I see more blue in the kitchen and race inside. It’s just a dishcloth, but it reminds me of Nainai’s apron.

You’ll need:

- Washed and ironed cotton flat weave dishcloth (18 × 28 in. or larger)
- 8 yards of cotton twill ribbon or other sturdy ribbon
- Fabric bonding tape
- Straight pins
- Scissors
- Steam iron and ironing board
- * An adult to help
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Extra: fabric markers, buttons, sequins

1. Lay your towel on a flat surface with the back facing up
2. Cut 3 yards of ribbon
   - Your head needs to fit through here!
   - Make a pencil mark where your apron should attach
3. Cut 2 lengths of bonding tape
   - Place tape under ribbon and pin in place
4. Unfold corners and place ribbon under flaps
   - Ask an adult to crease the folds with an iron
5. Fold the remaining ribbon in half and mark the center with a pin

Center the ribbon on the front of the dishcloth

Place tape under the ribbon and iron to secure

You've made your own apron!

Try making a pocket with extra fabric

Is your Nainai or a family member skilled with a needle and thread? For an extra challenge, ask for help with sewing your apron instead of using the iron-on tape!

Test out your apron while making some sweet red bean dumplings! Find a tasty recipe and more at pem.org/piecebypiece.