

## **Hanging Kitchen Towel**

There are several options for decorative kitchen towels. Below is one pattern for a hanging towel.

### **Materials for 1 towel:**

- 1 – kitchen towel
- 1 – fat quarter or fabric scraps
- 1 – button, Velcro, or snap for fastener

### **Instructions:**

1. Fold towel in half with short ends together. Cut towel in half along fold.
2. Cut 2 of the towel hanger template.
3. Press up  $\frac{1}{2}$ " on bottom edge of hanger. Open this edge back up and then stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " around hanger piece, leaving bottom open to insert towel. Trim points and snip into inner corners. Fold the pressed bottom edge back up into the hanger and press.
4. Measure and mark about 1" from the point of the hanger and about  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the base of the hanger for the fastener. Find the center of each of these lines.
  - a. If using a button – make a buttonhole in the end with the point and sew the button at the other marked location."
  - b. If using either Velcro or a snap, affix the 2 pieces on the top and bottom mark. If using Velcro or a regular snap, you may stitch a button on the front side for additional decoration.
5. Either pleat or gather the cut edge of the towel so that it fits into the bottom of the hanger. Run a basting stitch to hold the width.
6. Insert the top of the towel into the hanger and stitch at  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the bottom edge.

### **Options:**

- Add a fabric ruffle or accent strip at the bottom of the towel that matches the hanger.
  - For a ruffle, cut a piece about  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " times the width of the towel +  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $3" - 3\frac{1}{2}"$  depth. Hem both short ends of the fabric. Hem the bottom edge. Gather the top edge. Adjust the gathers to the width of the towel. Stitch the ruffle to the bottom of the towel – right sides together. Overcast the raw edges of the ruffle and the towel.
  - A non-gathered accent piece may also be added to the bottom of the towel. Cut a piece 6" deep by the width of the towel +  $\frac{1}{2}" - 1"$ . Hem both short ends of the fabric to the width of the towel. Press a  $\frac{1}{2}"$  hem on one long edge. Place the right side of the accent strip without the fold to the right side of the towel. Stitch with a  $\frac{1}{4}"$  hem. Fold the accent piece in half and pin the folded edge to the back of the towel. Stitch from the front to hold the back – either as a topstitch or in the ditch.
  - Pinterest has several other options for hanging towels.