

Two Terry Towels Turn Into A Barbecue Apron

The outdoor barbecue is taking women out of the kitchen faster than instant pudding.

And, while few women like to be chained to a stove even for an instant, most are delighted to spend long hours cooking in the backyard or out on the balcony.

If you're one who does, you'll want to be dressed for the occasion in a colorful barbecue apron that's not only attractive but easy to care for.

THE SOLUTION: stitch up an apron from two handsome cotton terry bath towels. In the original no-iron fabric, the towel apron can be popped in washer and dryer and it'll come out fresh and new looking again.

The apron's so easy to put together, you'll want to make several in different colors. Besides the towels, you'll need a yard of cotton bias tape and 5 1/2 yards of cotton ball fringe.

HERE ARE simple step-by-step instructions:

1. Cut off solid color borders of the towels and then measure to de-

sired length for the apron. Allow an extra inch for seams and cut.

2. Cut out a 12-inch scoop-neck opening for front and back, and bind neck edges with bias tape.

3. Stitch sides together at selvages up to the armholes, and then stitch across the shoulders.

4. Trim edges with ball fringe -- including neckline and hemline.

Fuzzy little balls or lint that may form on a garment is an indication that most likely a manmade fiber, such as nylon, polyester, or acrylic, has been used for the garment.

The balls form because the fibers are too strong to break off when wear causes abrasion.

Brushing garments with a stiff-bristled brush after drycleaning or laundering will help to loosen and remove the pills. You may use an electric shaver to remove the pills, but you must be very cautious so you get only the fuzz and do not damage the fabric, she adds.



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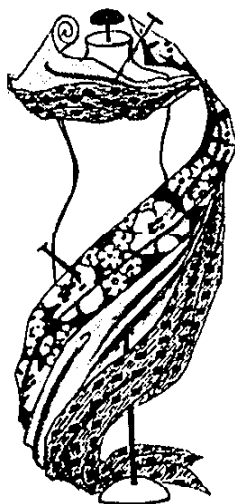
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