Basic Potholder

Supply List - Potholder (makes 1)

- 2 9" x 9" squares of fabric for front and back (mix & match as desired)
- 2 9" x 9" squares of batting for middle (all cotton, thicker is better)
- 1 2-1/2" x 5" strip for hanging loop

Coordinatina thread

Optional: Insul-Bright® or 3rd layer of batting

(Note: Do NOT use potholders containing Insul-Bright® in the microwave. The product contains metallic fibers than could spark.)

Step 1: Make Hanging Loop

- (A) Press 2-1/2" x 5" fabric strip in half lengthwise.
- (B) Open out and bring lengthwise raw edges to meet in the middle. Press.
- (C) Fold in half again. Press.
- (D) Topstitch along each long edge of the strip. Fold in half, aligning raw edges.

Step 2: Assemble Potholder

- (A) Make a sandwich by stacking pieces in the following order: Batting, batting, backing fabric (pretty side down) and potholder front (pretty side up).
- (B) Remove potholder front from stack. On pretty side, center loop along top edge of potholder, with raw edges meeting (loop should be pointing down). Pin in place.
- (C) Return potholder front to previous position in the stack. Pin all 4 layers together along three sides. On the fourth side, place a pin about 1-1/2" in from either side. This will mark the starting and stopping points allowing you to turn the potholder right sides out with ease.

Step 3: Put it All Together

- (A) Sew around the potholder, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Be sure to backstitch at the start and end points of the seam.
- (B) Trim corners and turn potholder right sides out, pushing out corners with a point turner. Press.
- (C) Stitch opening closed by hand (whipstitch or ladder stitch) or machine.

Step 4: Finish

Quilt as desired.

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Basic Oven Mitt

Supply List - Oven Mitt (makes 1)

4 – 10" x 13" rectangles of fabric for front and back (mix & match as desired)

4 - 10" x 13" rectangles of batting for middle (all cotton, thicker is better)

1 pkg ½" double fold bias tape or fabric FQ to DIY trim & hanging loop Coordinating thread

Optional: Insul-Bright®* or 3rd layer of batting

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Step 1: Assemble & Quilt the Sandwich

- (A) Make a sandwich by stacking pieces in the following order: backing fabric (pretty side down), batting, batting and potholder front (pretty side up). Spray baste layers to help hold them in place.
- (B) Mark quilting design and quilt as desired. Our sample features lines drawn on a 45° angle, spaced 1-1/4" apart. Use your imagination!

Step 2: Trace and Cut the Pattern Pieces

- (A) Using the template provided, trace the mitt on one quilted rectangle, then flip the pattern over and trace the mitt on the other quilted rectangle. Make sure any directional fabrics are pointing in the same direction. If using thick fabric or a 3rd layer of batting, add ¼" along outer edge (pinky finger side) of pattern before cutting.
- (B) Cut out pattern pieces.

Step 3: Prepare & Attach Binding

- (A) If making DIY bias binding cut enough 2" bias strips to yield 24" of finished binding. Make binding using bias tape maker or your favorite method.
- (B) Measure one cuff. Cut two sections of bias tape that length + 1". Cut one more section 5" long for loop.
- (C) Wrap bias tape over cuff on each mitt section. Clip in place. Stitch in place. Trim edges even with mitt. For loop, topstitch down each long side. Fold in half, meeting raw edges. Press.

Step 4: Put It All Together

- (A) Place mitt sections right sides together. Pin or clip. Insert loop between sections, aligning raw edges. (Loop should point in.) In our sample, we placed the loop so that it would be on the thumb side, even with the trim.
- (B) Sew using a 1/4" seam allowance, being sure to backstitch. Clip curves.
- (C) Turn right side out, using point turner to push out edges. Press & enjoy!

^{*}If using Insul-Bright®, it is suggested that you place it so that the shiny side points toward the bottom layer.