

## Fun-to-Sew Project

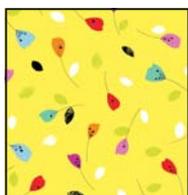
# Floralicious Fan Apron

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This fun apron is easy to make using coordinating brightly colored prints from the Floralicious line of fabrics by Benartex. Make five Dresden fan blades and join them together for the skirt of the apron. Tie the apron in back as usual or in front for a more stylish look.



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## Supplies

Finished length: approximately 15½"

### Fabric and Notions

- Benartex Floralicious Fabric Collection—four coordinating prints:
  - 3 half yard pieces for the fans
  - 1 yard for the border, waistband and ties
  - 1½" wide bias strips, pieced to make 6 yards
- Temporary spray adhesive
- Point turner (optional)

### Machine and Accessories

- BERNINA Sewing Machine
- Edgestitch Foot #10/10C/10D
- Patchwork Foot #37 or Patchwork Foot with Guide #57
- Bias Binder Attachment #88 with Binder Foot #95

## Cutting and Preparation

Photocopy or scan the pattern pieces from the following page, enlarging them to 200%.

Cut 10 fans using the enlarged pattern and the three half-yard pieces. Five of the fans will be for the apron and five will be for lining.

Spray the wrong sides of the lining pieces with temporary spray adhesive. Place one apron fan and one lining fan *wrong sides* together.

Cut 5 border pieces using the enlarged pattern piece. Using a ¼" seam, stitch one border to the lower edge of each fan, stitching through the apron and the lining. Press the seam allowances toward the border.

## Creating the Fan Blades

Attach the Bias Binder Attachment #88 with Binder Foot #95 to the machine. Feed the bias strip into The channel of the binder and under the foot, out the back. Sew a few stitches and adjust the needle position to the right so the stitches fall on the binding as desired.

Bind both long edges of each fan, making sure that the border seam is directed toward the border on all blades.



Remove the binder attachment and change to Patchwork Foot #37 or Patchwork Foot with Guide #57.

*Fold and sew end with a ¼" seam*

Fold each fan in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Using a ¼" seam, stitch the end together as shown.



Trim the ends of the seam allowances and press the seam open. Turn the blade to the right side and shape to form a point, using a point turner if needed.

Attach Edgestitch Foot #10/10C/10D to the sewing machine. Stitch in the ditch of the border seam near the point of the fan to secure the hem of each fan blade.

*Pattern pieces are shown at half size.*

*Photocopy at 200% before cutting fabric.*

## Constructing the Apron

Arrange blades side-by-side as desired. Starting at the lower edge and using #10/10C/10D and a zigzag stitch, sew the blades together edge to edge as shown.



Cut 1 waistband piece 4" x 24½" and mark the center. Cut two ties 4" x 36" each. Seam one tie to each end of the waistband.

Pin the waistband right sides together to the upper edge of apron, matching the centers. Stitch the waistband to the upper edge of the apron.

Fold the band and ties in half with right sides together. Stitch the ties, angling the ends. Trim and turn the ties and waistband to the right side; press.

Press the remaining raw edge of the waistband under and position over the seam allowance. Pin the band in place on the right side and edgestitch it to secure it, removing the pins as you sew.

Cut one from fabric and one from lining for each fan blade

Cut one from border fabric for each fan blade

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