

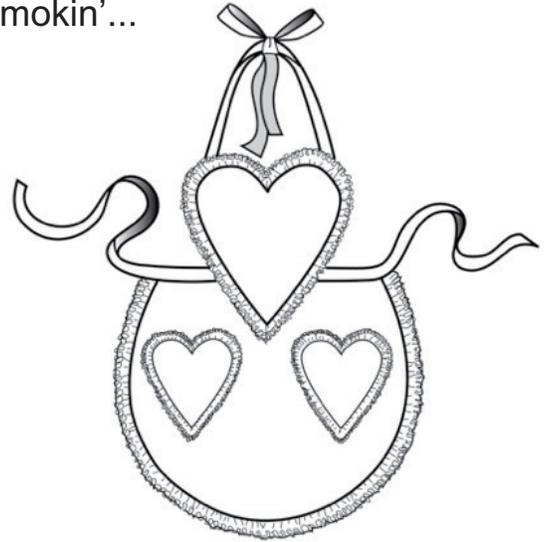
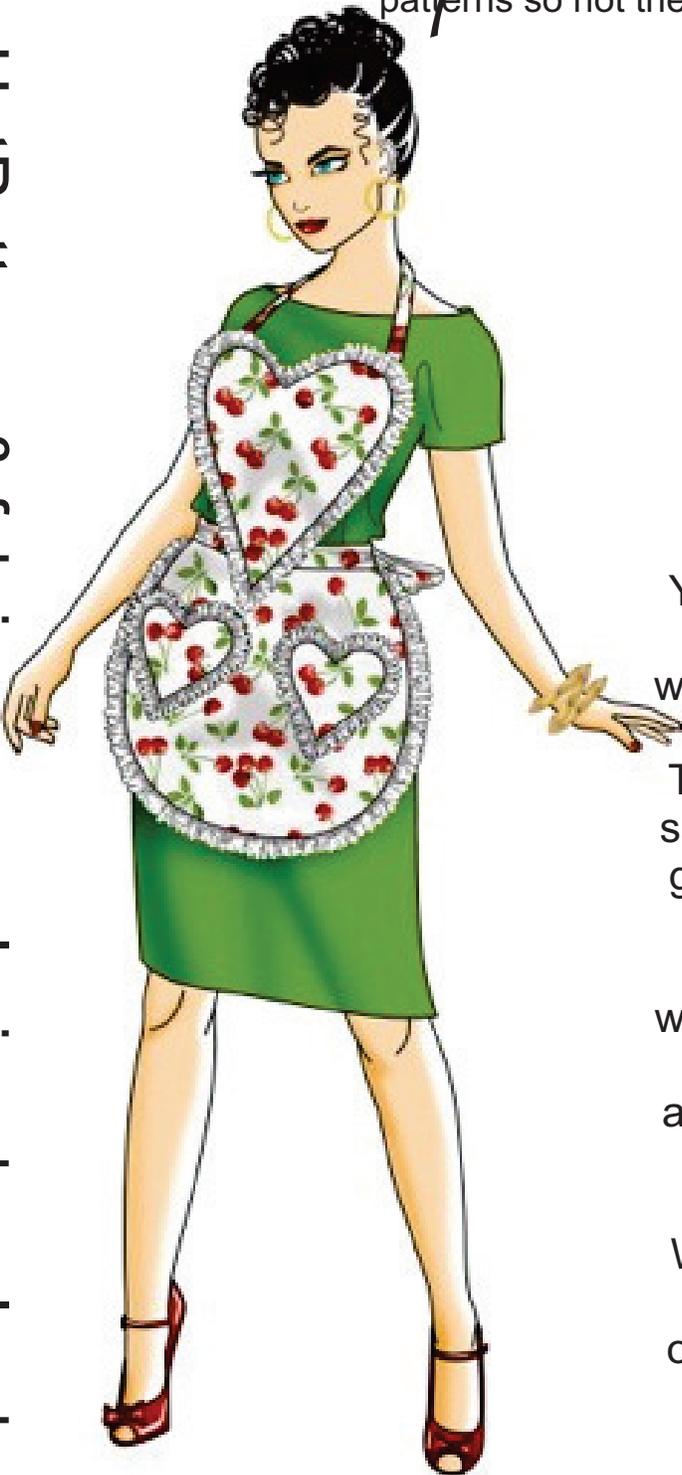
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Sweet Nothings Retro Apron

You'll rock this crazy-cute apron, perfect for almost any firm, medium to light weight fabric...try chambray, linen, denim, or of course, classic quilting cottons.

The pretty ruffled trim can be done in the same or contrast fabric, or you can use a gorgeous purchased gathered lace trim.

Retro-style apron has a classic semi-circular skirt attached to a straight waistband-tie; skirt features heart-shaped patch pockets. Heart-shaped bib is applied on top of the skirt, and ties at the back neck. Skirt, bib & pockets are trimmed with made or purchased trim. Wear this to host your next bake sale or tea-party...so very *charming!*...or make one of these as a sweetly pretty hostess or housewarming gift for your BFF.

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SEAM ALLOWANCES & OTHER INFO

Seam allowances on this style are 3/8" or 1cm; the skirt, bib and pockets are finished with self or purchased ruffled trim.

Skills needed include: (making &) applying a ruffled trim; making & applying a waistband.

Unless otherwise stated, all seams are sewn right sides together.

ABOUT THIS STYLE

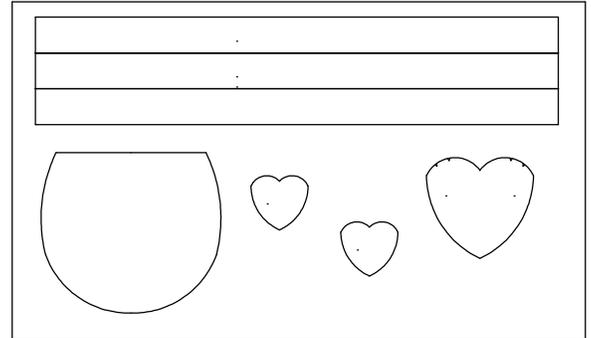
This style is un-fitted with a simple flat skirt & bib, a waistband/tie and a neck tie.

It's about as easy as it gets!

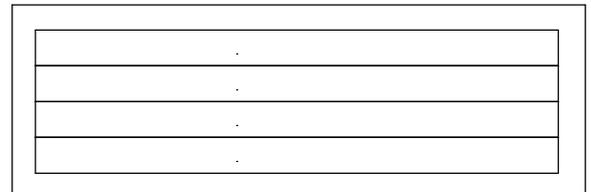
FABRIC & NOTIONS REQUIRED

All sizes need 1 yard/ 92 cm of 60"/150cm wide fabric, plus 0.5yd /45cm extra of self or contrast fabric for the ruffles OR 6 yards/5.5m of 1.5" or 7.5cm wide purchased ruffle trim.

SUGGESTED FABRIC CUTTING LAYOUT FOR THE APRON lay fabric out flat for this layout



SUGGESTED FABRIC CUTTING LAYOUT FOR THE RUFFLED TRIM lay fabric out flat for this layout



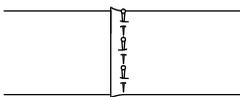
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We're going to do all the small fiddly parts first, which will make the final assembly go like a breeze! Ready? OK, let's start by preparing your waistband/tie...

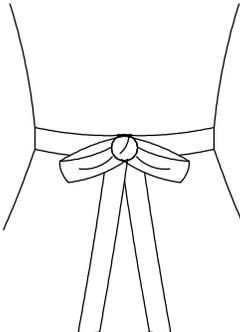
Pin two short ends together, and, keeping the join at the center front waist, wrap the tie around your middle and tie the ends as you would when wearing your apron, either a knot or a bow.

We've deliberately left this quite long, so you can chop off what you don't want...be sure to chop off the same amount from each end!

Pin together like this...



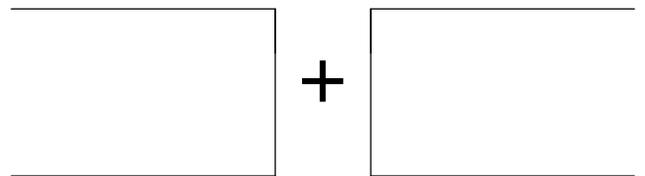
...and try on like this...



Put the waistband/tie pieces aside until step 6a.

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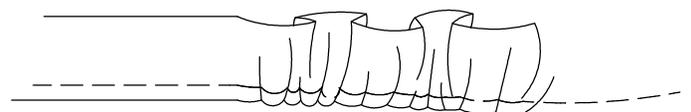
If you are not using purchased trim, you'll need to make your own... join the four pieces of your trim fabric together at the short ends to make a l-o-n-g strip, and press all the seams open.



Now fold the strip in half lengthways, and press the fold so it's nice & crisp.



Sewing through both thicknesses, work a row of gathering or zig-zag stitches along the raw or unfolded edges.



Draw the stitches up so the ruffle gathers, and distribute the gathers as evenly as you can....it should measure about 110" or 280cm long.

Put the ruffle aside until step 4.

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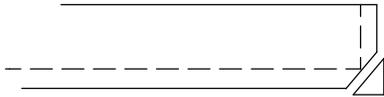
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Time to prepare the necktie...if you haven't done so already, cut your necktie strip in half as marked on the pattern.

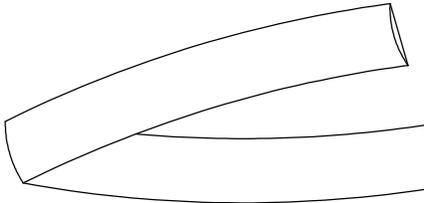
Fold each piece in half lengthways, with right sides together, and sew out the short ends, then the long ends like this...



Clip the corners, press the seams open and turn out...



...and your neckties are done! Set aside until step 7.

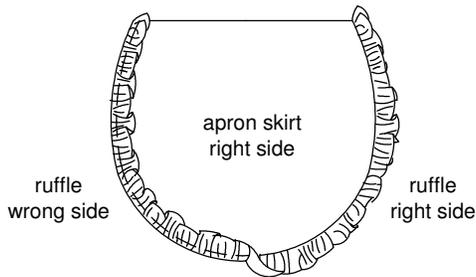


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Let's apply the trim to our skirt, bib and pockets.

Start with the skirt...right sides together, pin the ruffled trim around the edge of the skirt, making sure the gathering is evenly distributed.

Carefully join the ruffled trim to the skirt edges, then press the seam allowances inwards.

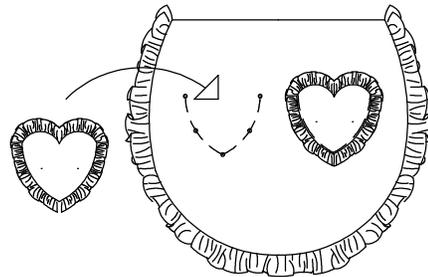


Repeat this with the bib and the pockets.

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Baste or pin the pockets to the skirt, following the marks on the pattern.

Topstitch them into place along the pocket/trim seamline.

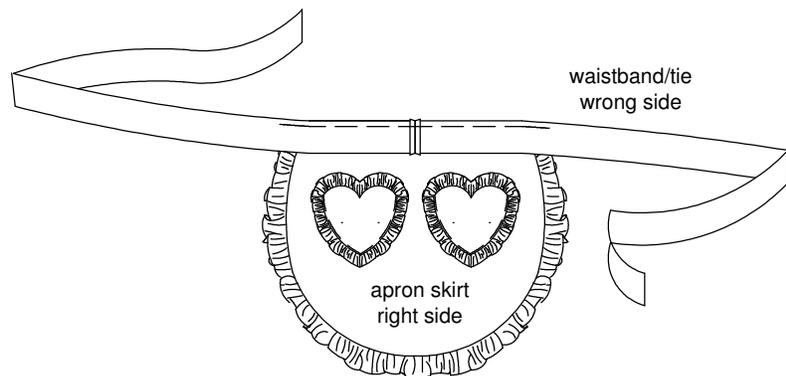


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Remember the waistband/tie you prepared earlier?

Matching the center front of the skirt to the center front seam of the waistband/tie, join the top edge of the skirt to the waistband/tie.

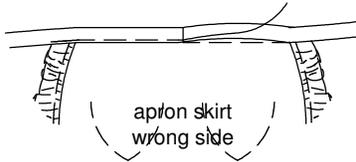
Press the seam allowances upwards, into the waistband/tie



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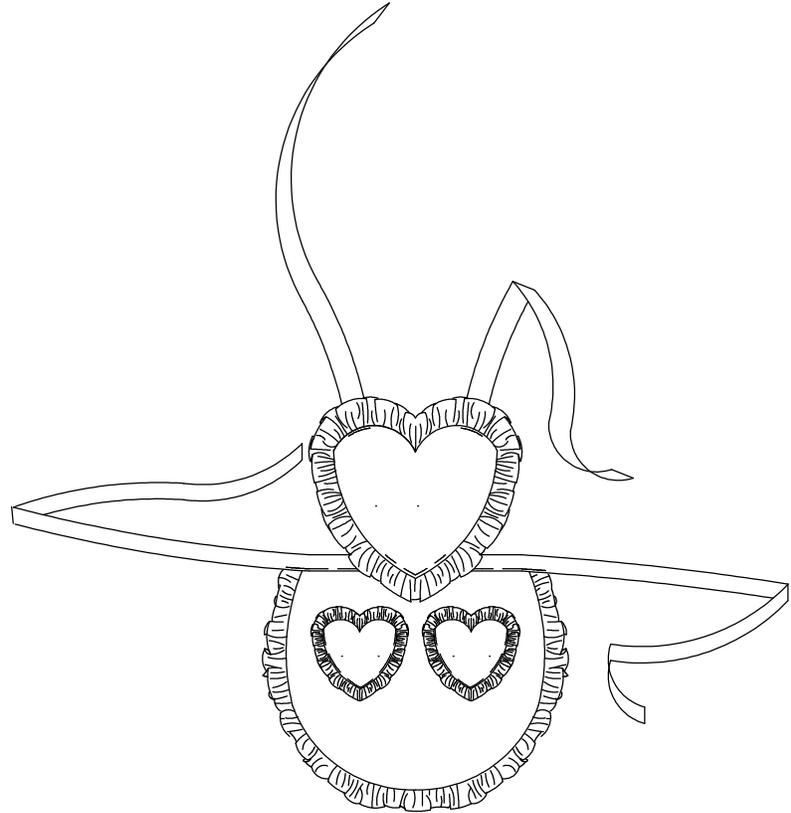
6b Now complete the waistband/tie...fold each end of the tie in half lengthways, with right sides together, and sew out the short ends, then the long ends (just like in step 3!) until you reach the ruffles.

Clip the corners, press the seams open and turn out...



...and topstitch the remaining part of the waistband/tie into place.

Following the lines marked on the pattern, pin or baste the bib into place on top of the skirt & waistband/tie area of the apron.



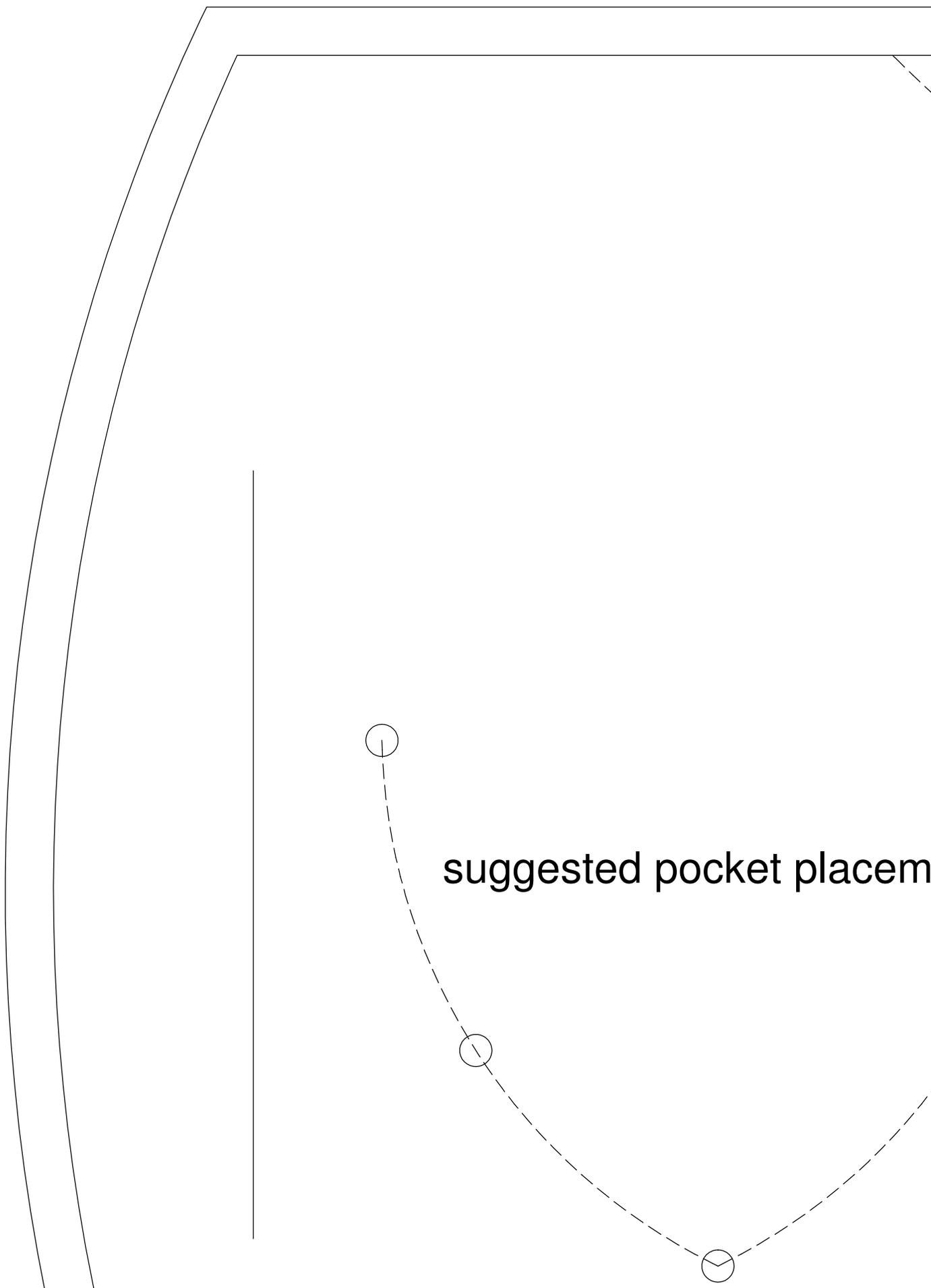
7 Almost done...matching the notches on the bib, join the raw edges of the completed neckties to the upper edge of the bib, sewing over the ruffle/bib seamline.



When you are certain the bib is placed centrally, topstitch it into place along the ruffle/bib seamline.

...too gorgeous!

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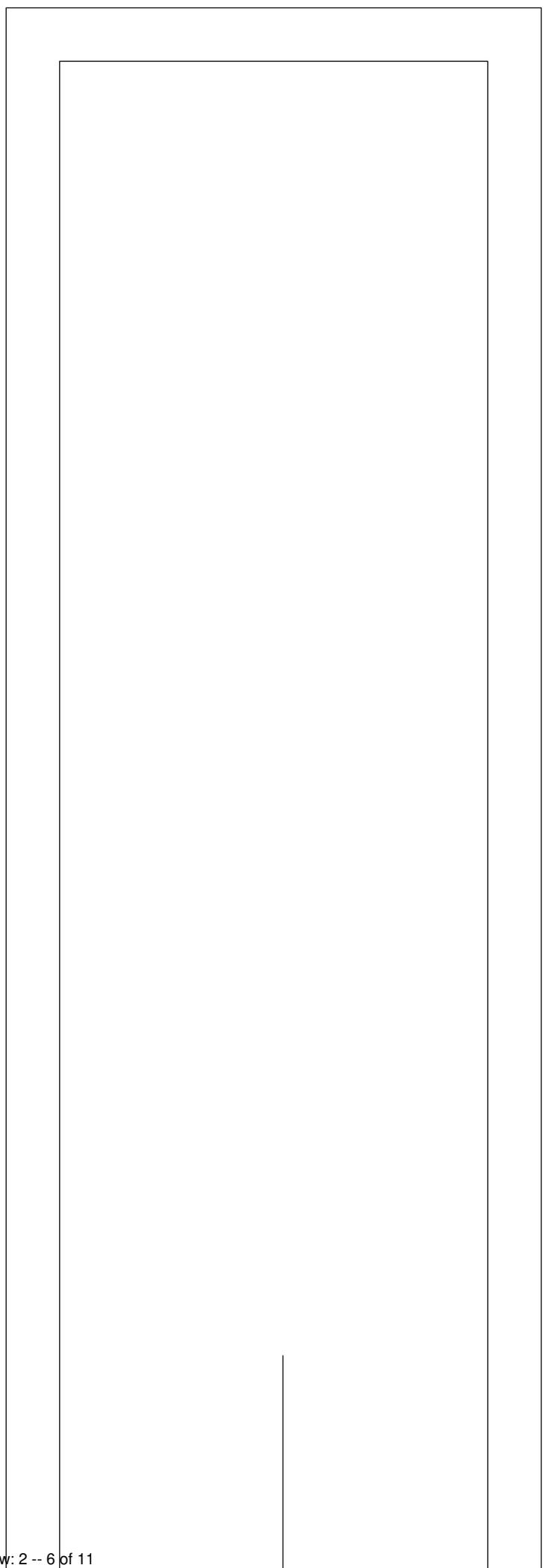
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waistband/necktie/ruffle

cut 1 pair in fabric for waistband/tie

cut 1 in fabric for necktie

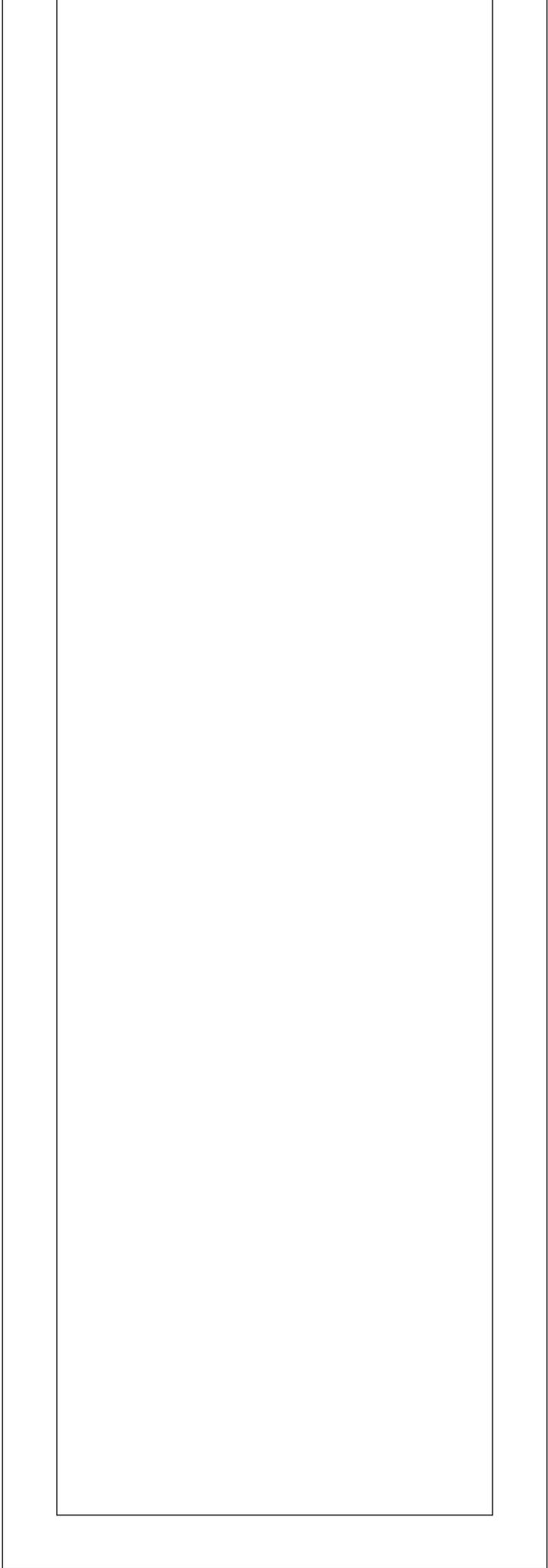
OPTIONAL cut 4 in self or contrast fabric for ruffles

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