PIONEER CLOTHING

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEWING

Stitching Hearts World Wide

- **RST** = right sides together
- **WST** = wrong sides together

Use a sharp needle, a 2.0 stitch length, matching thread, and ¼" **seam** unless otherwise indicated

SKIRT

Stitch **skirt front to back** at side seams with ⅝" seam. Optional - zigzag edges and press open.

Press top edge under ¼".
Press under another 1¼" to form casing for elastic.

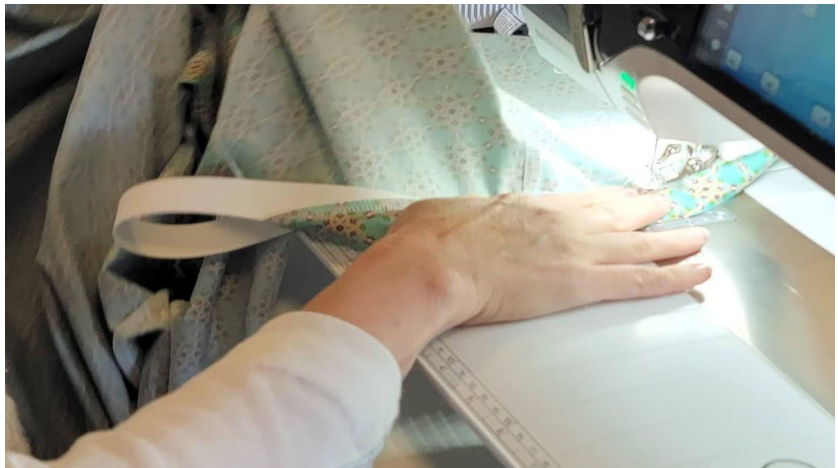Cut elastic to your waist measurement plus ½". Overlap ends ½" and stitch into a loop.

Place elastic inside fold. Stitch ⅛" from edge, gathering skirt onto elastic.

Press bottom edge under in a double-rolled ¼" hem. Stitch.

APRON

Attach a safety pin 1" below point of each **apron tie.**
Fold **RST**, with safety pin inside.
Starting at the point, sew down the long edge, stopping 2" before end. Turn right side out and press.

Press **apron waistband** in half WST. Press one long edge under ¼".

Sew short ends **apron waistband** to an **apron tie** to form one long strip**.**

Press **apron** sides and bottom under in a double-rolled ¼" hem (press under ¼" and then under another ¼"). Stitch hem.

Lengthen stitch to 5 and, without backstitching, sew two gathering lines across top of apron at ⅛" and ¼", leaving thread tails on each end. Gather top edge of apron to 18".

Return stitch length to normal.

Pin WRONG side of gathered **apron** to RIGHT side of unpressed **apron waistband** edge and sew together.

Fold **apron waistband** to front. Pin in place to cover seam.

Topstitch 1/16" from point of one **apron tie**, across **apron waistband, and** to point of other tie.

Stitch 2 sets of **apron pockets** RST leaving a 1 1/2" opening in top edge for turning. Turn and press, folding raw edges of opening to inside.

Topstitch ⅛" from top edge of each **apron pocket**.

Try on the apron on and mark where the tips of your fingers reach. Then, measuring from the top, pin so the bottom of each **apron pocket** is **2"** above mark, and **4"** in from the side of the apron.

Stitch 1/8" from the edge of the pocket, down one side, across the bottom, and up the other side.

BONNET

Attach a safety pin 1" below point of each **bonnet tie.** Fold **RST** and stitch. Turn right side out and press. Trim off selvage.

Stitch curved side of **bonnet brims** RST.

Apply fusible interfacing, turn right side out and press. Draw a dot at center of unsewn edge.

Pin each **bonnet tie** with raw edge to each curved side of **bonnet brim** parallel to and ¼" above unsewn edge.

Topstitch curved side of **bonnet brim** ⅛" from sewn edge, attaching ties. Stitch tie again ⅛" away.

Trim raw end of **bonnet ties** to match curves of **bonnet brim**. Fold tie back on itself and stitch in place.

On **bonnet,** press neck edges and bottom under in a double-rolled ¼" hem. Stitch.

Draw a dot at center of curved edge of **bonnet**. *Lengthen stitch to 5* and sew two gathering lines across top edge of the bonnet at ⅛" and ¼", leaving thread tails on each end - do not backstitch on either end. *Return stitch length to normal.*

Pin **bonnet** to **bonnet brim** RST at edges and center. Gather **bonnet** to fit **bonnet brim**. (More gathers near the center of the bonnet and fewer gathers near the edges make the bonnet puff up nicely on top.)

Stitch **bonnet** to **bonnet brim**. Go slowly and adjust fabric so gathers are even and perpendicular to **bonnet brim**. (If this makes you nervous, baste it first and then sew it.) Zigzag edges.

Mark center of elastic and center of **bonnet** on gathering line. Sandwich the ends off the elastic between **bonnet brim** seam and **bonnet** on both sides and stitch. With one tacked end under machine's presser foot, put needle down and stretch elastic to fit. Zigzag.