

Baking belle

Brighten up your baking with this retro-style apron - it makes a thoughtful gift for a foodie friend too...



Materials

- 610 x 310mm piece of floral fabric for the apron skirt
- 500mm of gingham fabric
- 125 x 125mm yellow fabric
- 125 x 125mm pale blue fabric
- Pink thread

BUILT-IN PATTERNS:
Heart: BA-A067 in 3 sizes: 195 x 195mm (cut 2), 145 x 145mm and 110 x 100mm

How to make

1 Select large heart from the built-in patterns, resize as per the instructions above and duplicate to create two hearts. Swap blade for pen and draw on a seam allowance. Replace blade and cut out hearts from gingham fabric. Add the iron-on appliqué contact sheet to the wrong side of the yellow fabric. Peel off backing and place securely onto mat. Cut a medium heart and tiny flower.

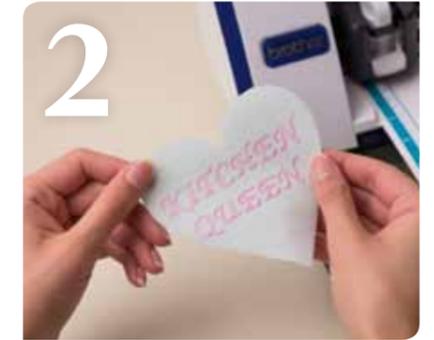
2 Iron the contact sheet onto pale blue fabric, as before, and place onto mat. Select the heart shape and resize to the smallest measurements as per the instructions above. Select letters, resize and add to the heart. Select draw function, insert pen and holder and write text. Replace blade to cut heart.

3 Place all the hearts and flower (except one gingham heart) on top of each other and press. Stitch around flower, small and medium heart with pink thread. Place this heart and the spare gingham heart right sides together and sew around the edge, leaving a gap at one side. Turn pocket and press, then sew up the gap.

4 Take the skirt shape and neaten the top edge. Pin and hem the sides and bottom and trim with lace. Pin 4 pleats into the top of the apron 65mm each side from centre front.

5 Cut a strap from gingham fabric approximately 889 x 152mm (35 x 6in). Pin and sew along the top edge of apron. Fold it back like a binding. Neaten at the back and top stitch to secure.

6 Neatly sew the pocket onto the centre front of your apron, to finish.



Top Tip
Personalise your apron using the text function