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PAN/POT PROTECTOR AND HOT PAD

Abstract

A pan/pot protector and hot pad includes a first compound fabric constructed of a first layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, a second layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, and a first insulative thermal barrier batting located between the first and second layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric; and a second compound fabric constructed of a third layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, a fourth layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, and a second insulative thermal barrier batting located between the third and fourth layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric. The first compound fabric is operatively attached to the second compound fabric. The attachment of the first compound fabric and the second compound fabric is configured to have a shape to effectively provide a volume for receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

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Background/Summary

PRIORITY INFORMATION [0001] This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application, Ser. No. 63/555,490, filed on Feb. 20, 2024. The entire content of U.S. Provisional Patent Application, Ser. No. 63/555,490, filed on Feb. 20, 2024, is hereby incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND

[0002] High-end cookware, bakeware, and serveware have coatings that are susceptible to damage when the cookware, bakeware, and serveware are banged together during storage. Damaging the coating of the high-end cookware, bakeware, and serveware can negatively affect the heating and/or non-stick functions of the high-end cookware, bakeware, and serveware.

[0003] One conventional solution to reducing damage to the coating of the high-end cookware, bakeware, and serveware is to provide a fabric or plastic/rubber sheet for inserting between high-end cookware, bakeware, and serveware when stacking the cookware, bakeware, and serveware.

[0004] For example, a high-end pot is placed on a shelf, a fabric or plastic/rubber sheet is then placed on top of the high-end pot, and then another high-end pot is placed on top of the fabric or plastic/rubber sheet, such that the fabric or plastic/rubber sheet is located between the two high-end pots.

[0005] However, the conventional fabric or plastic/rubber sheet does not fully protect the high-end pot/pan because the fabric or plastic/rubber sheet does not fully enclose the high-end pot/pan.

[0006] Moreover, the conventional fabric or plastic/rubber sheet only provides one function, protecting a portion of the high-end pot/pan.

[0007] Lastly, the conventional fabric or plastic/rubber sheet does not fully protect the high-end pot/pan when the high-end pot/pan is being transported because the fabric or plastic/rubber sheet does not fully enclose the high-end pot/pan.

[0008] Another example of a conventional pan protective cover is disclosed in Published US Patent Application Number 2008/0099363. Published US Patent Application Number 2008/0099363 discloses protective cover for a pan that is formed of two layers of fabric material. The fabric material is formed with an opening to receive the pan and a notch to allow a handle to pass therethrough. The opening includes a tie to close the opening allowing the protective cover to form a surface above the pan upon which another pan can be placed without directly contacting the bottom pan.

[0009] However, Published US Patent Application Number 2008/0099363 does not disclose that the pan protector is heat resistant.

[0010] The entire content of Published US Patent Application Number 2008/0099363 is hereby incorporated by reference.

[0011] A further example a conventional pan protective cover is disclosed in Published US Patent Application Number 2008/0302693. Published US Patent Application Number 2008/0302693 discloses protective cover for a pan that is formed of multiple layers of fabric material to produce stacked pockets, each pocket is configured to receive a pan. The fabric material is formed with openings to receive a pan. Each opening includes a tie to close the opening.

[0012] However, Published US Patent Application Number 2008/0302693 does not disclose that the pan protector is heat resistant. Moreover, Published US Patent Application Number 2008/0302693 does not disclose that the stacked configuration can be used as a hot pad for placing a hot pan on without damaging the underlying surface.

[0013] The entire content of Published US Patent Application Number 2008/0302693 is hereby incorporated by reference.

[0014] As demonstrated above, a conventional pan protective cover fails to provide a sufficient

protection to the pan to be protective and fails to provide heat resistant so that the pan protective cover can be utilized as a hot pad for placing a hot pan on without damaging the underlying surface.

[0015] Thus, it is desirable to provide a pan/pot protector that fully protects cookware, bakeware, or serveware.

[0016] Moreover, it is desirable to provide a pan/pot protector that provides a hot pad function.

[0017] Additionally, it is desirable to provide a pan/pot protector that provides a hot pad function in addition to fully protecting the cookware, bakeware, or serveware.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0018] The drawings are only for purposes of illustrating various embodiments and are not to be construed as limiting, wherein:

[0019] FIG. 1 illustrates a first side view of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad;

[0020] FIG. 2 illustrates a second side view of the expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad of FIG. 1;

[0021] FIG. 3 illustrates a back view of the expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad of FIG. 1;

[0022] FIG. 4 illustrates a front view of the expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad of FIG. 1;

[0023] FIG. 5 illustrates a front view of another embodiment of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad;

[0024] FIG. 6 illustrates the first side view of the expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad of FIG. 1 with a pan therein;

[0025] FIG. 7 illustrates a back view of a flattened pan/pot protector and hot pad;

[0026] FIG. 8 illustrates a back view of another embodiment of a flattened pan/pot protector and hot pad;

[0027] FIG. 9 illustrates a first side view of another embodiment of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad;

[0028] FIG. 10 illustrates a second side view of another embodiment of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad;

[0029] FIG. 11 illustrates a back side view of another embodiment of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad;

[0030] FIG. 12 illustrates a top view of another embodiment of a pan/pot protector and hot pad for a circular shaped pan/pot;

[0031] FIG. 13 illustrates an open state of the embodiment of FIG. 12; and

[0032] FIG. 14 illustrates a closed state of the embodiment of FIG. 12.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0033] For a general understanding, reference is made to the drawings. In the drawings, like references have been used throughout to designate identical or equivalent elements. It is also noted that the drawings may not have been drawn to scale and that certain regions may have been purposely drawn disproportionately so that the features and concepts may be properly illustrated

[0034] FIG. 1 illustrates a first side view of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad. As illustrated in FIG. 1, the pan/pot protector and hot pad 100 includes a first compound fabric 110, a second compound fabric 120, and a side fabric 140.

[0035] The first compound fabric 110 may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (113 and 119) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) 116 between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (113 and 119). The first compound fabric 110 may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0036] The second compound fabric **120** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **126** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**). The second compound fabric **120** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0037] In an alternative embodiment, the first compound fabric **110** is constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**), and the second compound fabric **120** is constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0038] With respect to describing the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** of FIG. **1**, the description of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** assumes that the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** have a square shape and the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** each have four edges, wherein three of the edges are sewn (attached) to side fabric **140**.

[0039] As illustrated in FIG. **1**, a first edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a first edge of the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by the side fabric **140** to form corners **150**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**. The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0040] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0041] FIG. **2** illustrates a second side view of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad. As illustrated in FIG. **2**, the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** includes a first compound fabric **110**, a second compound fabric **120**, and a side fabric **140**.

[0042] The first compound fabric **110** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**). The first compound fabric **110** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0043] The second compound fabric **120** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **126** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**). The second compound fabric **120** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0044] In an alternative embodiment, the first compound fabric **110** is constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**), and the second compound fabric **120** is constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0045] With respect to describing the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** of FIG. **2**, the description of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** assumes that the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** have a square shape and the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** each have four edges, wherein three of the edges are sewn (attached) to side fabric **140**.

[0046] As illustrated in FIG. **2**, a second edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a second edge of the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by the side fabric **140** to form corners **150**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector

and hot pad **100**. The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0047] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0048] FIG. **3** illustrates a back view of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad. As illustrated in FIG. **3**, the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** includes a first compound fabric **110**, a second compound fabric **120**, and a side fabric **140**.

[0049] The first compound fabric **110** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**). The first compound fabric **110** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0050] The second compound fabric **120** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **126** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**). The second compound fabric **120** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0051] In an alternative embodiment, the first compound fabric **110** is constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**), and the second compound fabric **120** is constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0052] With respect to describing the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** of FIG. **3**, the description of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** assumes that the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** have a square shape and the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** each have four edges, wherein three of the edges are sewn (attached) to side fabric **140**.

[0053] As illustrated in FIG. **3**, a back edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a back edge of the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by the side fabric **140** to form corner **150**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**. The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0054] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0055] FIG. **4** illustrates a front view of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad. As illustrated in FIG. **4**, the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** includes a first compound fabric **110**, a second compound fabric **120**, and a side fabric **140**.

[0056] The first compound fabric **110** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**). The first compound fabric **110** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0057] The second compound fabric **120** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **126** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**). The second compound fabric **120** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for

receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0058] In an alternative embodiment, the first compound fabric **110** is constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**), and the second compound fabric **120** is constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0059] With respect to describing the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** of FIG. **4**, the description of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** assumes that the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** have a square shape and the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** each have four edges, wherein three of the edges are sewn (attached) to side fabric **140**.

[0060] As illustrated in FIG. **4**, a second side edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a second side edge of the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by the side fabric **140** to form a corner (not shown), wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**. The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0061] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0062] Additionally, as illustrated in FIG. **4**, a first side edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a first side edge of the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by the side fabric **140** to form a corner (not shown)), wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**. The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0063] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0064] Lastly, as illustrated in FIG. **4**, a front side edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a front side edge the second compound fabric **120** are not connected to provide an opening **160** for inserting a pot/pan into a volume of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**.

[0065] FIG. **5** illustrates a front view of another embodiment of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad. As illustrated in FIG. **5**, the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** includes a first compound fabric **110**, a second compound fabric **120**, and a side fabric **140**.

[0066] The first compound fabric **110** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**). The first compound fabric **110** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0067] The second compound fabric **120** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **126** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**). The second compound fabric **120** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0068] In an alternative embodiment, the first compound fabric **110** is constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**), and the second compound fabric **120** is

constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0069] With respect to describing the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** of FIG. 5, the description of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** assumes that the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** have a square shape and the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** each have four edges, wherein three of the edges are sewn (attached) to side fabric **140**.

[0070] As illustrated in FIG. 5, a second side edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a second side edge of the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by the side fabric **140** to form a corner (not shown), wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**. The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0071] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0072] Additionally, as illustrated in FIG. 5, a first side edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a first side edge of the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by the side fabric **140** to form a corner (not shown). The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0073] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0074] Lastly, as illustrated in FIG. 5, a front side edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a front side edge the second compound fabric **120** are connected together by a first extension **143** of the side fabric **140**, to form a corner (not shown), wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**, and a second extension **146** of the side fabric **140**, to form a corner (not shown), wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**, to provide an expandable opening **1600** for inserting a pot/pan into a volume of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**.

[0075] FIG. 6 illustrates a first side view of the expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad of FIG. 1 with a pan therein. As illustrated in FIG. 6, the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** includes a first compound fabric **110**, a second compound fabric **120**, a side fabric **140**, and an opening **160** configured to receive a pot/pan.

[0076] The first compound fabric **110** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**). The first compound fabric **110** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0077] The second compound fabric **120** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **126** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**). The second compound fabric **120** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0078] In an alternative embodiment, the first compound fabric **110** is constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**), and the second compound fabric **120** is constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric

(**123** and **129**) with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0079] With respect to describing the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** of FIG. **6**, the description of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** assumes that the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** have a square shape and the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** each have four edges, wherein three of the edges are sewn (attached) to side fabric **140**.

[0080] As illustrated in FIG. **6**, a back edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a back edge of the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by side fabric **140** to form a corner (not shown), wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**. The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0081] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0082] Further, as illustrated in FIG. **6**, a first side edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a first side edge the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by the side fabric **140** to form a corner (not shown), wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**. The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan **200**.

[0083] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0084] FIG. **7** illustrates a back view of a flattened pan/pot protector and hot pad. As illustrated in FIG. **7**, the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** includes a first compound fabric **110**, a second compound fabric **120**, and a side fabric **140**.

[0085] The first compound fabric **110** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**). The first compound fabric **110** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0086] The second compound fabric **120** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **126** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**). The second compound fabric **120** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0087] In an alternative embodiment, the first compound fabric **110** is constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**), and the second compound fabric **120** is constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0088] With respect to describing the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** of FIG. **7**, the description of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** assumes that the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** have a square shape and the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** each have four edges, wherein three of the edges are sewn (attached) to side fabric **140**.

[0089] As illustrated in FIG. **7**, a second side edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a second side edge of the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by the side fabric **140** to form a

corner (not shown), wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**. The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0090] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0091] Additionally, as illustrated in FIG. 7, a first side edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a first side edge of the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by the side fabric **140** to form a corner (not shown), wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**. The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0092] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0093] Lastly, the first compound fabric **110** is larger than the second compound fabric **120** such that when the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** does not hold a pot/pan, the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** can lay flat to function as a hot pad. Moreover, the configuration illustrated in FIG. 7 is more conducive to a circular shaped pot/pan. In this embodiment, the side fabric **140** is located under and parallel to the layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric **119** of the first compound fabric **110**.

[0094] FIG. 8 illustrates a back view of another embodiment of a flattened pan/pot protector and hot pad. As illustrated in FIG. 8, the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** includes a first compound fabric **110**, a second compound fabric **120**, and a side fabric **140**.

[0095] The first compound fabric **110** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**). The first compound fabric **110** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0096] The second compound fabric **120** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**). The second compound fabric **120** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0097] In an alternative embodiment, the first compound fabric **110** is constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**), and the second compound fabric **120** is constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**123** and **129**) with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0098] With respect to describing the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** of FIG. 8, the description of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** assumes that the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** have a square shape and the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** each have four edges, wherein three of the edges are sewn (attached) to side fabric **140**.

[0099] As illustrated in FIG. 8, a second side edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a second side edge of the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by the side fabric **140** to form a corner (not shown), wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**. The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound

fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0100] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0101] Additionally, as illustrated in FIG. **8**, a first side edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a first side edge of the second compound fabric **120** are attached together by the side fabric **140** to form a corner (not shown), wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100**. The side fabric **140** is configured to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0102] It is noted that the side fabric **140** may be constructed of an elastic material to allow the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second compound fabric **120** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan and bias the first compound fabric **110** and the second compound fabric **120** together when not providing a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0103] Lastly, the first compound fabric **110** is the same size as the compound fabric **120** such that when the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** does not hold a pot/pan, the pan/pot protector and hot pad **100** can lay flat to function as a hot pad. Moreover, the configuration illustrated in FIG. **8** is more conducive to a square or rectangular shaped pot/pan.

[0104] In this embodiment, the side elastic fabric **140** is located between the first compound fabric **110** and second compound fabric **120**.

[0105] FIG. **9** illustrates a first side view of another embodiment of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad. As illustrated in FIG. **9**, the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000** includes a first compound fabric **110** and a second fabric **145**.

[0106] The first compound fabric **110** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**). The first compound fabric **110** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0107] The second fabric **145** may be constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0108] With respect to describing the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000** of FIG. **9**, the description of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000** assumes that the first compound fabric **110** and the second fabric **145** have a square shape and the first compound fabric **110** and the second fabric **145** each have four edges, wherein three of the edges are sewn (attached) together.

[0109] As illustrated in FIG. **9**, a first edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a first edge of the second fabric **145** are attached together to form a corner **150**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000**. The second fabric **145** has a sewn in corner **155**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000**, to create a first side portion **1452** and a second side portion **1451**, which allows the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second side portion **1451** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0110] FIG. **10** illustrates a second side view of another embodiment of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad. As illustrated in FIG. **10**, the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000** includes a first compound fabric **110** and a second fabric **145**.

[0111] The first compound fabric **110** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**). The first compound fabric **110** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a

pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0112] The second fabric **145** may be constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0113] With respect to describing the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000** of FIG. **10**, the description of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000** assumes that the first compound fabric **110** and the second fabric **145** have a square shape and the first compound fabric **110** and the second fabric **145** each have four edges, wherein three of the edges are sewn (attached) together.

[0114] As illustrated in FIG. **10**, a second edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a second edge of the second fabric **145** are attached together to form a corner **150**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000**. The second fabric **145** has a sewn in corner **155**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000**, to create a third side portion **1452** and second side portion **1451**, which allows the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second side portion **1451** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0115] FIG. **11** illustrates a back side view of another embodiment of an expanded pan/pot protector and hot pad. As illustrated in FIG. **11**, the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000** includes a first compound fabric **110** and a second fabric **145**.

[0116] The first compound fabric **110** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**) with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) **116** between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric (**113** and **119**). The first compound fabric **110** may have a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, or any other shape that effectively provides a volume for receiving a pot/pan and/or covering for protecting the pot/pan.

[0117] The second fabric **145** may be constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0118] With respect to describing the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000** of FIG. **11**, the description of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000** assumes that the first compound fabric **110** and the second fabric **145** have a square shape and the first compound fabric **110** and the second fabric **145** each have four edges, wherein three of the edges are sewn (attached) together.

[0119] As illustrated in FIG. **11**, a back edge of the first compound fabric **110** and a back edge of the second fabric **145** are attached together to form a corner **150**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000**. The second fabric **145** has a sewn in corner **155**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **1000**, to create a fourth side portion **1454** and second side portion **1451**, which allows the first compound fabric **110** to separate from the second side portion **1451** to provide a volume for receiving a pot/pan.

[0120] FIG. **12** illustrates a top view of another embodiment of a pan/pot protector and hot pad for a circular shaped pan/pot. As illustrated in FIG. **12**, a pan/pot protector and hot pad **2000** includes a first fabric **1100**. The first fabric **1100** has a corner **1500** formed by attaching (via sewing) the first fabric **1100** to a second fabric (not shown), wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **2000**.

[0121] The first fabric **1100** has a diameter A which allows the first fabric **1100** to cover a top portion of a circular shaped pan/pot.

[0122] The first fabric **1100** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric.

[0123] The first fabric **1100** also includes an attachment extension portion **1150** that includes attachment mechanisms **1155**, such as snaps or Velcro™ for attaching to corresponding attachment mechanisms (not shown) on the second fabric (not shown).

[0124] The configuration of the attachment extension portion **1150** is such that a diameter B of the first fabric **1100**, which includes the attachment extension portion **1150**, is larger than diameter A.

[0125] The second fabric (not shown) may be constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable

fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0126] The second fabric (not shown) may also be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric.

[0127] It is noted that the first fabric **1100** and the second fabric (not shown) may be a continuous fabric with the corner **1500**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **2000**, sewn into the continuous fabric.

[0128] FIG. **13** illustrates an open state of the embodiment of FIG. **12**. As illustrated in FIG. **13**, a pan/pot protector and hot pad **2000** includes a first fabric **1100** and a second fabric **1200**. The pan/pot protector and hot pad **2000** has a corner **1500**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **2000**, formed by attaching (via sewing) the first fabric **1100** to a second fabric **1200**.

[0129] However, the corner **1500** does not circumvent the entire border of the first fabric **1100** and the second fabric **1200**, thereby creating an opening **1600**. The opening is configured to receive a pan/pot into a volume created by the first fabric **1100** and the second fabric **1200**.

[0130] The first fabric **1100** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric.

[0131] The first fabric **1100** also includes an attachment extension portion **1150** that includes attachment mechanisms **1155**, such as snaps or Velcro™ for attaching to corresponding attachment mechanisms (not shown) on the second fabric **1200**.

[0132] The second fabric **1200** may be constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0133] The second fabric **1200** may also be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric.

[0134] It is noted that the first fabric **1100** and the second fabric **1200** may be a continuous fabric with the corner **1500** sewn into the continuous fabric.

[0135] FIG. **14** illustrates a closed state of the embodiment of FIG. **12**. As illustrated in FIG. **14**, a pan/pot protector and hot pad **2000** includes a first fabric **1100** and a second fabric **1200**. The pan/pot protector and hot pad **2000** has a corner **1500**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the pan/pot protector and hot pad **2000**, formed by attaching (via sewing) the first fabric **1100** to a second fabric **1200**.

[0136] However, the corner **1500** does not circumvent the entire border of the first fabric **1100** and the second fabric **1200**, thereby creating an opening **1600**. The opening is configured to receive a pan/pot into a volume created by the first fabric **1100** and the second fabric **1200**.

[0137] The first fabric **1100** may be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric.

[0138] The first fabric **1100** also includes an attachment extension portion **1150** that includes attachment mechanisms **1155**, such as snaps or Velcro™ for attaching to corresponding attachment mechanisms (not shown) on the second fabric **1200**.

[0139] As illustrated in FIG. **14**, the attachment mechanisms **1155** are attached to the corresponding attachment mechanisms (not shown) on the second fabric **1200** such that a portion of the opening **1600** is closed. The resulting size of opening **1600** is such that a pan/pot handle **1300** can pass therethrough, thereby securing a pan/pot within the pan/pot protector and hot pad **2000**.

[0140] The second fabric **1200** may be constructed of a thick layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric or layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric with no insulative batting (thermal barrier) therebetween.

[0141] The second fabric **1200** may also be constructed of layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric with an insulative batting (thermal barrier) between the layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric.

[0142] It is noted that the first fabric **1100** and the second fabric **1200** may be a continuous fabric with the corner **1500**, wherein a corner is defined as a directional transition of the surface of the

pan/pot protector and hot pad **2000**, sewn into the continuous fabric.

[0143] A pan/pot protector and hot pad includes a first compound fabric constructed of a first layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, a second layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, and a first insulative thermal barrier batting located between the first and second layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric; and a second compound fabric constructed of a third layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, a fourth layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, and a second insulative thermal barrier batting located between the third and fourth layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric; the first compound fabric being operatively attached to the second compound fabric; the attachment of the first compound fabric and the second compound fabric being configured to have a shape to effectively provide a volume for receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

[0144] The attachment of the first compound fabric and the second compound fabric may be configured to have the first compound fabric and the second compound fabric to be substantially flat when not receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

[0145] A pan/pot protector and hot pad includes a first compound fabric constructed of a first layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, a second layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, and a first insulative thermal barrier batting located between the first and second layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric; a second compound fabric constructed of a third layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, a fourth layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, and a second insulative thermal barrier batting located between the third and fourth layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric; and a side fabric; the first compound fabric having edges around a perimeter/circumference of the first compound fabric; the second compound fabric having edges around a perimeter/circumference of the second compound fabric; the side fabric being operatively attached to a first portion of the edges of the first compound fabric and a first portion of the edges of the second compound fabric; the attachment of the first portion of the edges of the first compound fabric and the first portion of the edges of the second compound fabric to the side fabric being configured to have a shape to effectively provide a volume for receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

[0146] The attachment of the first portion of the edges of the first compound fabric and the first portion of the edges of the second compound fabric to the side fabric may be configured to have the first compound fabric and the second compound fabric to be substantially flat when not receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

[0147] The attachment of the first portion of the edges of the first compound fabric and the first portion of the edges of the second compound fabric to the side fabric may be configured to have the side fabric fold upon itself such that the first compound fabric and the second compound fabric are substantially flat when not receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

[0148] A pan/pot protector and hot pad includes a first fabric constructed of a first layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, a second layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, and a first insulative thermal barrier batting located between the first and second layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric; a second fabric constructed of a layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric; and a side fabric; the first fabric having edges around a perimeter/circumference of the first fabric; the second fabric having edges around a perimeter/circumference of the second fabric; the side fabric being operatively attached to a first portion of the edges of the first fabric and a first portion of the edges of the second fabric; the attachment of the first portion of the edges of the first fabric and the first portion of the edges of the second fabric to the side fabric being configured to have a shape to effectively provide a volume for receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

[0149] The attachment of the first portion of the edges of the first fabric and the first portion of the edges of the second fabric to the side fabric may be configured to have the first fabric and the second fabric to be substantially flat when not receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

[0150] The attachment of the first portion of the edges of the first fabric and the first portion of the edges of the second fabric to the side fabric may be configured to have the side fabric fold upon

itself such that the first fabric and the second fabric are substantially flat when not receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

[0151] The pan/pot protector and hot pads, as described above, provide a protective cover for the interior and exterior surfaces of cookware, bakeware, and serveware. The pan/pot protector and hot pads act as an envelope for the cookware, bakeware, or serveware, and when in use as a protective barrier for storage, prevents scratching, abrasion, and gouges to the cooking surface when in contact with other items in the storage and/or transportation area. Cookware, bakeware, and serveware may stay securely within the pan/pot protector and hot pads by the elastic material on the sides.

[0152] It is noted that the pan/pot protector and hot pads may include an optional tab to prevent the pan/pot protector and hot pad from being removed when the cookware, bakeware, or serveware is being transported or stacked with other containers.

[0153] When the cookware, bakeware, or serveware is in-use, the pan/pot protector and hot pads can be used as a heat barrier (hot pad) due to the inclusion of batting, an insulative barrier, in the protective layers. When the pan/pot protector and hot pads are laid flat, the hot cookware, bakeware, or serveware can be set on top of the pan/pot protector and hot pads and are therefore multi-functional when not being used as a protective cover.

[0154] It will be appreciated that variations of the above-disclosed embodiments and other features and functions, or alternatives thereof, may be desirably combined into many other different systems or applications.

[0155] Also, various presently unforeseen or unanticipated alternatives, modifications, variations, or improvements therein may be subsequently made by those skilled in the art which are also intended to be encompassed by the description above.

Claims

1. A pan/pot protector and hot pad consisting essentially of: a first compound fabric constructed of a first layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, a second layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, and a first insulative thermal barrier batting located between said first and second layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric; and a second compound fabric constructed of a third layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, a fourth layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, and a second insulative thermal barrier batting located between said third and fourth layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric; said first compound fabric being operatively attached to said second compound fabric; said attachment of said first compound fabric and said second compound fabric being configured to have a shape to effectively provide a volume for receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.
2. The pan/pot protector and hot pad, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said attachment of said first compound fabric and said second compound fabric is configured to have said first compound fabric and said second compound fabric to be substantially flat when not receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.
3. A pan/pot protector and hot pad consisting essentially of: a first compound fabric constructed of a first layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, a second layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, and a first insulative thermal barrier batting located between said first and second layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric; a second compound fabric constructed of a third layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, a fourth layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, and a second insulative thermal barrier batting located between said third and fourth layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric; and a side fabric; said first compound fabric having edges around a perimeter/circumference of said first compound fabric; said second compound fabric having edges around a perimeter/circumference of said second compound fabric; said side fabric being operatively attached to a first portion of said edges of said first compound fabric and a first portion of said edges of said second compound fabric; said attachment of said first portion of said edges of said first compound fabric and said first portion of

said edges of said second compound fabric to said side fabric being configured to have a shape to effectively provide a volume for receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

4. The pan/pot protector and hot pad, as claimed in claim 3, wherein said attachment of said first portion of said edges of said first compound fabric and said first portion of said edges of said second compound fabric to said side fabric is configured to have said first compound fabric and said second compound fabric to be substantially flat when not receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

5. The pan/pot protector and hot pad, as claimed in claim 3, wherein said attachment of said first portion of said edges of said first compound fabric and said first portion of said edges of said second compound fabric to said side fabric is configured to have said side fabric fold upon itself such that said first compound fabric and said second compound fabric are substantially flat when not receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

6. The pan/pot protector and hot pad, as claimed in claim 4, wherein said attachment of said first portion of said edges of said first compound fabric and said first portion of said edges of said second compound fabric to said side fabric is configured to have said side fabric fold upon itself such that said first compound fabric and said second compound fabric are substantially flat when not receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

7. A pan/pot protector and hot pad consisting essentially of: a first fabric constructed of a first layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, a second layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric, and a first insulative thermal barrier batting located between said first and second layers of non-abrasive, durable fabric; a second fabric constructed of a layer of non-abrasive, durable fabric; and a side fabric; said first fabric having edges around a perimeter/circumference of said first fabric; said second fabric having edges around a perimeter/circumference of said second fabric; said side fabric being operatively attached to a first portion of said edges of said first fabric and a first portion of said edges of said second fabric; said attachment of said first portion of said edges of said first fabric and said first portion of said edges of said second fabric to said side fabric being configured to have a shape to effectively provide a volume for receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

8. The pan/pot protector and hot pad, as claimed in claim 7, wherein said attachment of said first portion of said edges of said first fabric and said first portion of said edges of said second fabric to said side fabric is configured to have said first fabric and said second fabric to be substantially flat when not receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

9. The pan/pot protector and hot pad, as claimed in claim 7, wherein said attachment of said first portion of said edges of said first fabric and said first portion of said edges of said second fabric to said side fabric is configured to have said side fabric fold upon itself such that said first fabric and said second fabric are substantially flat when not receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.

10. The pan/pot protector and hot pad, as claimed in claim 8, wherein said attachment of said first portion of said edges of said first fabric and said first portion of said edges of said second fabric to said side fabric is configured to have said side fabric fold upon itself such that said first fabric and said second fabric are substantially flat when not receiving and protectively covering an entire pot/pan.
