

GARDEN TOOL BUCKET APRON



Yardage:

Cutting:

- 1/2 yd Backing or (2) fat quarters(2) 20" x 18"
- 1/2 yd Background or (2) fat quarters.....(2) 20" x 18"
- 8 fat 1/4s Assorted Seed Pockets.....(8) 10" x 5 1/2"
- 2 fat 1/4s Tool Pockets(2) 20" x 18
- 1 fat 1/4 Extra large pockets....water, gloves.....(2) 18" x 7 1/2"
- 2 fat 1/4s Binding straps(10) 2 1/2" x 18"

*optional...iron-on interfacing to the wrong side of the backing for additional support.

5 Gallon paint bucket is pictured. OR.....
 1 gallon ice cream bucket for your smaller gardeners.
 (yardage and cutting instructions for the 1 gallon are below)

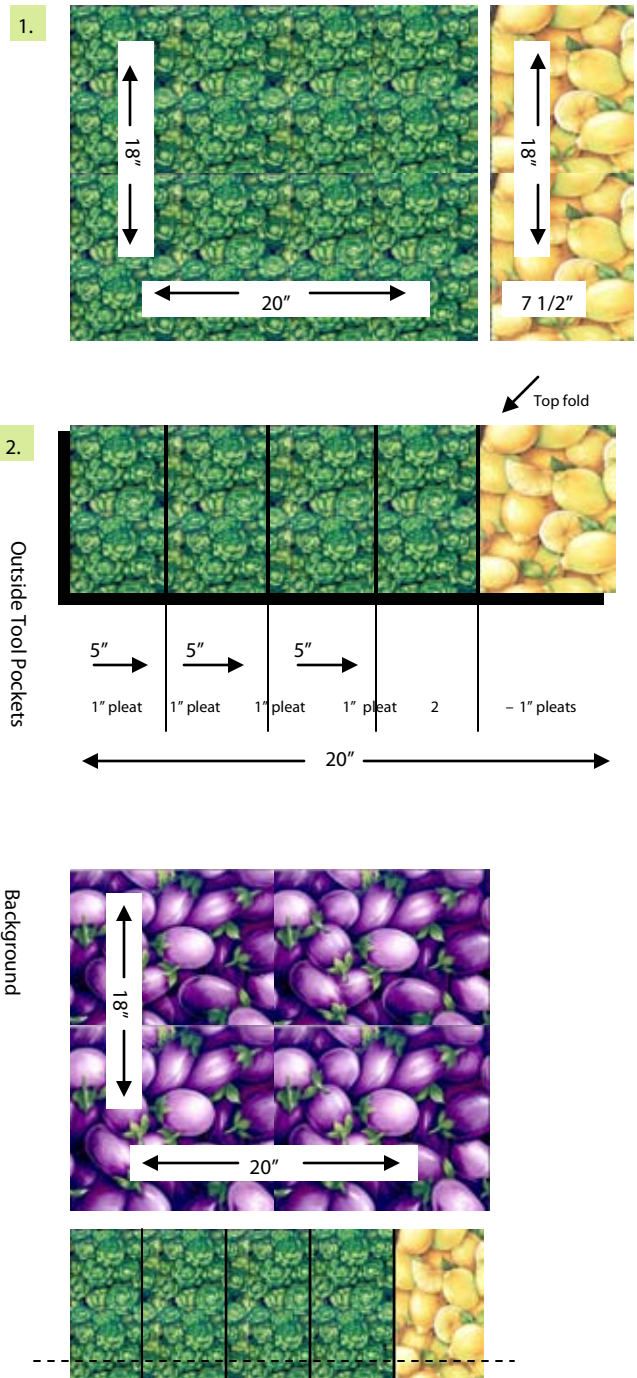
Tool Pockets: Make two

1. Take each of the tool pocket fat quarters (20" wide 18" length) and sew on an additional pocket (7 1/2" x 18") to the right side. They can be same or different. Use a 3/8" seam. Press the seams open. Fold in half with wrong sides together and press flat. To reinforce the tool pockets top stitch on each side of the seam sewing down the seam allowances.

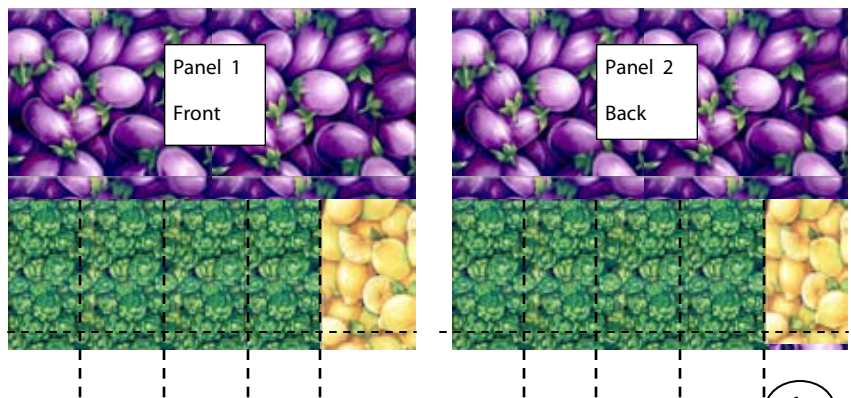
2. With a chalk pencil measure and draw a line every 5" from the left, not including the added on pocket, from the top fold down to bottom raw edge. This will be your stitching line. Now within the space of each 5" make a 1" pleat along the raw edge. Pin each pleat to keep in place. For the added on pocket, take 2, 1" pleats. Make any adjustments at this time so it measures 20" along the bottom. Sew down the pleats now with a 1/4" seam along the bottom.

Front and Back Panels: Make 1 each
They have the same construction

3. Place the outside tool pockets right side up to the right side of the bottom of the background. Line up the raw edges keeping the fold towards the center and sew on top of the 1/4" pleat seam along the bottom. Then sew on each chalk line through the background fabric making the divisions between the pockets. Back stitch a couple of times at the top fold. On the last one to the right that you added on, sew straight up the seam line.

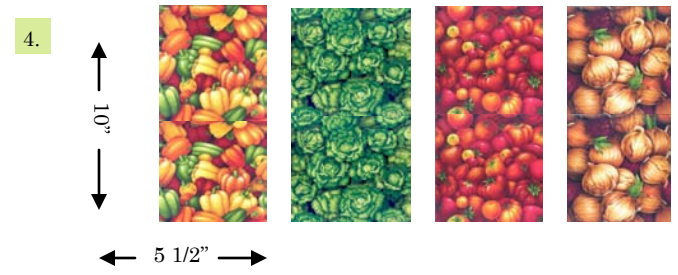


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Seed Pockets: Make 2 sets can be the same or different

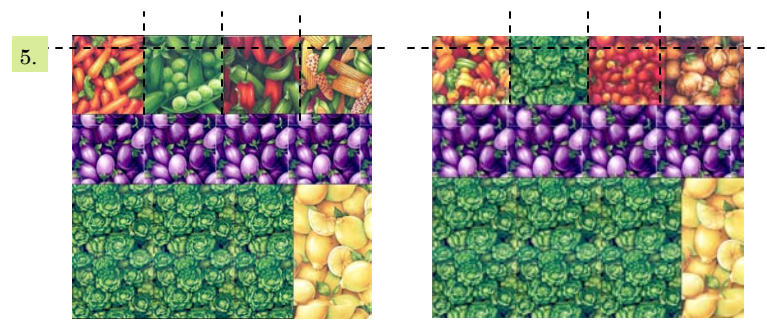
4. Sew each seed pocket (5 1/2 x 10) together making a 4 pocket panel = 20" across with 3/8" seams. Reinforce with top stitching as before on the tool pockets.



Fold in half, wrong sides together, and press.

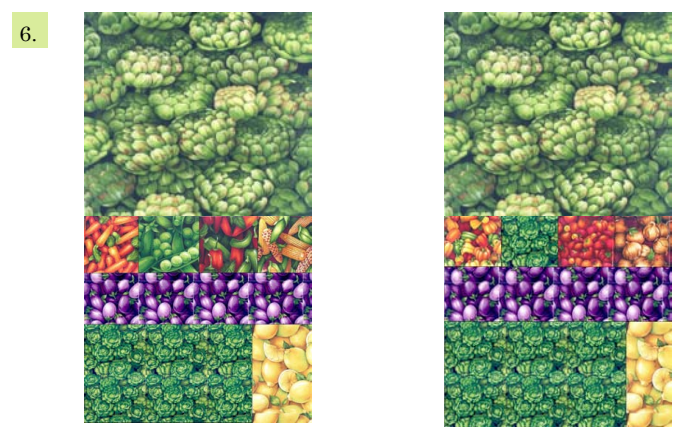


5. Sew the seed pocket panel down to the right side of the background on the front panel and the back panel by placing the raw edges along the top with the fold towards the center. Stitch together across the top using 1/4" seams. Then stitch in the ditch along the pocket seem lines to make the pockets.



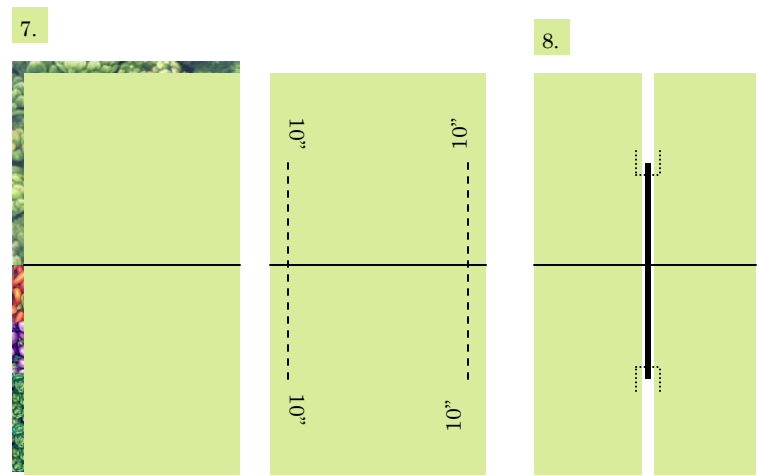
Backing for front and back panels:

Place the right side of the backing to the right side of the finished pocket background on each panel. Sew across the top with 1/4" seams on each panel.



6. Open and press the backing straight up on the right side.

7. Now place the two panels together right sides together. Measure 10" from the top down both sides and start sewing there and stop 10" from the bottom.

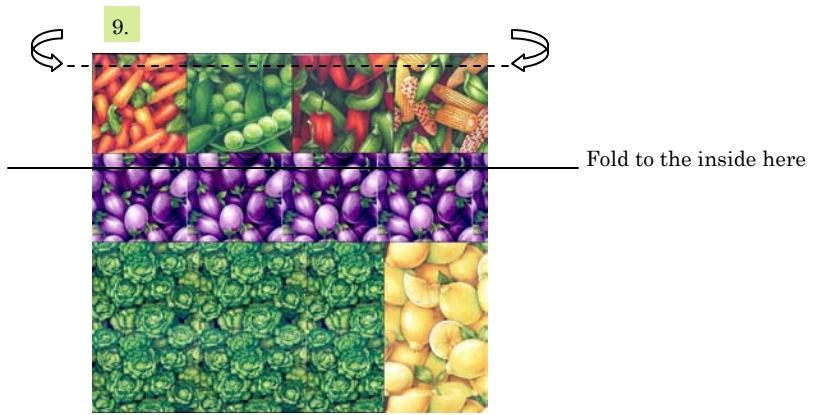


8. Press the new seams open. Extend the pressing 1" beyond the seams at both ends. Top stitch these pressed seams down 1/8" up, over and down at both ends. This secures the raw edges that won't be sewn into the binding, leaving room for the bucket handles.

Now you can turn the panels inside out so you see all the right sides again.

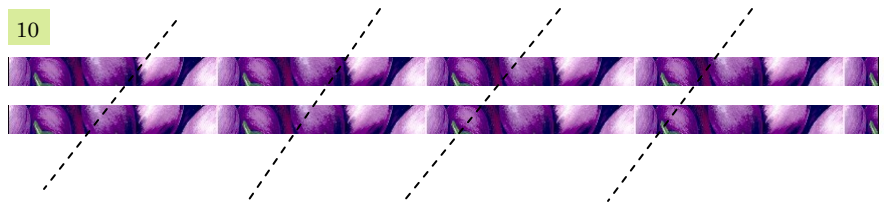
9. Fold the tube down inside itself to where the bottom of the seed pockets are now at the top. This will be where the seam is connecting the backing with the front and back panels. Stitch a 1/4" top stitching all the way around the bottom of the seed pockets.

Fold down further now to where the top fold of the seed pockets are inside the tube at the top. The rim of the bucket will rest here. The backing and the panels should all line up now. Pin all the raw edges together along the bottom and the sides.

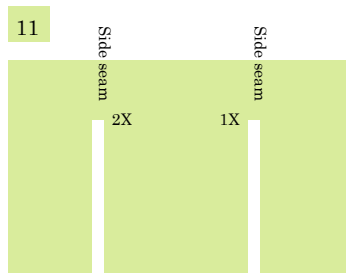


Binding Strips:

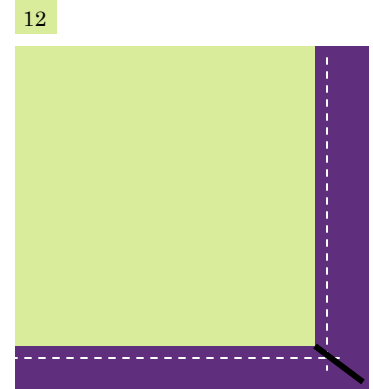
10. Cut 10 (2 1/2" x 18") strips. 5 for the front and 5 for the back panels. Connect together on the bias to make a continuous binding strip. Fold strips in half wrong sides together and press. Open slightly and fold each side edge into the center and press again.



11. Starting at 1X (just to the left of the side seam 1/4" down) on the right side of the front panel, leave a 20" tail for the tie, and begin sewing the binding down to the panel sandwiching it in between the binding folds.

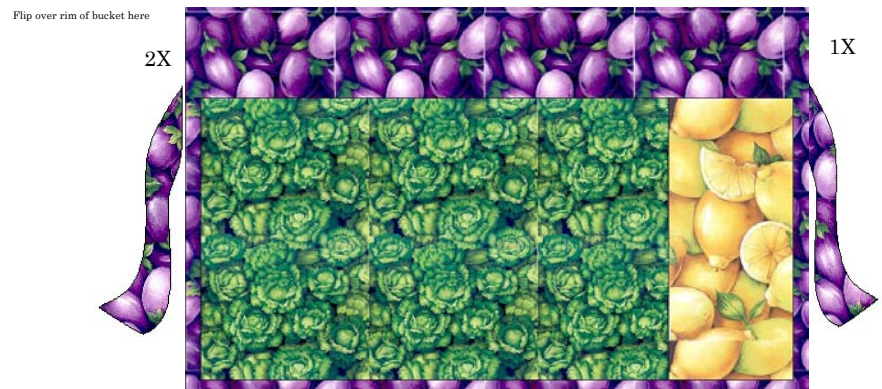


12. Miter the corners just like you would on a quilt edge. When you get to 2X (1/4" away from the side seam) continue sewing the tail closed right along to the end of the binding tucking in the last 1/2" so that there are no raw edges showing. Turn the panel over and go back to the beginning at 1X and finish closing the binding tail the same as the other side. Repeat the same for the back panel.



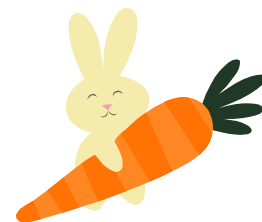
Assembly:

Place the finished cover over a 5 gallon paint bucket folding it so the seed pockets are hanging down inside. Tie the ends of the binding up and over the handle for support...or the inside seed pockets will pull to the outside.





Kids size



1 Gallon Ice Cream Bucket is used

Yardage:		Cutting:	
1/2 yd	Backing or (2) fat quarters	(2)	14" x 12"
1/2 yd	Background or (2) fat quarters.....	(2)	14" x 12"
Fat 1/4	Seed Pockets.....not pieced.....	(2)	14" x 8"
Fat 1/4	Assorted Tool Pockets	pieced..... (10)	4 1/2" x 10"
Fat 1/4	Binding straps	(6)	2" x 18"

Adjustments in Instructions:

Basic assembly is the same for both bucket sizes.

All seam allowances are 1/4".

I didn't reinforce the seams with a top stitching.

In step 1 for tool pockets, piece 5 of them all separately like in step 5 but decrease the pleat size to a 1/2" each. Total width should equal 14" across the bottom and top.

Seed Pockets are not separately pieced. Fold over the 14" x 8" to = 14" x 4"

Measure every 4 1/2" to create 4 pockets in step 5. No pleats.

Binding straps are cut only 2" wide. Connect 3 (2" x 18") for each panel.

Start binding at 1X with only a 15" tail for tying.

Fill with a juice box and snacks and head out to the garden together!



I hope this will inspire a young one to take an interest in gardening!



Sun Visor Materials:

1 or 2 fat quarters if you want it reversible

Heavy duty iron-on fusible 8 1/2" x 11"

A sheet of craft foam 8 1/2" x 11"

1 curly shoe string 4" - 6"

Freezer Paper 8 1/2" x 11"

Copy pattern onto the freezer paper. Before cutting it out, iron it onto the front side of your fabric. Flip it over and iron on the fusible web. Now cut them out all together. Lift off the freezer paper and using it as a template cut one out of the foam. Pull off the protective paper from the fusible and adhere the foam to the wrong side of the fabric. You can do it again if you want it reversible.

Embellish if desired.

Punch a hole in both ends to insert the curly shoe string through. You can use a marker to color the foam edge to match.

Fits any size, just pull the shoe string further through the holes to adjust.

