



# SEWING FOR MEN

6 Free Sewing Patterns for Father's Day



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## Letter from the Editors

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Hello, Sewists!

Fathers can be so influential in a child's life. Your dad might have taught you how to change a tire, hammer a nail, read, or even sew. His skills and knowledge that he passes down to you is part of his love for you. The father figure in your life could simply be a male role model, your grandfather, or the father of your children. There are many underrated holidays, but Father's Day should not be overlooked because you should really show you care about your father. No matter who they are to you, celebrating Father's Day with the gift of your presence as well as your sewing could be best way to show how much you appreciate the special father in your life.

Sewing for men can seem difficult, but this free eBook has some easy gift ideas. Sometimes even just sewing some new buttons or a new pocket on his favorite old shirt can make his eyes light up. Find the sewing tutorial on a Shirt Collar DIY Refashion on page 21 in this free eBook. You can also choose a sewing pattern based on your dad's favorite hobby like cooking or reading. From a quick sewing pattern like the 5 Minute DIY Bookmark (pg. 24), to a free apron pattern like the King of the Grill DIY Apron (pg. 5), these six free sewing patterns will make sure that you celebrate Father's Day to its full potential as well as show your father how much you love him.

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## King of the Grill DIY Apron

By: [Rebecca Kemp Brent for Coats & Clark](#)

If your dad or husband loves cooking, especially outside in the summer time, you'll want to make him the King of the Grill DIY Apron. This sewing pattern mainly uses one and half yards of denim and an adorable applique that says "Dad" with a crown. He'll really feel like a grill master when you give him this apron for Father's Day or another occasion. Even if you haven't sewn anything before, you can try this sewing tutorial out because even a beginner can do it. Get your kids to help you with this DIY gift and you can add other personalized applique for your wonderful Dad.



### Materials:

- 1 1/8 yard of 45"-wide or wider denim (If your fabric can be cut on the crosswise grain, you'll need only 7/8 yard.)
- 3/8 yard of a 45"-wide contrasting cotton print (contrast #1 [gold])
- 1 fat quarter of contrasting cotton print (contrast #2 [red])
- Paper-backed fusible web
- Dual Duter XP All-Purpose thread to match applique fabric and apron
- Sewing machine
- Basic sewing supplies
- Iron and ironing board

## Notes:

- The applique patterns are reversed and ready for tracing onto paper-backed fusible web.
- Seam allowances are 1/4".
- Satin and blanket stitches may be the traditional way to applique fused shapes, but feel free to try different stitches. The fusible web will secure the applique edges fairly well, so even open stitch patterns will work. For the sample, we chose a decorative stitch to add baubles to the crown.
- Sewing a straight-grain trim to the apron's bias edges stabilizes the apron edges.
- WOF means Width of Fabric.

## Cutting:

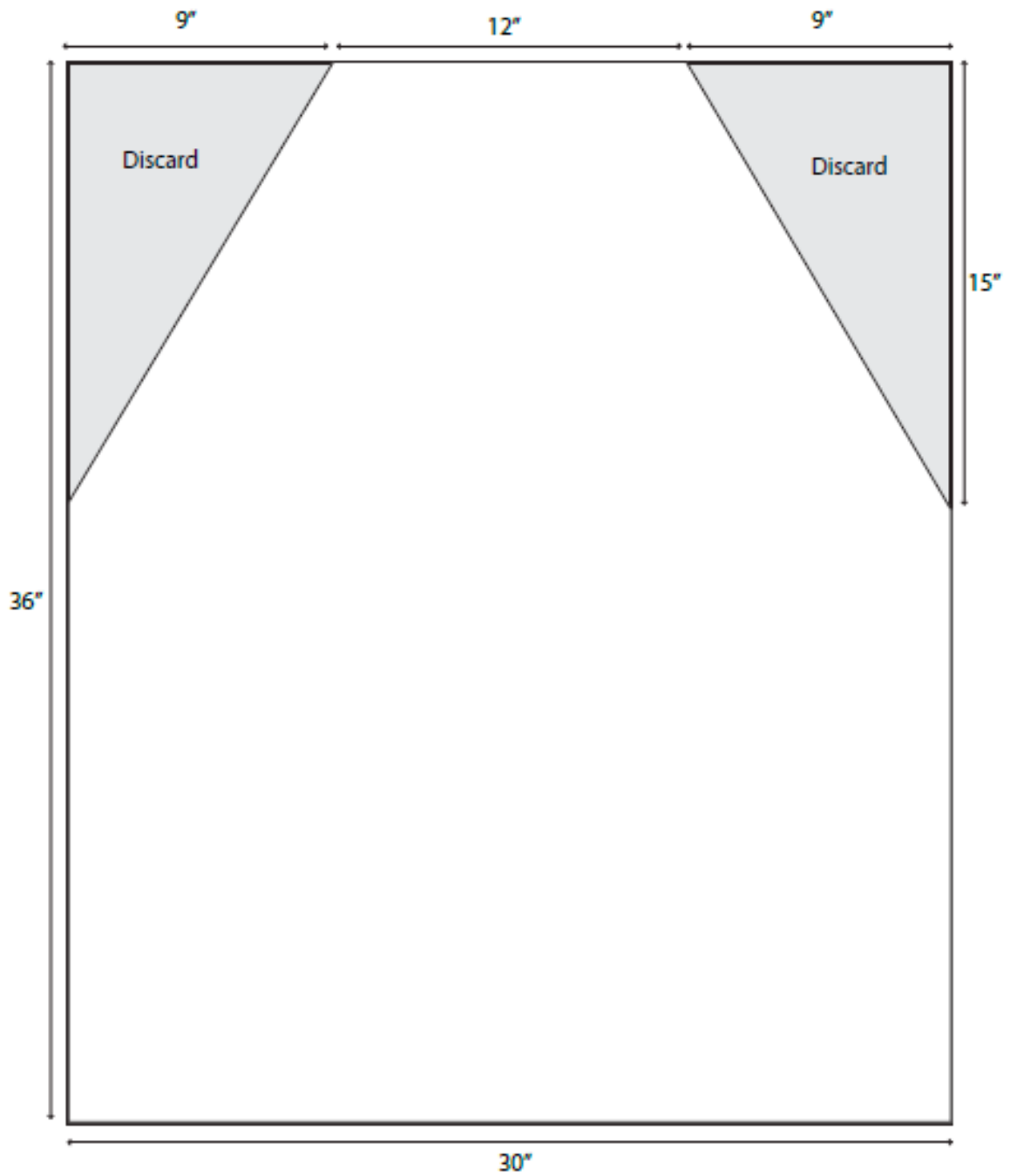
- From the denim, cut: 1 rectangle, 30" x 36". Trim as shown (page 7) to create the apron shape.
- From contrast #1, cut: 1 rectangle, 8" x 11", for the pocket 1 strip, 1" x WOF, for trim 2 strips, 2" x WOF, for strap and ties
- From contrast #2, cut: 1 rectangle, 8" x 11", for the pocket

## Instructions:

1. Trace the letters and crown onto the paper side of your fusible web. Remember to trace two of the letter "d."  
Trim loosely around each shape to separate. Place the letters on the wrong side of one contrasting fabric and fuse in place, following the manufacturer's instructions.  
Fuse the crown to the wrong side of the other contrasting fabric. Cut out the applique shapes along the traced outlines.
2. Press 1/4" to the wrong side along one long edge of the 1"-wide strip cut from contrast #1. Lay the strip on the apron with the right side of the strip against the wrong side of the apron, aligning the strip's unpressed long edge with one slanted edge of the apron and allowing the trim to extend at least 1" beyond the leading edge of the apron. Sew the strip to the apron's slanted edge.
3. Press the trim to the right side of the apron and cut off the excess trim 1" beyond the apron raw edges.  
Edgestitch the pressed edge of the strip to the apron, concealing the seam allowances, and trim the excess even with the apron edges.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to finish the second slanted edge of the apron with the remainder of the 1"-wide strip.
5. Press 1/2" to the wrong side along both side edges of the apron. Press an additional 1/2" to the wrong side. Edgestitch the hems in place.

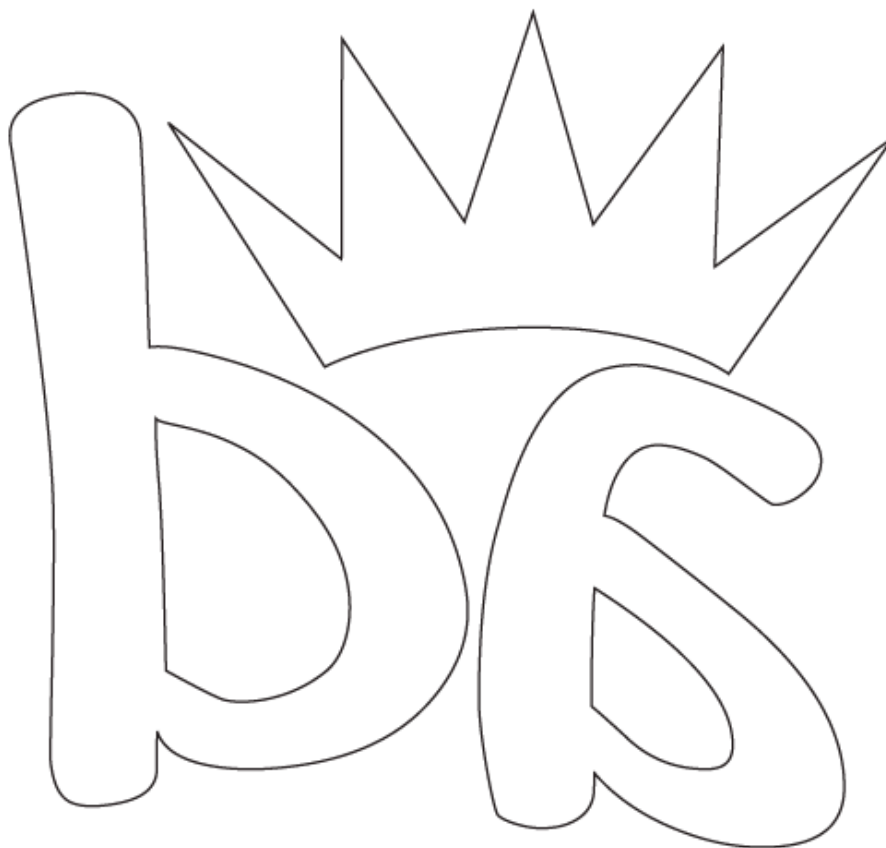
6. Press  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the wrong side along the apron's top and bottom edges. Press an additional 1" to the wrong side on both edges and edgestitch the hems in place.
7. Sew the two pocket rectangles together along all four edges, leaving an opening in the bottom edge for turning. Trim the corners diagonally to reduce bulk and turn the pocket right side out. Press the pocket flat, pressing the seam allowances to the wrong side along the opening.
8. Fold the pocket and apron in half to find and mark their vertical centerlines. Position the pocket on the apron, matching the centerlines, with the bottom of the pocket 5" above the bottom edge of the apron. Edgestitch the pocket sides and bottom to the apron.
9. Remove the paper backing from the appliqué shapes. Arrange the letters on the apron with their bottom edges about  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " below the top edge of the apron. Use the apron's centerline as a guide and rotate the letters slightly in different directions for a casual appearance. Fuse the letters to the apron. With matching thread, stitch the letter edges to the apron.
10. Position the crown on the apron and fuse. Stitch the edges with matching thread.
11. Remove the selvages and sew the 2"-wide strips of contrast #2 together to make a long strip. Press the strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Open the strip and fold both long edges to the wrong side to meet at the center crease; press. Refold the strip along the original crease and press once more to create a  $\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide strip with the raw edges enclosed.
12. Cut a 24" piece from the strip for the neck strap. Open the folds and press  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side on each short end. Refold and press again. Edgestitch both long edges.
13. Position one end of the strap on the apron wrong side at an upper corner, overlapping the apron by 1". Sew a small rectangle through all the layers to attach the strap to the apron.
14. Sew the other end of the strap to the remaining upper corner of the apron in the same way. Be sure the strap is not twisted.
15. Cut the remaining piece of the pressed strip in half. Open the folds and press  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side on both short ends of each strip. Refold and press again, then edgestitch the long edges of each strip; these are the waist ties.
16. Position and sew one tie on the wrong side of the apron at each waist corner as in step 13.

**Apron cutting instructions**





King of the Grill  
Applique patterns



reversed for fusible applique -  
no seam allowances

## DIY Father's Day Fabric Coffee Sleeve

By: Eva Ferreebee for AllFreeSewing.com

Use this DIY Father's Day Fabric Coffee Sleeve to create a wonderful handmade gift for Dad. He'll love using something you made every day. This coffee cozy tutorial and video will show you how to make a coffee sleeve that's personal and reusable. Dad probably needs an extra jolt of energy before work each morning and he'll always think of the generous loved ones who gave him this coffee cozy. This sewing project is one-of-a-kind because Dad is a very unique person in your life.



### Materials:

- Small amount of fabric and interfacing
- Hair Tie
- Button Coordinating Thread
- Straight Pins
- Scissors
- Sewing Machine
- Coffee Cup and either a paper coffee sleeve or a template

### Instructions:

1. Use either the coffee sleeve or the template and cut 2 from material and 1 from interfacing.
2. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse interfacing to wrong side of one sleeve piece.

3. Sew along 3 sides (leaving one short side open).
4. Turn inside out, iron flat. On the open side, turn under about a half inch and iron.
5. Place and pin the hair tie in the center of the open side.
6. Sew side shut and top stitch along all sides.
7. Using the coffee cup, measure button placement.
8. Hand sew the button on.
9. Fasten to coffee cup by sliding hair tie over the button.



## Tablet Envelope in Waxcloth

By: [Rochelle from eSheep Designs](#)

Are you worried about your electronics getting wet? This Tablet Envelope in Waxcloth will allow you to take your tablet or phone to the beach or pool without the worry of getting it wet. You'll need waxcloth, ribbon, a piece of a bed sheet and a piece of an old blanket for padding for this sewing pattern. The sewing tutorial will show you how to adjust the size of this DIY case to the size of your tablet or device. This would be an excellent DIY gift for any holiday or occasion including Father's Day for your gadget-loving Dad.



### Materials:

- Some 1" wide ribbon (depending on the size you're your device)
- Two exterior panels made out of laminated cotton or waxcloth (using either of these for the exterior makes this an easy to clean travel item)
- A scrap piece of fabric for the lining
- Melton remnant from a wool blanket

### Notes:

- The dimensions of the tablet (with the case on) are about 8" x 5.5" and just over 1/2 inch thick.

**Instructions:**

1. Start by cutting out a piece of the melton, along with some fabric for the lining, each 10" wide by about 15" high. Then sew the melton onto the wrong side of the lining fabric along the two long edges.



2. Next, fold the whole piece in half and clipped together the sides and the top seam to see if the unit would fit.





3. After confirming that it *does* fit, sew up the sides.



4. Next, secure the exterior pieces, which are the two panels of travel-themed waxcloth. Go back and unpick the stitches at the top corners, since you want to apply some of the ribbon along the top edge also. Ensure that your ribbon is "sandwiched" evenly so that when you sew, you will secure both sides.



5. Ensure that your ribbon is "sandwiched" evenly so that when you sew, you will secure both sides.

6. Clip the ribbon and outside panel to the top edge of the lining and sew in place. Repeat for the opposite side and trim off any excess ribbon. Check that your panels are even along all the edges.



7. To finish this up, attach a (continuous) length of ribbon around the other three edges as a binding. (Your fingers will find a way to mitre the corners.)



8. Leave some extra ribbon (up to an inch) at the ends to push back inside; this creates neat looking corners.



9. All finished!





## Necktie DIY Phone Case

By: [Sheri from Confessions of a Refashionista](#)

Take one of Dad's old ties or find a vintage necktie at a thrift store and turn it into this Necktie DIY Phone Case. It's a perfect Father's Day gift idea that Dad can use every day and he will appreciate your thriftiness. Don't just get him a boring tie, make something that Dad will actually put to good use with this sewing tutorial. All you need is a tie and a sewing machine, but make sure to measure Dad's phone so you know it'll fit inside the DIY case!



### Materials:

- Necktie
- Thread
- Sewing machine

### Instructions:

1. Snag a necktie end and make sure it's long enough to wrap around your phone with the end point folded down like an envelope.

2. Open up the necktie end and remove the lining.



3. Press flat and fold the raw edges in a wee bit.



4. Head over to your machine and stitch the folded raw edges down.





5. If you're using a velcro closure, now is the time to stitch one side to the inside of the point-flap and the other to the outside of the almost finished case. Snap or button closures can easily be added after the sides are sewn together.



6. Lay the fabric right-side-down and place your phone on top of it.



7. Fold the end of the case up over your phone to get the correct position, slip the phone out and...



8. Stitch the sides together! All done!



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## Shirt Collar DIY Refashion

By: [Sheri from Confessions of a Refashionista](#)

Take an old or thrifted button down shirt and do this Shirt Collar DIY Refashion to make a completely new shirt for the man in your life. This would be a quick and easy DIY gift for your husband or father's birthday or even for Father's Day. The collar is an underrated part of the shirt but a contrasting color or pattern can really make it stand out. All you'll need are two button down or collared shirts and basic sewing supplies for this sewing tutorial. DIY clothes can save you a lot of money in the long run, especially if you or your man simply just want a new look.



### Materials:

- Collarless shirt or cut off existing neckline
- Collar from a similarly sized button down



**Instructions:**

1. Pin together with right sides facing & raw edges lined up. If the collar is shorter than the neckline simply fold/gather it a bit in the center of the back.



2. Stitch together.



3. Zigzag over the outside seam for extra strength & to prevent fraying.



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## 5 Minute DIY Bookmark

By: [Crystal from Hello Creative Family](#)

If you need a quick gift for anyone, the 5 Minute DIY Bookmark is the perfect way to show someone you care without spending a ton of time or money on a gift. It's a great DIY gift for beginners or kids to make, especially for Father's Day if that special father in your life loves to read. All you'll need is a scrap of fabric, a hair elastic, and basic sewing supplies to make this DIY bookmark. The kids can even sew this gift! Pair this quick sewing project with a book your father or husband will love and you've got the best Father's Day gift ever.



### Materials:

- Fabric (see first step for measurements)
- Hair elastic in your favorite color
- Button
- Sewing machine
- Coordinating thread
- Needle (for sewing on button)
- Iron

**Instructions:**

1. Cut out your fabric (For a small mass market paperback 4 inches by 16 inches, for a larger trade paperback 4 inches by 18 inches, for a hard cover 4 inches by 20 inches).



2. Fold fabric in half with pattern side of the fabric in the center.





3. Sew the fabric shut by stitching down the length of the fabric using a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Leave the ends open so you can turn your tube right side out.



4. Flip your fabric right side out, then press your fabric with your iron so that the seam is running down the center on the back of the bookmark.



5. Now it's time to finish off the ends of the bookmark. Fold one end over by 1/4 inch, press with your iron. Then fold over another 1/4 inch, press again and pin. Do this on both ends of your bookmark. On the end where you want the elastic loop, loop your elastic hair tie in before pinning.



6. Sew across your folded over edge to secure.





7. On the side that doesn't have the elastic, sew on your button.





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