

{Every Stitch Counts}

Chirpy Birds Tea for Two Apron

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This apron is quick & easy to make, plus it's perfect for a royal tea party or when helping Mom in the kitchen!

Supplies

Vintage Pattern from <http://tipnut.com/tea-aprons/>

Design collection #12403 Chirpy Birds, designs #12403-13, #12403-16, #12403-17, and #12403-24.

Design collection #12402 Slender Appliqué Letters, Design #12402-18

1 Tea Towel

1 Printed 20" x 20" Garden Journal napkin

1 piece of cotton fabric 5" x 5" in pink for the bird appliqué

1 piece of cotton fabric 7" x 4" in aqua for the letter "R" appliqué

Steam-a-Seam 2

OESD Ultra Clean & Tear Stabilizer

505 Temporary Spray Adhesive

202 Spray and Fix Temporary Spray Adhesive for Paper Patterns

Isacord Embroidery Thread

Embroidery & Sewing Machine

Regular sewing machine thread

Chalk or Water Based Marking Pen

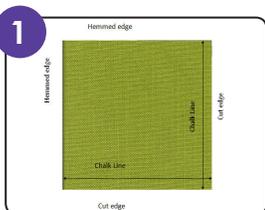
Rotary Cutter

Acrylic Quilters Ruler

Cutting Mat

Prepare the apron bib

1. In one corner of the tea towel, measure 9" down one side and make a chalk line to the un-hemmed end.
2. From the same corner, measure 9" down the other side and make a chalk line to the un-hemmed end (picture 1).



* Pre-Cut Appliqué Instructions can be found on Chirpy Birds Design CD #E-CD1JU12.

3. Following the printing instructions that came with the design collections, print a template of each design, to determine placement of designs.



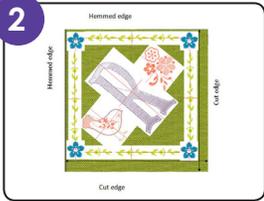
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Prepare the apron bib

- Place the templates on the apron bib and mark the centers of each design being careful to keep the designs inside the chalk lines (picture 2).



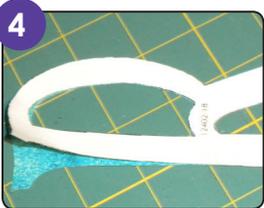
Tip: If you have embroidery software, you can combine your designs in the software.

Prepare the applique pieces

- Following the printing instructions that came with the design collections, print a template of the appliqué designs, bird #12403-13 and for the Letter "R" #12402-18.
- Cut out the applique templates.
- Fuse Steam-a-Seam 2 to the wrong side of the pink and aqua pieces of fabric.
- Spray the back of the appliqué templates with 202 Spray and Fix (picture 3).



- Place the "R" template on the right side of the aqua fabric and the bird template on the right side of the pink fabric.
- Cut the appliqués out, remove paper templates and set aside (picture 4).



Embroider the borders

- Hoop 2 pieces of Ultra Clean and Tear.
- Lightly spray the hooped stabilizer with 505 Temporary Spray Adhesive.
- Align the crosshairs of one of the borders with the center of the hooped stabilizer and press firmly in place.
- Embroider the design.
- Remove the hoop from the machine and the apron bib from the hoop.
- Carefully remove the stabilizer from the back of the apron bib. It's easier, if you remove one layer at a time.
- Repeat the above steps for the other 3 borders.

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Embroider the Appliqué “R”

1. Hoop 2 pieces of Ultra Clean and Tear.
2. Lightly spray hooped stabilizer with 505 Temporary Spray Adhesive.
3. Align the crosshairs for the “R” with the center of the hooped stabilizer and firmly press in place.
4. Place the hoop on the embroidery machine and stitch color 1 of the “R” design (picture 5).



5. Remove the protective paper from the back of the aqua appliqué “R” and place inside the stitched placement line, so that it matches the stitching line.
6. Finish embroidering the “R” (picture 6).



7. Remove the hoop from the machine and the apron bib from the hoop.
8. Carefully remove the stabilizer from the back of the apron bib.

Embroider the Bird Appliqué

1. Follow the instructions above for the Letter “R” to embroider the Bird Appliqué.

Embroider Design #12403-16

1. Hoop 2 pieces of Ultra Clean and Tear.
2. Lightly spray the hooped stabilizer with 505 Temporary Spray Adhesive.
3. Align the crosshairs of design #12404-16 with the center of the hooped stabilizer and press firmly in place.
4. Embroider the design.
5. Remove the hoop from the machine and the apron bib from the hoop.
6. Carefully remove the stabilizer from the back of the apron bib.



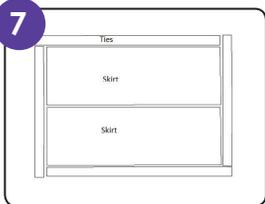
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Embroider the Corner Flowers

1. Hoop 2 pieces of Ultra Clean and Tear.
2. Lightly spray the hooped stabilizer with 505 Temporary Spray Adhesive.
3. Align the crosshairs for one of the corner flowers with the center of the hooped stabilizer and press firmly in place.
4. Embroider the design.
5. Remove the hoop from the machine and the apron bib from the hoop.
6. Carefully remove the stabilizer from the back of the apron bib.
7. Repeat for the other 3 corners.
8. Trim all thread tails.

Finish the sides of the skirt pieces and the hem

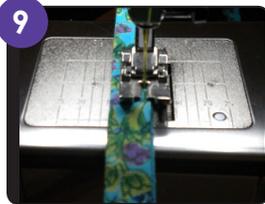
1. Cut the napkin as in the diagram. Don't cut off the hems (pictures 7-8).



2. Set the borders aside.
3. On one of the skirt pieces, fold the short edge of one side, $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the wrong side and press.
4. Fold again $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the wrong side and press.
5. Top stitch approximately $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the folded edge.
6. Repeat for the other side.
7. Repeat for the hem.
8. Repeat the above steps for the other skirt piece.

Apron Ties and Neck Strap

1. Fold the side without the hem over twice, with the folded edge meeting the already finished hemmed edge and press.
2. Edge stitch along the open edge of the strip (picture 9).



3. Repeat for 2 more pieces of borders.



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Make the Apron

1. Cut the apron bib $\frac{1}{2}$ " below the chalk lines. This will be your seam allowances for the skirt (picture 10).
2. Sew 2 lines of basting stitches $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the unfinished long edge of the skirt pieces, about $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from each other (picture 11).
3. With right sides together, pin one of the ruffles to one unfinished edges of the apron bib; end about 1" from the hemmed edge of the apron corners and $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the unfinished edge (picture 12).
4. Gather the skirt to fit and sew a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.
5. Repeat for the other skirt piece.
6. Press the seam allowances up toward the apron bib and then top stitch in place (picture 13).
7. Stitch the ties on to the side corners of the apron bib.
8. Cut the neck strap long enough to fit over the child's head and stitch both ends of the neck strap to the top corn of the apron bib, making sure not to twist the strap (picture 14).



Making a Doll Apron

1. Make a doll apron in the same way that the child's apron is made, using an 8" x 8" square from a tea towel.
2. The skirt pieces were cut $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12".
3. The ties should be long enough to fit around the waist and over the dolls head.
4. Choose designs that will fit onto the bib area, I choose designs from the Design collection #12403 Chirpy Birds, designs #12403-13 and #12403-18 (picture 15).

