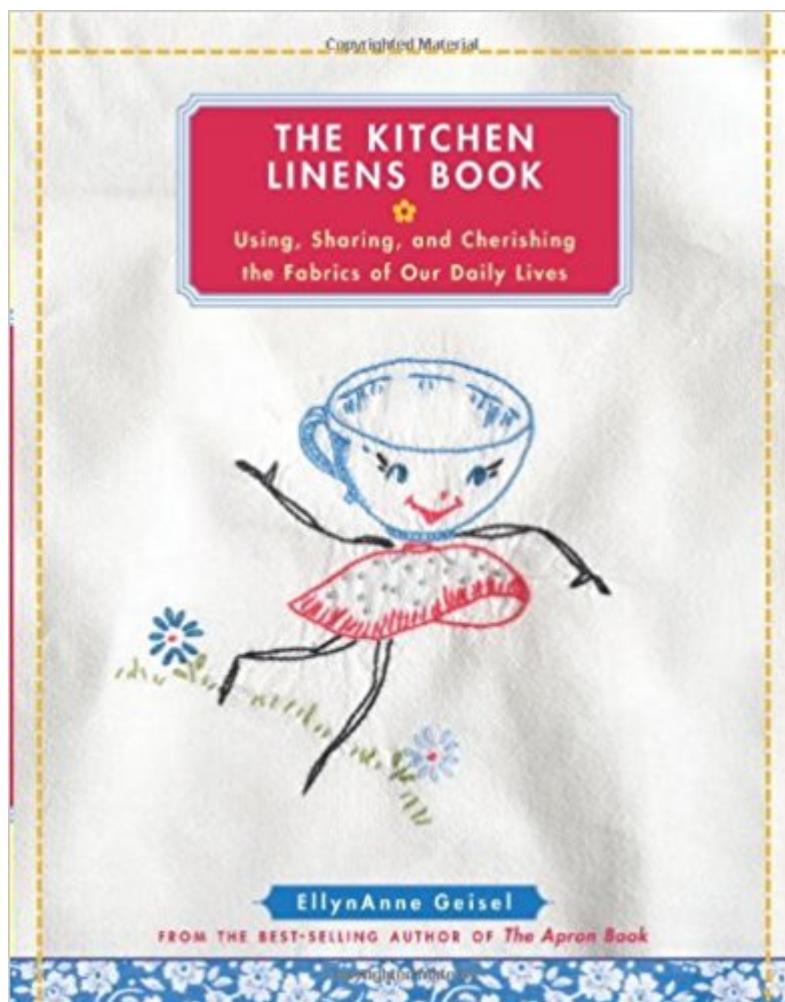


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# The Kitchen Linens Book: Using, Sharing, And Cherishing The Fabrics Of Our Daily Lives



## **Synopsis**

Gather 'round! The endearing follow-up to The Apron Book is now served. EllynAnne Geisel graces us with her new treasure, The Kitchen Linens Book. It's a lovely treat. Family kitchens are where our days begin and end. And one constant is threaded among the people, the stories, and the moments: America's kitchen linens. If only these prized pieces could talk. The Kitchen Linens Book invites women of all ages to visit with the past. In this book, Geisel gives us an up-close look at tablecloths, dishtowels, and napkins with details and histories as fine as the stories themselves. Embroidered or hemstitched, linens or oilcloths--these are the fabrics and the memories of our mothers and grandmothers. And each one has an endearing story and a vivid history.\*The book features over 20 projects and 8 recipes.\* The book includes a classic Butterick transfer pattern for a vintage kitchen towel motif, circa 1945.\* Rich photography highlighting every detail accompanies stories passed from generation to generation.\* EllynAnne's passion for finding and saving linens from flea markets, estate sales, and antique stores will inspire you to dig through your own closets and cupboards.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

EllynAnne Geisel, who lives in Pueblo, Colorado, is the author of The Apron Book and the creator of Apron Chronicles, the traveling exhibit. Her apron designs have appeared in Vogue and have been worn by Bree in Desperate Housewives. She's been a guest on both NPR's All Things Considered and CBS News' Sunday Morning. She continues to make nationwide

appearances to promote her books and exhibit.

I had expected more facts about the history of linens and the types of linens over the decades. This book is good, but handles the subject of linens more on a personal level than factual. The print is hard to read and the layout is confusing, but overall this is an enjoyable read.

This is such a charming work. EllynAnne Geisel has put together a delightful collection of photos, stories, reminiscence, recipes, and her own engaging commentary along with pictures of the kitchen and table linens in her collection and the collections of friends. Anyone who is interested in fabric, hand sewing, whimsy, and nostalgia for our mid-20th century homes will fall in love with The Kitchen Linens Book. I bought one for myself and one as a gift, and believe me, it's been a hit in both cases. In the words of a hand embroidered bib I had as a toddler, "More Please".

#### GIVEN AS A GIFT, THANKS

I purchase EllyAnne Giesel's other book at the same time I purchased this one. I was disappointed because it is more the history of the linens not a how to make them and what to look for in products.

If you enjoy textiles and domestic history, and I do, then this book is sheer delight! It is reminiscent of less busy times and reminds us of the importance of the domestic, that is, our homes. It also reminds us of the bonding nature of shared experiences and traditions. The fact that it is beautiful produced (get the hardback) and includes embroidery transfers lifts it way out of the ordinary. All in all I am quite excited by it!

This book will make you nostalgic! and i'm only 29! Perhaps it just reminds me of my childhood at Grandma's? She kept all of her Mother's needlework (pillowcases, dresser scarves and kitchen towels). The book contains a lot of pictures and history. I saw a little tea towel picture that I loved, so I make the image bigger and MADE my own towel.

Fun, well written book!! Thoroughly enjoyable trip to the past!

I am so pleased with this book! The photographs of vintage linens brought back many childhood memories, and I loved the stories from people who collect these linens. I plan to use the transfers in

the back of the book to embroider vintage-style dishcloths for my niece's wedding. She loves all vintage kitchen things, so this will make the perfect gift! I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the Golden Age of kitchen linens.

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