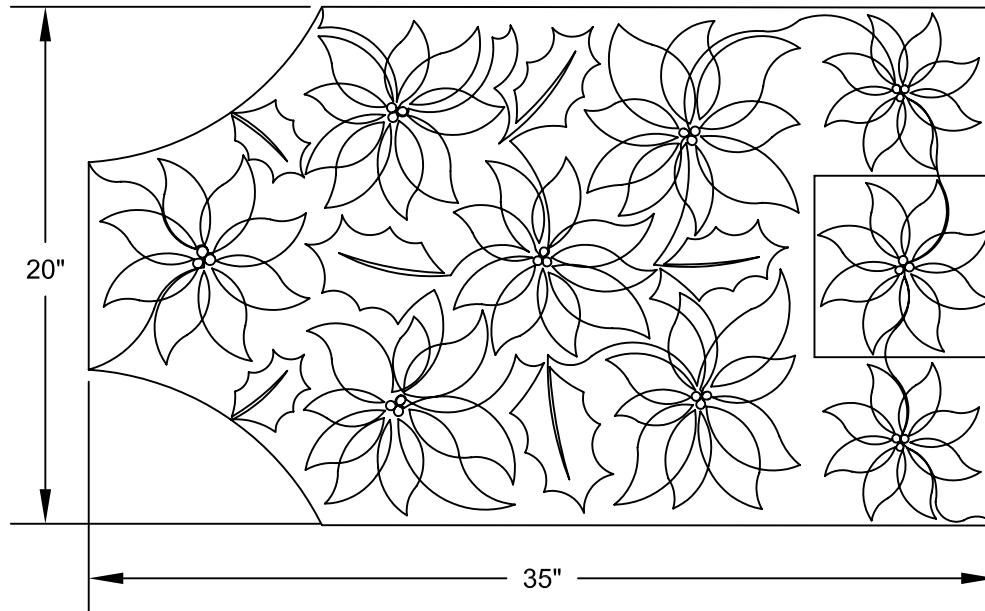


Instructions for completing Designs By Deb Christmas Apron



Supplies needed for apron:

1-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of main fabric. I recommend a solid or near solid so the poinsettias show up on the front.

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of coordinating backing fabric

$\frac{3}{4}$ yard for binding and ties

25" x 36" batting scrap

1. Read all instructions carefully before beginning. Load backing and batting onto machine as you would for a quilt. Add batting. Baste your focus fabric to the batting and backing on all sides. Stitch out entire design including the outline as this is a cutting guideline.

2. Remove from machine and trim pieces $\frac{1}{4}$ " outside the outer most stitching line.

3. Cut two or more 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips WOF (width of fabric). Prepare binding as you would for a quilt. You will only be putting the binding on the very top of the apron and along all the straight sides but you will need approximately 85". Sew binding on the back side like you would for a quilt, miter the corners, press well and then top stitch binding to the other side (preferably the side which will have the pockets). Of course you can finish it by hand if you wish. After adding the binding to the apron, fold pocket up on fold line which is 7" from the bottom and topstitch sides and on guidelines to make three pockets. This apron can be reversible but the pockets will only be on one side. Do not put binding on curved edge.

4. Cut two - 5" x 14" Bias strips for casing on curved edge of apron. Fold $\frac{1}{2}$ " up on each end and top stitch to finish edges. Fold bias strip lengthwise wrong sides together and press. Sew on back of apron using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam easing it around curve. Press and bring to front and top stitch close to edge. The casing will cover the raw edge of the binding. For Apron ties: Cut three 4" strips across the width of the fabric and join the pieces end to end to equal 100-110". This can be finished in a variety of ways. My preference: Fold in half lengthwise right sides together and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " along raw edge leaving an opening for turning. Turn and press. Make to a length that will fit your body and how you want to tie the apron. Thread it into the curved casing you have made and adjust it around your neck and tie in the back or cross in the back and bring to the front to tie in a bow if you have left the ties long enough.

5. You can add a pocket to the center top of the apron if you wish. This is an opportunity to add your name or embroidery on the pocket.

6. You are finished. I hope you enjoy making your apron. Call or e-mail if you have suggestions for improvement or questions.