

The idea for the Overalls Apron came from a book I bought by Indigo Redesign called . In it was a for an apron made from a pair of men's overalls. As soon as I saw it, I thought it might make a go because it had all the necessary attributes: easy to make, no pattern required, fabric easy to find, lightweight, fits multiple body shapes, and highly visible.

Once I found my overalls (I actually found an overall dress, but the sample I purchased was to look for some cute accent fabrics for the overlays and pockets. I was lucky enough to have some a little more from a the clearance room of a local quilt shop.

Fabric Requirements

Here are the general fabric requirements:

One pair of worn denim overalls (I used size medium)

¼ yard for the bottom center insert

¼ to 1 yard of fabric for embellishments, linings, overlays, etc. It depends on how much you want

½ yard for waist and neck ties. Mine with extra-long neck ties that crossed in the back, threaded through on the sides, and then tied at the back so it wouldn't be hanging on my neck.)

Medium-weight interfacing

Four or more buttons, anywhere from 7/8" to 1".

Steps Required

One of the first things you'll need to do is decide where you want the ASG Peach logo to be placed that I made from spare fabric from the back of the overalls, so it was easy. However, if you want it themselves, you may to do the embroidery during a certain stage of construction.

Disassemble the overalls. How far you have to go with this depends, again, on your exact design. apart, and the top bib apart from the bottom.

a. Remove the top metal buttons from both sides of the bib portion of the overalls front. My husband off with a metal punch, but if necessary you can cut them out and then place a contrasting overlay

b. Using a seam ripper, zipper and inner leg seams. You should end up with two separate front and sections.

c. Take the front of the overalls and rip the crotch seam up to the bottom of the faux zipper or just crotch seam. (Up to the point that the fabric will lay flat.)

d. At both the side pockets, remove the stitching that holds the top of the pocket in place at the waist the side stitching that holds the side of the pocket in place. This also covers the top and cover the buttonholes.

e. Remove or disassemble any other sections that you decide you want to embellish.

Front Insert Option

f. Lay the front of the overalls on a flat surface with the front up. Put the ripped out crotch seam as necessary so that the side leg seams are "almost" parallel with each other. A slight flare at the bottom

g. Fold the inner leg seams back from the center to create an empty triangle. It should be about 17 6" wide at the bottom.

h. Take the fabric for the bottom center insert and lay it on top of the empty triangle, wrong side up. You see the RS of the center insert fabric against the RS of what was the inner leg seams. Make sure the center insert fabric overlap by at least an inch.

i. Pin this in place.

j. Flip the entire front section over so that the right side is facing up. What you see now should be triangle in the middle. (If that's not what you see, you need to back up.)

k. Pin this in place from the right side and press as necessary. Remove the pins from the wrong side sew the insert in by double topstitching down each side of the triangle.

l. Trim the excess fabric and denim from the wrong side of the apron close to the triangle stitch line

Ruffle and Petticoat Option

m. Another idea that I think would be cute is to embellish the empty triangle like a can-can skirt. Bands rows of ruffles down each side, and possibly a petticoat section with the ruffles between

Other Assembly and Embellishments

n. To add the contrast to the side pockets, cut a fabric section from the pocket insert fabric 4 ½" wide length of the pocket insert section. Fold one long side of the fabric piece ½" to the wrong side and up, lay the folded fabric edge along the finished side edge of the denim pocket, lining up both edges fold the top raw edge of the fabric to the wrong side along the seam of the waistband and pin in place fabric down into the inside of the side denim pocket. You may have to trim the bottom of the fabric the bottom portion of the pocket. Topstitch close to the two folded fabric edges (side and top) and pocket as close to the inside raw edge as possible. Repeat for the opposite pocket.