom corner.



2. With one patchwork strip, fold a double $\frac{1}{4}$ " hem along one long edge. Press and topstitch the hem. Sew a gathering stitch across the remaining long edge. Pull gathers to form a 28" long ruffle, with the gathers spaced evenly.

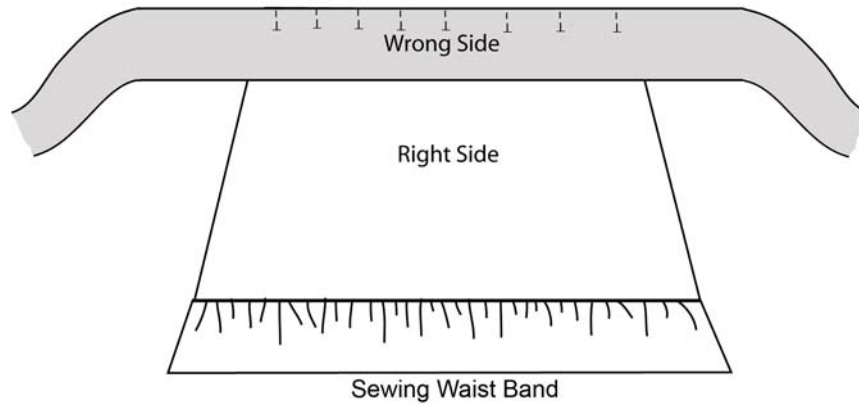
3. Pin the ruffle to the 28" bottom edge of the apron, aligning the gathered edge right sides together to the apron edge. (See diagram) Sew with $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Press seam.



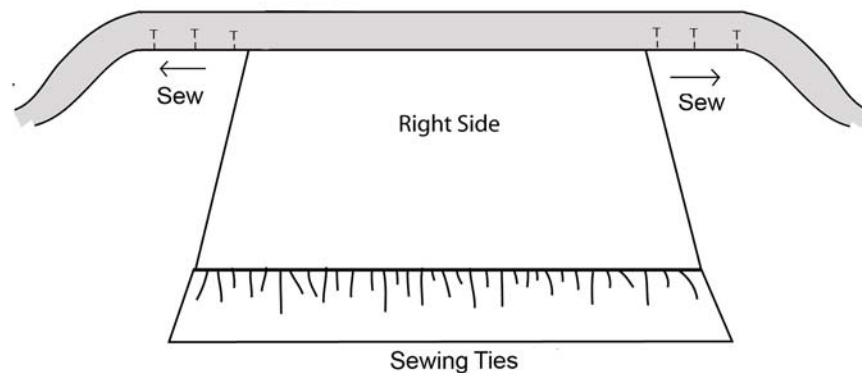
4. Fold a double $\frac{1}{4}$ " hem on the side edges of the apron including the ruffle. Press and topstitch the hem.

5. Sew the 2 remaining 4 patchwork strips together on one short end to form a long strip for the waist band and ties. Press seams.

6. Determine the center of the apron top edge and pin to mark the center. Pin the waist band to the top edge, rights sides together, and aligning the center of the waist band (the seam) and the center of the apron top. (See diagram).



7. Sew the waist band to the top edge of the apron with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Fold the waist band in half lengthwise and right sides together. Pin edges together on each side of the apron. (See diagram) Sew the edges together with $\frac{1}{2}$ seam allowance, starting at the top side edge of the apron and sewing to the each end and across the end of the ties. Trim the corner seams at each end and turn the ties right side out, pulling through the opening on the backside of the apron.



8. Press ties flat. Press the seam allowance under on the back side of the apron and pin edges to the apron top back edge. Top stitch the ties/waist band all the way around $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edges.

9. Fold $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance around the edges of the cat block for a pocket. Stitch across the top edge. Pin the pocket to the top left side of the apron, approximately 3" from the top edge and 3" from the side edge. (Try the apron on to see the pocket placement and adjust if necessary.) Stitch pocket to apron on the side and bottom edges $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the pocket edges.

Tip for resizing:

To increase the size of the apron width, add to the 28" measurement of the pink fabric. To increase the length, add to the 16" measurement.

To locate online fabric stores that carry the *Meow Meow* cat fabrics, see the store links on Phyllis' website <http://www.phyllisdobbs.com/Phyllis-dobbs-fabric-store-links.htm>

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