



Quick And Easy Potholder

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Finished Size: 8" x 8" square.

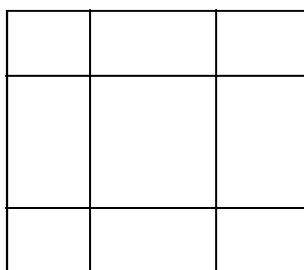
This project is great for using up scraps of fabric! Batting squares can be made from quilt batting, old blankets, or old mattress covers. Cotton scraps for backing and top of potholder can be made from newer fabric scraps, or 100% cotton shirts or girls' dresses which are no longer used.

Materials needed:

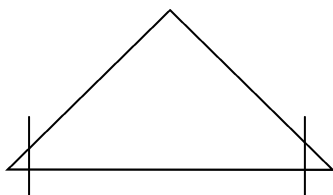
- 1 (8 x 8") cotton piece for potholder top
- 3 (8 x 8") batting squares
- 1 (12 1/2") cotton piece for backing
- Sewing thread to match

Directions:

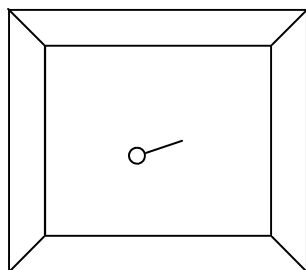
1. Place 8" square fabric (right side up) on 3 batting pieces, edges aligned. Pin center.
2. Place under sewing machine, with right side all the way over to the last measuring line at the right- 2 3/8". Use that as a guide to sew a line down the length of the potholder. End off, turn, and repeat again for each side. Trim off all ends. Lay aside.



3. Fold backing piece (right sides together) in a triangle- align edges evenly. Measure in 1 1/2" from each side point- draw a vertical line. Sew on that line, and trim point off to 1/4" from line.

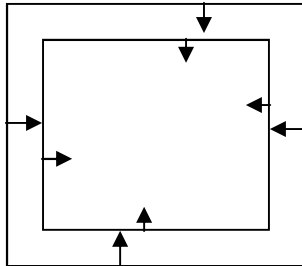


4. Open up triangle and repeat for 2 other sides (right sides together). This will form a slight box. Trim all sewing ends. Turn backing piece right side out.

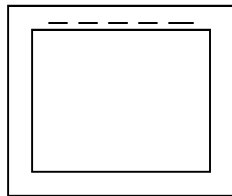


5. Place backing piece, wrong side up. Center potholder top inside backing piece, right side up. Place pin in center to join both pieces.

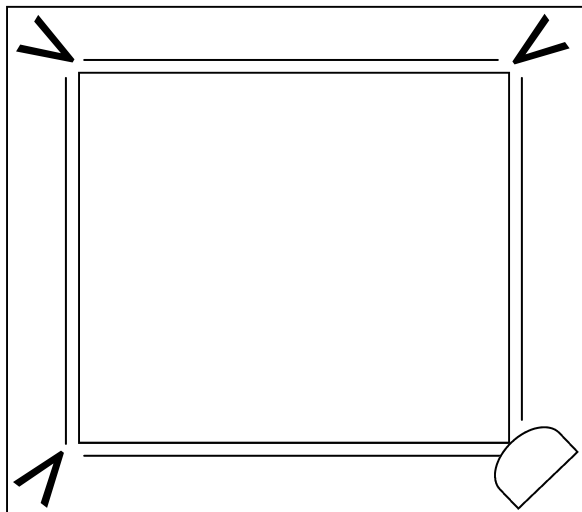
5. Working only with backing sides (leave corners until you are sewing), bring one side of backing fabric up to the edge of potholder fabric, then turn again onto the top of the potholder fabric. Place pin. Repeat for each side.



6. Place under sewing machine. Beginning at one side, past corner, begin sewing $1/4$ " from inner edge of binding. Sew until near the corner.



At corner, lift backing fabric point (which you have already sewn into a corner in Steps 3 and 4) up over top potholder corner $1/2$ ". "Fan" out sides of backing corner so that you push it into a half circle to meet the sides, then bring binding sides together and sew seam over corner. (Corner should be hidden). Sew each side and repeat at corners.



<Example of backing corner being brought over corner of potholder top $1/2$ ", then binding sides being "met" over the corner and sewn down, to form a "V" shape at corners.