



# “Once Upon an Apron”

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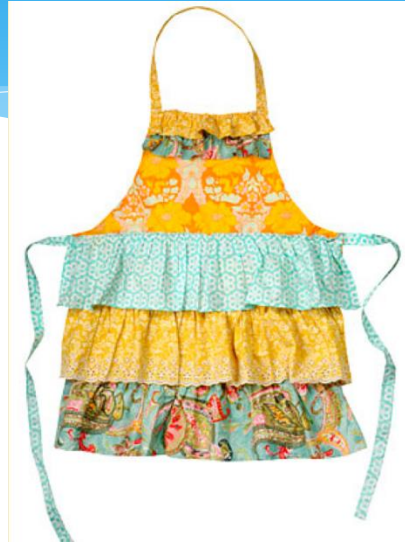
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# Definition of Apron



- \* An apron is an outer protective garment that covers primarily the front of the body. It may be worn for hygienic reasons as well as in order to protect clothes from wear and tear.
- \* The apron is commonly part of the uniform of several work categories, including waitresses, nurses, and domestic workers.

# History of the Apron

- \* Since ancient times, aprons have been used as the simplest of coverings. When the Bible tells of Adam and Eve stitching together leaves to cover themselves, they were in fact creating the first aprons in history.



# History of the Apron

- \* For centuries, it was a singularly utilitarian garment meant to absorb the mess of chores.
- \* The iconic image of a woman in an apron standing dutifully at the fire or oven comes from the last century.



# Types of Aprons

- \* The apron is a classic garment: simple, highly functional and instantly recognizable.
- \* The apron has been unjustly relegated to the back corners of kitchen cabinets for too long



# Types of Aprons Cont'd

## Designer Aprons

- \* These aprons are custom designed by top Apron designers and will make you feel like a super model!

## Vintage Aprons

- \* Make your man melt with a wink and one of these Vintage Aprons!



# Types of Aprons Cont'd

## **Kids Aprons**

- \* Have a little friend who sticks to you like glue whenever you're in the kitchen? Suit your little cooking companion up in a delightful kids aprons and make them feel like a real pro - not just mommy's little helper :)

## **Holiday Aprons**

- \* Try on an apron decorated for the holidays to get you in a festive mood.





## Different Types/Uses of Aprons





# Why Wear an Apron?



- \* Vintage aprons are enjoying resurgence in stylish kitchens everywhere however, some modern women may be afraid of turning into a Stepford wife, or heavens forbid, their mothers.

# Grandma's Apron Poem

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears...

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables.

# Grandma's Apron Poem

After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.  
In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from  
the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how  
much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved  
her apron, and the men-folk knew it was time to come in from the  
fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will  
replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

REMEMBER:

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to  
cool.

Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.  
They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were  
on that apron.

I never caught anything from an apron... But Love. (Author Unknown)

# My Experience with Aprons



What is your Favorite Apron  
Story?