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**How Fashion Survived WWII - Redesigning an Industry in
Paris, London, and New York**

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“Made over” projects were a thrifty way to put old garments to new uses. We will create a kitchen apron by “making over” a men’s shirt. Alternatively, a vintage tablecloth or dress may be used.

Students will need:

- Men's shirt of woven fabric, preferably long sleeved. (OR to “Make it do”- a dress or tablecloth)
- Fabric shears - sharp, 7”
- Straight Pins - preferably long
- Hand needles and threaders
- 50 wt. cotton sewing thread - good quality
- Marking pencils - selection of your choice
- Iron and ironing board
- Sewing machine - optional
- Rotary cutter, mat and 4 x 18” acrylic ruler - optional

For more inspiration - A downloadable restored publication of 21 vintage apron patterns from 1945 may be ordered ahead from <https://etsy.com/shop/evintagepatterns>

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