

Making An Oven Mitt & Pot Holder to Fit Your Decor

Supplies

Fabric: 1/4 yard each for outs fabric and lining
Polyester Batting
Extra-wide double-fold bias binding
Tracing Paper
Pencil
Ruler
Scissors (both paper/fabric)
Pins
Sewing Machine
Thread
Oven Mitt & Pot Holder that you like the fit
Paper Grocery Bag



Before you start:

- To prevent shrinkage, wash all fabric before sewing.
- Oven mitts and pot holders are used constantly and need frequent laundering. When buying fabric, select a strong fiber, such as cotton or linen, that is washable.
- Dark solids and patterns are best for hiding soil and stains.

Sewing Guidelines:

- For added durability and heat resistance, use two layers of batting. Fusible batting adheres to fabric when ironed, and can be time-saving.
- For greater insulation, use flannel or dish towel cut to size rather than batting. A type of fabric specially made for insulation can also be used and is available in fabric stores.
- If you like, stitch quilting lines on potholder to hold layers of batting and fabric together. Either sew simple cross of two diagonal rows from corner to corner, or quilt diamond patterns in contrasting thread for decorative accent. Or...making your own design.
- For binding, use extra-wide double-fold bias tape to accommodate loft of combined batting and fabric.

Making a Oven Mitt

Instruction:

1. Cut the Paper Grocery Bag down the side so that you have a large piece of paper to make you pattern from. Place your favorite Oven Mitt on the Paper Grocery Bag, trace the outline of the mitt leaving a 1" border around the outside edge (use your ruler). This is your pattern. *Save the extra paper from the paper bag for your pot holder.* You will need this border for sewing room.
2. Transfer mitt pattern to tracing paper and cut out. Pin tracing-paper pattern onto batting; cut out 2 pieces. Pin batting to wrong side of outer mitt fabric; cut ourt 2 pieces. Repeat for lining fabric.
3. Layer fabric and batting in following order, starting at bottom: 2 pieces of outer fabric, right sides together; layer of batting; 2 pieces of lining fabric, right sides together; layer of batting. Align raw edges and pin through all layers.
4. Sew mitt together with a ½" seams, leaving bottom edge and slit area open. Trim seam allowance to ¼" and clip curves.
5. Turn outmost layer of fabric inside out so both right sides of outer fabric are showing. Be sure tip of thumb is turned completely right side out.
6. Cut piece of bias binding ¾" longer than edge of bottom opening. Pin binding over raw edge of bottom opening; trim ends even with edge of slit. Stitch along binding edge. Cut 4 ½ "- long piece of bias binding.
7. Fold end of binding under and pin over raw edge of slit. Cut 4" strip of binding for loop; fold in half lengthwise and stitch together. Fold in half; insert ends between edges of binding. Sew along binding edge and across base of the loop.

Making a Pot Holder

8. Using the extra paper from your paper bag, place your pot holder on the paper bag, trace the outline of the pot holder leaving a 1" border around the outside edge. (Don't forget your ruler). This is your pattern. Use your pattern to make a tracing-paper pattern. Pin pattern to batting; cut out 2 pieces. Pin batting to fabric; cut out 2 pieces.
9. Fabric pieces right side facing out, pin 2 pieces of batting between fabric pieces. Lightly mark top piece with 2 quilting lines running diagonally from corner to corner; machine-quit (X); edges even.
10. Cut 3"-long strip of bias binding; fold in half lengthwise; edge-stitch. Fold in half and pin to corner, edges of pot holder with binding; turn under and overlap ends; stitch along binding edge.