

SEW A PAN PROTECTOR

What presents did you find under your Christmas Tree? MadamSew sewing tools, I hope :-)? Or maybe you received something for your kitchen like I did?

I was given a steel wok pan by my brother in law. It is a really nice and solid pan and I want to handle it with care. When trying to add the pan to my kitchen pan cabinet, I was reminded of a set of pan protectors my friend Astrid had. Pan protectors will protect your pots, pans, or even glass bowls from scratching each other when stacked in narrow spaces. So I looked at the various designs in different stores and tried to make one myself. The result is neat, don't you think?



Let me tell you, these pan protectors are easy to sew. You probably have enough scraps in your current collection to make a few of these. They also make a great gift. It is something everyone can use, right? They might not be a kitchen staple yet, but I think anyone would be happy to

protect the precious non-stick layer of their pans when stacking them in their kitchen cabinets. You can also use them for delicate glass or porcelain bowls if you want.

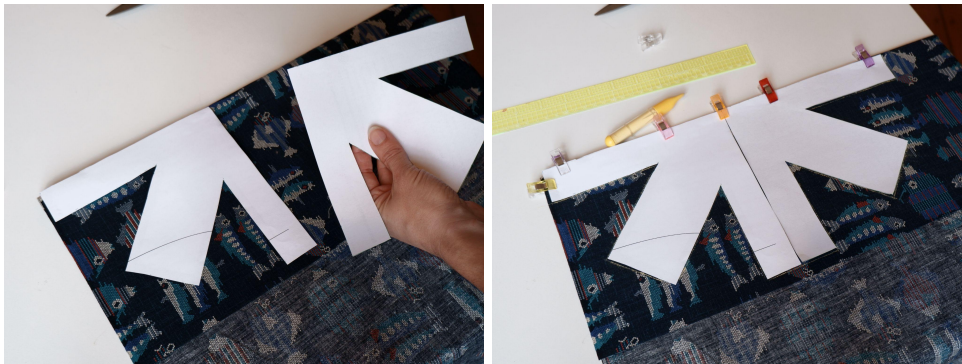
The **free pattern** for a 14 inch pan protector is downloadable at the bottom of this article. If you want a bigger or a smaller size, you can easily change the size using this pattern. Just adapt the length of the 'legs' when copying the pattern to your fabric.

You need

- 2 fabric pieces of 15 by 15 inch (you can also assemble several smaller fabric pieces together)
- 15 x 15 inch of thin batting or felt to give the protector some extra thickness so it can really protect your pan from scratches.
- The **PDF with the pattern pieces** (2 pages). On the first page there is the main pattern piece, on the second page there is the second 1/4th of the pattern, identical to the first. You can attach these 2 pieces. When you copy this 1/2 piece ($\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$) on the fabric fold, you'll end up with the full shape on your fabric pieces.

The steps

1. Print the pattern PDF, cut the 2 pieces out. If you want you can attach them at 1 side..
2. Fold your two 15 by 15 inch fabric pieces in half. Position the assembled pattern piece on the fold.



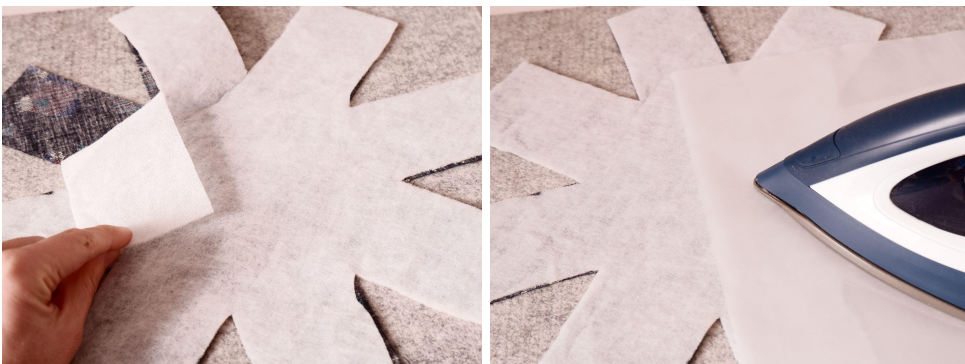
3. Copy the pattern on the fabric and repeat this with the other fabric piece. The seam allowance ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch) is included in the pattern. Cut both out.



4. Copy the pattern piece on the batting or felt. Use one of the fabric pieces you cut in step 2 or use the pattern piece and copy and cut on the fold like you did with the two fabric pieces.



5. Baste the batting to one of the fabric pieces with basting spray or fabric glue or quilt the fabric and the batting together with a couple of rows of stitching. I used fusible batting. It is not really thick but it gives the protector enough softness to protect my pans. Trim the edges a little if your batting peaks out.





6. Now put the fabric piece with the batting and the one without on top of each other, right sides facing each other, sew all around $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the edge. Leave a 2 inch turning hole at the top of one of the 'arms'.



7. Trim the edges and then turn your project right-side out. Iron flat.





8. Turn the raw edge of the turning hole inward. Pin the turning hole close. Close the hole with a ladder stitch by hand (<https://madamsew.com/blogs/sewing-blog/how-to-ladder-stitch-invisible>). Iron and press the project. If you want, you can also topstitch all around to finish your protector neatly.
9. ALL DONE!



Variations

- If you want to make another size, you can just trim or lengthen the arms/legs of this “octopus”.
- If you want to make this project even easier, you can also sew the 2 pieces wrong-sides together in step 6 and then just trim the edges with your pinking shears. The end result will be flatter than it is with the method described above and no turning or hand sewing involved!

Enjoy the rest of your day. I hope you can spend some time behind your sewing machine and make beautiful things :-))

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