

LOOKING good

Aprons making a comeback



By Eva Fellows

BEFORE they cook or clean, a growing number of American women are tying one on. An apron, that is.

A symbol of domesticity that had its fashion heyday in the 1950s, the apron is coming out of the attic and back into the kitchen — even though the average American eats out or gets takeout five times a week.

EllynAnne Geisel, author of *The Apron Book* (Andrew McMeel Publishing) believes the garment is enjoying a renaissance because of the popularity of TV chefs, such as Nigella Lawson, and nostalgia for simpler times. She has more than 400 vintage aprons in her collection.

“Every apron I discovered I loved like a child, and every one of them wanted to tell me its story,” she says.

Aprons have been worn by

tradesmen through the ages because they shield clothes and offer useful pockets. But the apron is probably best known as an icon of the 1950s housewife.

“Harriet Nelson was my idol when I was growing up,” says Geisel, who recalls watching *The Adventures of Ozzie And Harriet* every week on television. “And I coveted her apron.”

But with names like “Shortcake” and “Takeout,” today’s retro-chic aprons tend to be more saucy than sauce-stained.

“Girls wear them over tank tops and jeans,” says Anna Wang, designer of Kitsch’n Glam aprons, which are sold in high-end stores.

“They’re about looking fabulous.”

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