

"Bubbie's" Apron



Short Apron



Full Apron



My "Bubbie's" Apron



My mother's mother, affectionately called Bubbie, was an active sewer all of her life. She loved to make beautiful dresses and blouses for my sister and mother.

She actually made her own lace. I remember watching her work under a magnifying lamp, pulling and knotting individual threads one at a time, to create the most intricate patterns. When I married, she began giving my wife the most lovely aprons, that she had made.

While I am not an apron expert, I thought they were very nice and my wife was particularly fond of the many features my Bubbie designed into them (reversibility, snaps on the shoulders, fabric ties, etc.) They became very popular in Savannah and as her eyesight faded and lacework became difficult, she made more and more aprons for friends and charities.

When my Bubbie passed away, my mother thought it would be terrific if we could keep "Bubbie's Apron" alive, by sharing the pattern with anyone that wanted it. I thought it was a great idea, but like so many great ideas, it got pushed to the backburner by day-to-day life. When the team here at Fabric.com suggested they could offer Bubbie's Apron pattern as a free download, I was thrilled!

I share it with you as she would have happily done, with love and the hope that it brings a bit of warmth and happiness into your life and the lives of those you choose to share it with.

Fondly, Stephen Friedman



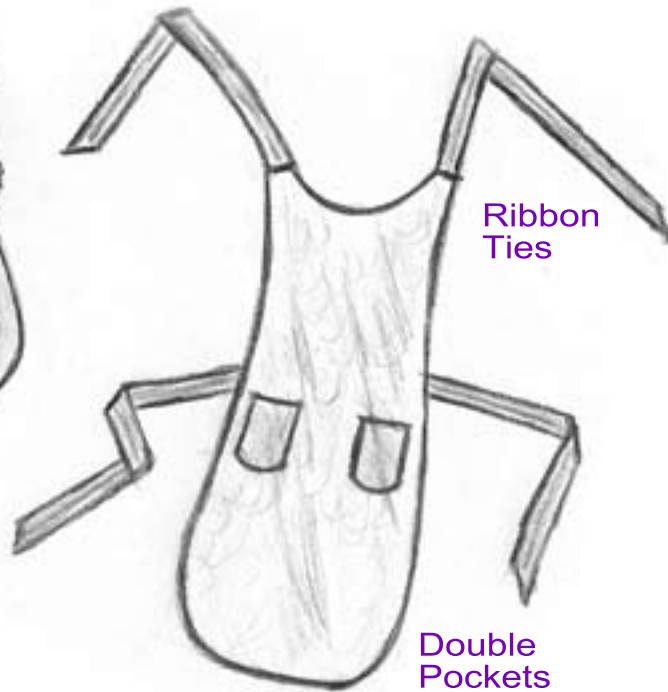
Pattern Inspirations



Full Apron - Single Pocket



Front Only Apron



*Short Apron
Single Pocket*



Sewing Instructions



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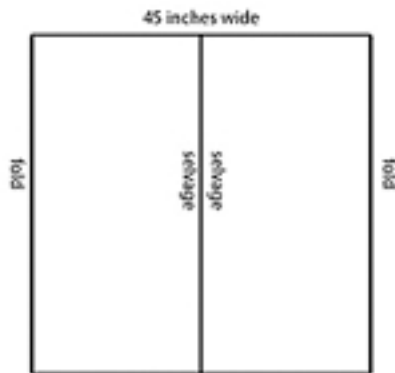
Print all pattern pieces at 100% (no resizing is necessary), and arrange together following the diagram of the finished layout (see page 6). Use 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise specified. Be sure to read all instructions before starting project. Be sure to pre-wash your fabric. Directions are for one reversible apron made with two coordinating fabrics.

Materials List

- Two (2) 1 yd cuts of coordinating 45" cotton fabric
- 4 metal snaps.

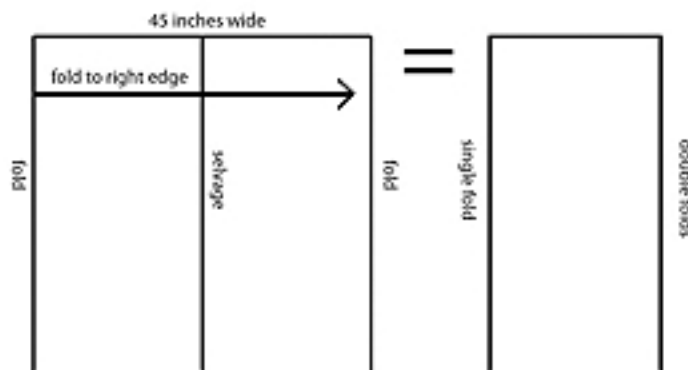
Pattern Pieces

- Front/back apron body piece - cut 2 of each coordinate for 4 total pieces.
- Apron ties – cut 4 of each coordinate for a total of 8
- Apron Pockets (optional) - cut 2 of each coordinate for each pocket desired (2 pieces = 1 pocket. For 4 pockets you will need 8 pieces).



1. Fold 45 Inch fabric so that selvages meet in the center of the fabric.

2. Fold fabric again to bring left hand fold to meet the far right hand fold. This will give you two folded edges on the right hand side, which will become the center back for the pattern pieces. This will allow you to cut through multiple layers and not waste fabric. See diagram for more details.



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Sewing Instructions



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3. Place pattern piece as shown aligning center back to where the two folds are. Cut out 1 front and 1 back at the same time. Then cut pockets and fabric ties from remaining fabric.

4. Create apron ties by placing one tie piece of each coordinate right-sides together and stitching along one of the short sides using a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam allowance. Press seam. Fold the piece lengthwise right-side together and stitch one short side and the long side, leaving the other short side open. Turn the fabric through the open side and press. Edge stitch if desired. Repeat this three more times with the rest of the tie pieces to create four ties total.

5. Sew pocket pieces right-sides together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam, leaving a small opening. Turn the pocket through the opening and press. Place pockets as desired on the apron front piece of each coordinate and edge stitch.

6. For apron front, place one body piece of each coordinate right-sides together and stitch, making sure to leave openings at the apron waist (as marked on pattern for ties). Turn fabric through one of the openings and press. Repeat this step with the remaining two coordinate pieces to create the back of the apron.

7. Insert unfinished end of one tie into each opening at waist of front and back pieces, pin and stitch closed. You can edge stitch all the way around the front and back piece, if you desire.

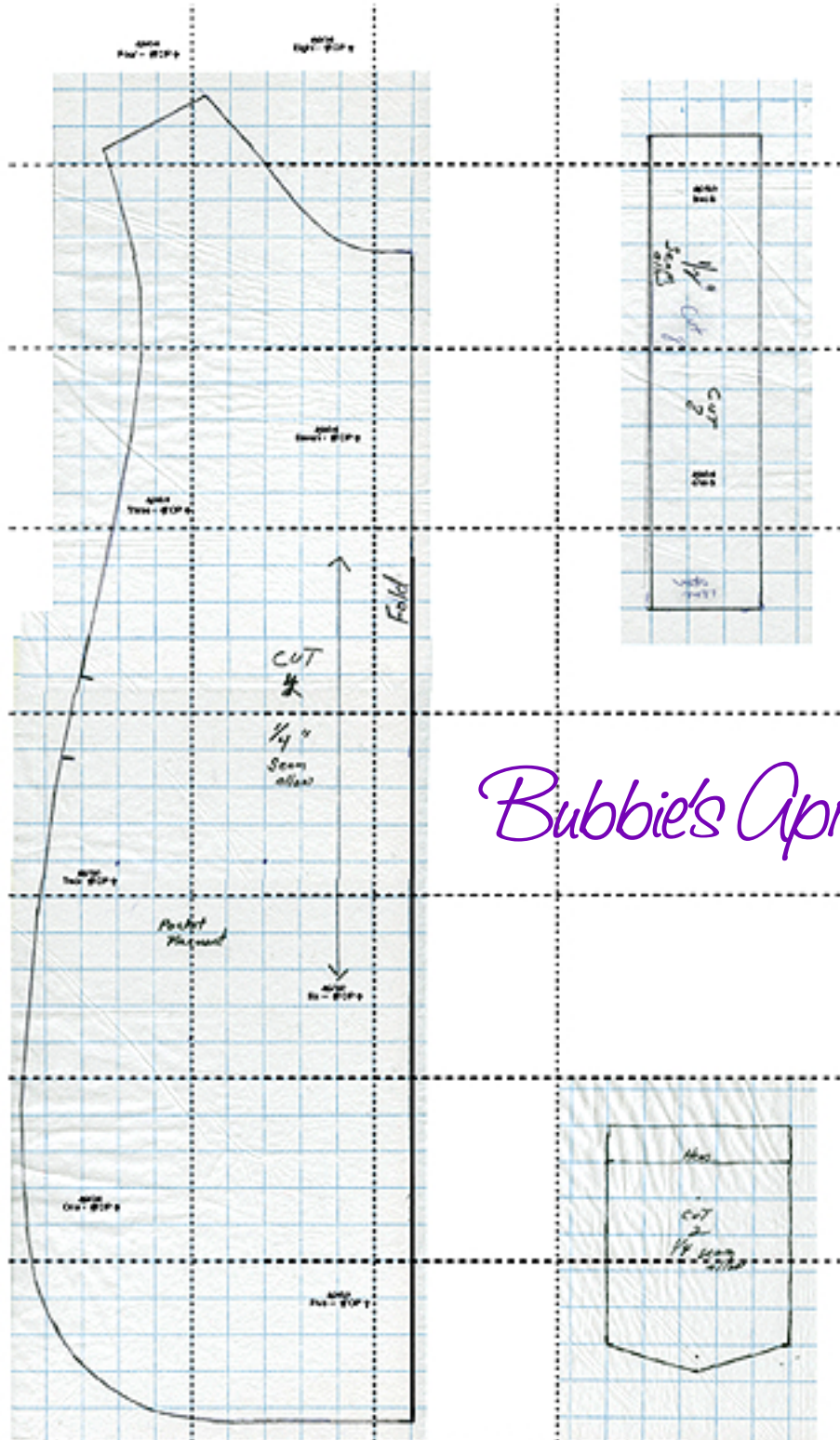
8. Attach metal snaps at the shoulders of front and back pieces.

Optional Modifications

- You can also use ribbon for the ties instead of fabric. Cut 80 inches of ribbon into four 20 inch pieces and insert them like you would the fabric ties (see step 7).
- Instead of metal snaps at the shoulders, use fun buttons to attach the front and back pieces.
- Play around with different pocket shapes, sizes, number and placement. Your imagination is your only limit!
- For a single-sided version, make only one apron side and place slightly longer ties at the waist and at the shoulders (instead of snaps).
- For a shorter version, fold pattern at the waist markings and only cut out the bottom portion of your coordinate fabrics. Add ties at the top sides (or sew all tie pieces into one long strip like bias tape and sew it to the top of the apron) to tie the apron at the waist (see illustration).



Pattern Layout Guide



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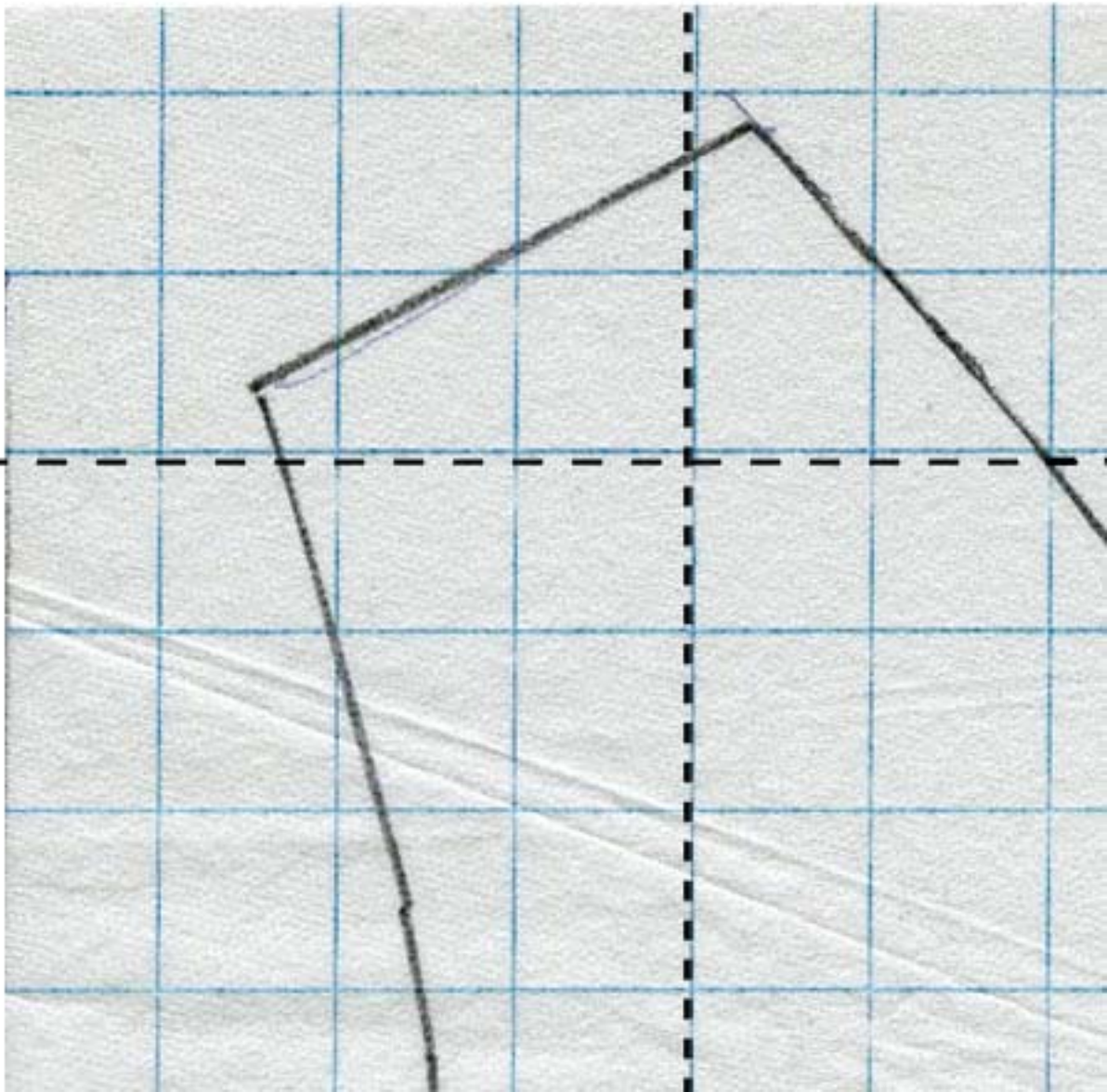
apron
One - ↑TOP↑

apron
Two- ↑TOP↑

Pocket
Placement

apron
Three - ↑TOP↑

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Five - ↑TOP↑

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Six - ↑TOP↑

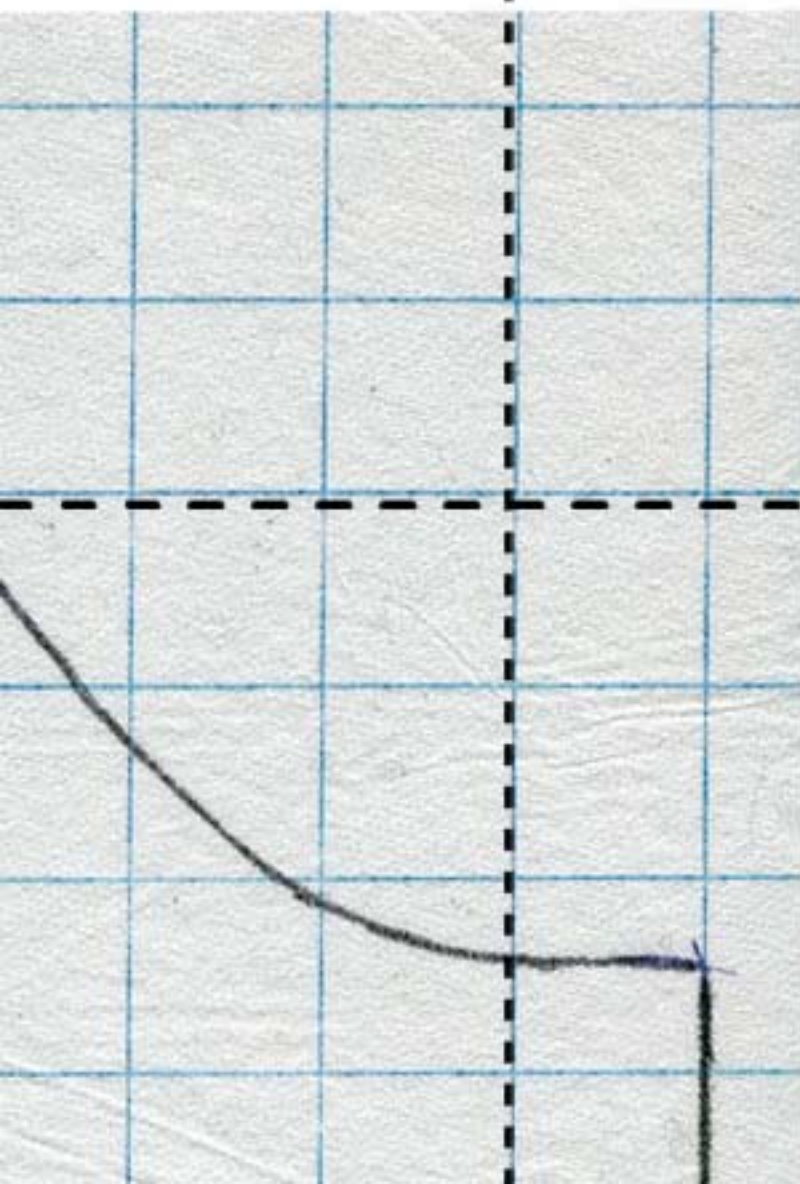
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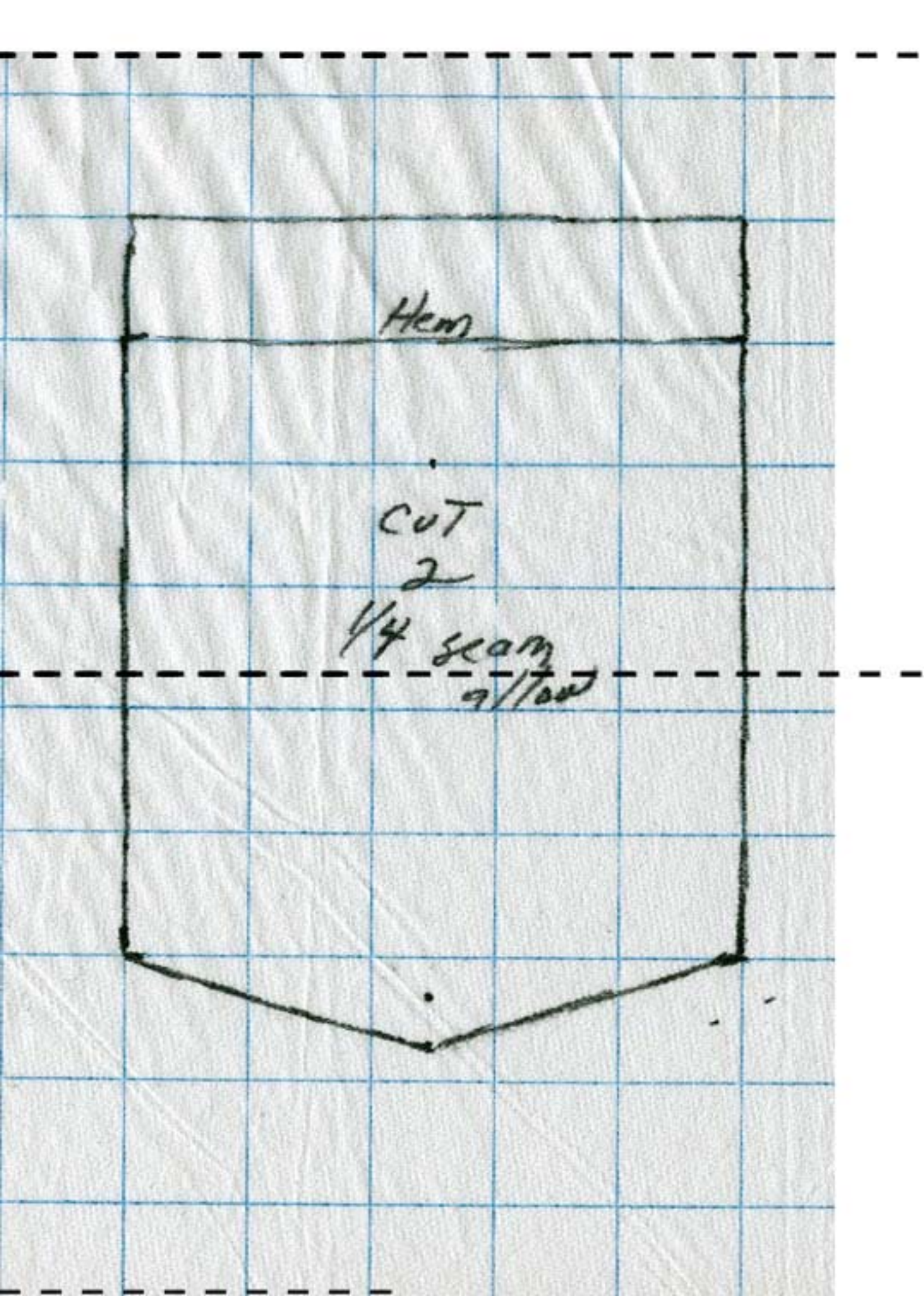


Fold

CUT

apron
Eight - ↑TOP↑





The image shows a hand-drawn pattern on a piece of white fabric with blue grid lines. The pattern is a rectangle with a pointed bottom edge. The top edge is marked with a dashed line. The word "Hem" is written in the upper part of the rectangle. In the center, the word "CUT" is written above the number "2". Below that, the text "1/4 seam" and "allow" is written, with "allow" on a separate line. The bottom edge of the rectangle is a V-shape pointing downwards.

Hem

CUT

2

1/4 seam

allow

CUT
8

CUT
8

apron
one-b

apron
one-b

apron
two-b

Seam
2 1/2"

1 1/2"