



## retro APRON

Turn up the heat in the kitchen with this retro apron, made from an upcycled pillowcase. Adorable in every color, make one to match your kitchen décor.

### from your stash

Fabric scraps, roughly 4 x 12 inches (10.2 x 30.5 cm) each (three coordinating colors)

1 piece of fabric for apron overlay, 15 x 22 inches (38.1 x 55.9 cm)

¼ yard (.2 m) of coordinating fabric for the binding and waistband

⅓ yard (.3 m) of main backing fabric

### gather

Basic sewing tool kit (page 7)

Pillowcase (standard size or larger)

⅓ yard (.3 m) of muslin

⅛ yard (.1 m) of fusible interfacing

### make

1 Cut the pillowcase to measure 31 x 17 inches (78.7 x 43.2 cm). Reserve extra fabric from the pillowcase to make the apron ties. Turn the outer edges under ¼ inch (6 mm) twice and stitch.

#### the pocket

2 From the three coordinating fabrics, cut nine squares that measure 3¼ x 3¼ inches (8.3 x 8.3 cm). Organize the squares into a nine-patch block. Stitch together the squares in each row. Then stitch the three rows together (**fig. A**).

3 Cut a piece of muslin the same size as the nine-patch block.

4 With right sides together, sew three sides of the block and muslin square. Clip the two sewn corners and turn the block right side out. Hand quilt (**fig. B**).

5 Cut a piece of the fabric for the apron overlay that measures 15 x 22 inches (38.1 x 55.9 cm).

6 Align the unfinished edge of the nine-patch block with a side edge of the overlay. Stitch the finished side and the bottom of the nine patch to the overlay piece to make the pocket. Baste the unfinished edge to the overlay (**fig. C**).

7 Turn the unfinished edge of the overlay and block under ¼ inch (6 mm) twice and topstitch. Sew the bottom and opposite side edges of the overlay in the same way.

8 Center the overlay on the pillowcase fabric. Baste the overlay to the pillowcase ½ inch (1.3 cm) from the top, unfinished overlay edge, and then baste again ¼ inch (6 mm) from the same edge.



fig. A



fig. B



fig. C

### the waistband

9 To make the waistband, cut two pieces of a coordinating stash fabric and two pieces of fusible interfacing that measure 4½ x 15 inches (11.4 x 38.1 cm). Fuse the interfacing to the wrong sides of the two fabric pieces.

10 For the ties, cut two pieces of the leftover pillowcase fabric that measure 5 x 30 inches (12.7 x 76.2 cm). Turn three edges of each tie under ¼ inch (6 mm) twice, leaving one short edge unfinished. Topstitch.

11 Pull the basting threads on the apron to gather the fabric. With right sides together, pin a waistband piece to the top apron edge, securing the folds. Allow the piece of waistband fabric to extend past both sides of the apron by ½ inch (1.3 cm). Baste in place (fig. D).

12 With right sides together, pin the ties to the ends of the waistband piece that is attached to the apron, aligning the unfinished edges. Add a tuck to the tie, to absorb the extra width and allow ½ inch (1.3 cm) of waistband fabric to extend beyond the tie at the top and bottom edges. Baste in place (fig. E).

13 Place the second piece of waistband fabric face down onto the apron/waistband-in-progress, over the straps that have been sewn to the first waistband piece. Align the top and side edges and then fold up the bottom edge by ½ inch (1.3 cm). Pin and sew up the side, across the top, and then down the other side of the waistband (fig. F).

14 Turn and press all the seam allowances up into the waistband. Blind stitch the back loose edge of the waistband over your previous seam (fig. G). Add decorative hand stitches to the apron as desired.

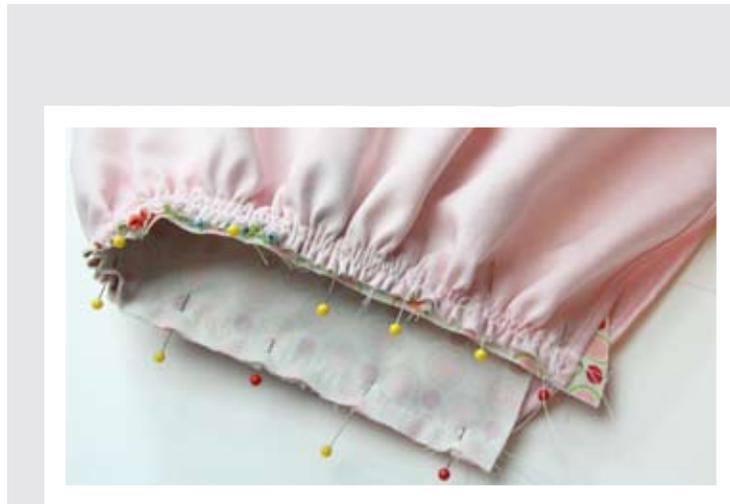


fig. D

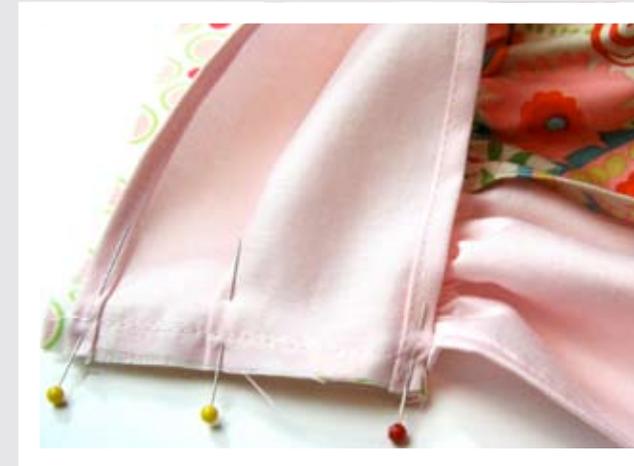


fig. E

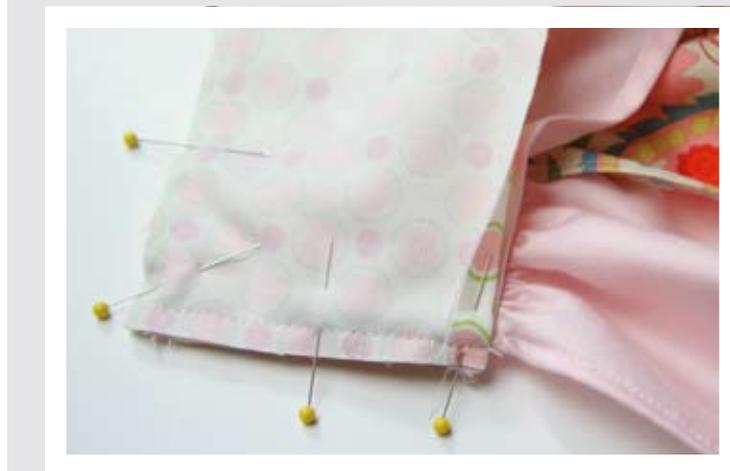


fig. F



fig. G



*variation!*  
Don't have an old pillowcase to spare? Even better—use a tea towel or a vintage tablecloth—which are often kitchen themed.

*online!*  
Download instructions for a matching potholder at [www.larkcrafts.com/bonus](http://www.larkcrafts.com/bonus).