

# I ♥ MUM Apron

Create this lovely apron for your special mum on Mother's Day.



## Materials:

- 6" (15cm) of 8 assorted fabrics for the patchwork, loop and heart
  - 55" (1.4m) seeded homespun for the front and lining
  - 27.5" (70cm) fabric for the waistband and ties
  - 27.5" (70cm) cotton lace trim and ric rac
- Matching threads

## Tools required:

- Brother Sewing Machine
- General sewing supplies

## Optional:

- Cutting Mat, Ruler and Cutter

## Preparation:

- From the assorted fabrics cut a total of 17 squares measuring  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ " (9cm x 9cm) along with 1,  $4 \times 7$ " (10cm x 18cm) rectangle for the loop.
- You will also need some small scraps for the patchwork heart. From the seeded homespun cut 1,  $24 \times 24$ " (61cm x 61cm) piece for the lining, then for the front 1,  $24 \times 18$ " (61cm x 46cm) piece. 1,  $8 \times 8$ " (20cm) square for the heart pocket lining.
- From the waistband fabric cut 2,  $7 \times 28$ " (18cm x 71cm) and 1,  $7 \times 25$ " (18cm x 63.5cm) piece.

## Construction:

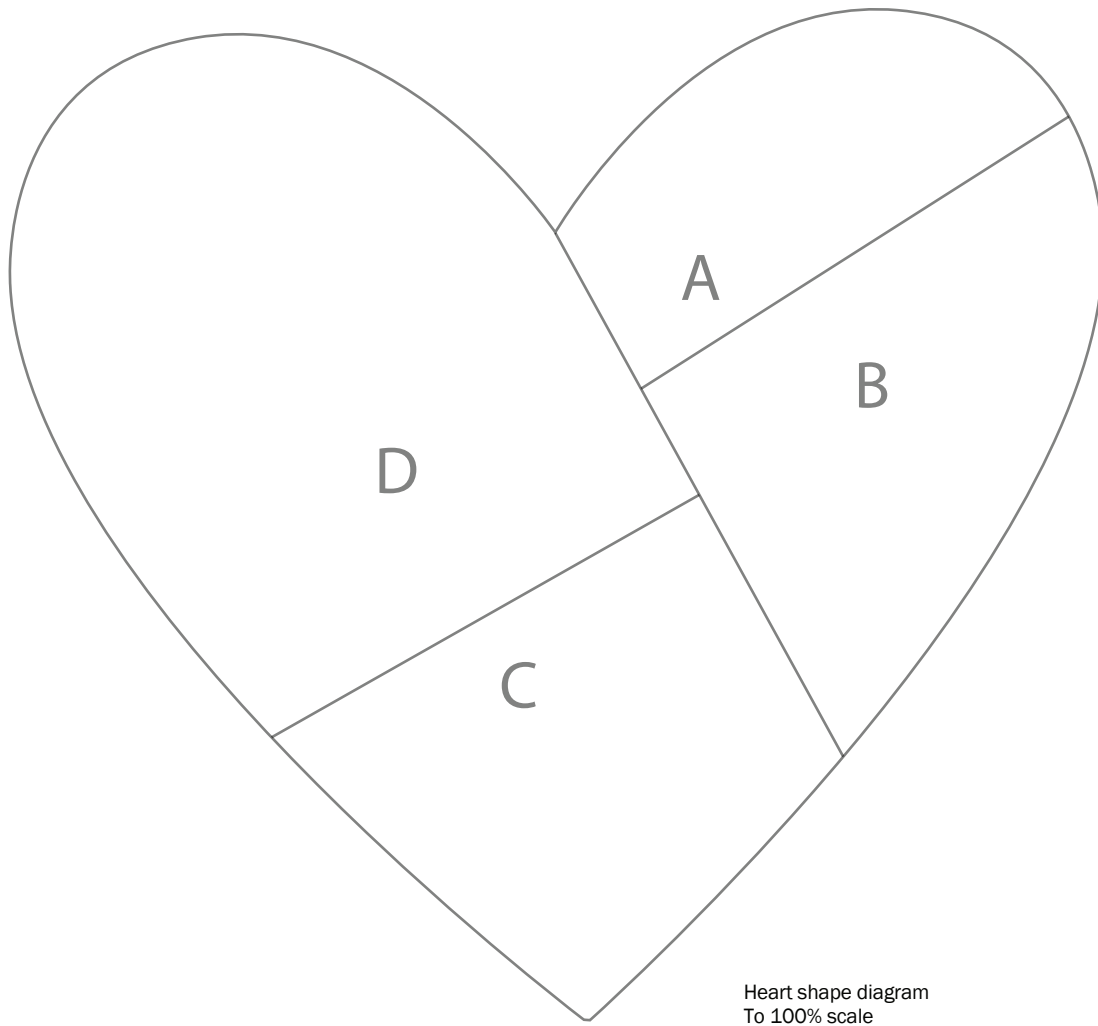
1. To make the pocket, download and print the heart diagram attached. Arrange the scraps and cut to size making sure you leave a seam allowance. Take piece A and stitch it to piece B. Then take piece C and stitch it to piece D. Stitch both sections together, press. Using a decorative stitch, topstitch on top of the seams. Placing the heart on the lining, trim the lining to the same size. Sew the pieces right sides together leaving an opening along the side.
2. Turn right side out and press. Pin the pocket to the front of the apron approximately 4" (10cm) from the side and 6" (15cm) from the top edge of the apron front. Starting from a straight side of the heart, sew in place using a straight stitch to the opposite side.
3. For the belt loop fold the fabric in half lengthways, wrong sides together. Open this out and fold the raw edges in towards the middle fold and press. Top stitch along both long edges. Fold in half and baste onto the apron front 3" (7.6cm) in from the side.
4. Using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (0.63cm) seam sew patchwork squares in to 2 strips; one strip will have 9 squares. the other 8 squares.

Press all seams. Place the strips together arranging them as pictured on the apron. Sew the strips right sides together, press. Even the edges of the longer strip to match the shorter strip.

5. Pin the patchwork strip, right sides together to the bottom of the apron front, stitch in place. Press.
6. Place the lace along the top edge of the patchwork pinning it down with the ric rac on top. Stitch down using a straight stitch through the centre of the ric rac.
7. Pin the apron front to the lining right sides together, trimming the lining if needed. Using a 0.39" (1cm) seam allowance, sew the side edges and the bottom edge. Turn right side out, press.
8. Fold the ties in half right sides together along the length. Using a 0.39" (1cm) 1cm seam allowance stitch along the length and 1 short end. Clip the corners and turn right side out. Press
9. Fold the side edges of the waistband  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.26cm) under then press. Fold the waistband in half lengthways and press. Then fold 1 edge  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.26cm) intoward the wrong side, press. This edge is the back of the waistband.
10. Pin the apron front to the front of the waistband right sides together. Using a 0.39" (1cm) seam allowance sew in place. Press the seam toward the waist band.
11. Fold the waistband toward the lining. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.26cm) fold will cover the seam on the back. From the front top stitch the waistband in place, making sure to catch the back of the waistband. Insert the raw edges of the ties into the open sides of the waistband  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.26cm) . Stitch in place 3mm from the waistband edge.

Congratulations your I ♥ MUM Apron is now finished.

## Craft Heart Diagram



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