

Pocket Potholder



Are you looking for a hostess gift? Maybe a little something extra to stuff in a stocking? Something for your kids' teachers? How about a small gift to keep on hand for unexpected guests? Della has the perfect gift...a folded pot holder with recipe cards and spatula. So cute!

Pocket Potholder Tutorial

Finished size: 8" square. All seams are 1/4".

Materials:

(2) 1/4 yard cuts of fabric

1/4 yard of Insul-Bright

Scrap of batting approximately 9" x 15"

Cut (1) 9" square from each fabric.

Cut (1) 6" x 9" rectangle from each fabric.

From Insul-Bright cut: (1) 9" square and (1) 6" x 9" rectangle

From batting cut: (1) 9" square and (1) 6" x 9" rectangle



Layer:

(1) fabric square right side down

(1) Insul-Bright square

(1) batting square

(1) fabric square right side up

Repeat with the 6" x 9" rectangles.



Mark a removable line (I use chalk) in the center to use as a guide for quilting.



Continue quilting until the entire square is quilted. **Repeat with the 6" x 9" rectangle.**



Trim square to 8" x 8." Trim rectangle to 5" x 8."



From one of the remaining fabrics, cut 2½" wide strips for binding. You will need about 52" of binding.



Place strips with right sides together overlapping at a 45° angle.



Stitch from edge to edge.



Trim excess fabric and press seam open.



Press binding in half along the long side with wrong sides together .



Cut off 8" of binding to bind the top of the pocket. Place binding on the back side of the pocket with raw edges even along one 8" side. Stitch in place.



Fold binding over the raw edge and press.



Top stitch 1/8" from edge of binding.



Cut off 6" of the binding to make the loop.
Unfold and press each long side to the center, then press in half again.



Top stitch along each side or use a wide decorative stitch down the center. Set loop aside.



Unfold remaining binding strip and cut a 45° angle from one end of strip.



Press under ¼" along this cut edge.



Re-press binding back in half with wrong sides together. Set aside.



Baste the pocket to the potholder square along three sides leaving the bound pocket edge open.



Turn potholder to the back and place binding in the center on one edge with raw edges even. Start sewing on the binding just past the folded angle edge.



Pin loop about $\frac{3}{8}$ " in from the long edge and with top raw edges even.



Stop stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edge and backstitch.



Remove potholder from under the presser foot and clip threads. Pull binding straight up to make a 45° fold.



Fold binding back down over the 45° fold and align along the outside edge of the potholder. Pin in place. Start stitching from the top edge of the potholder and continue until all four corners are completed.

Be careful not to catch the loop when you are stitching the binding.



When you reach the folded angle, lay remaining binding on top and trim just past the angled fold.



Make sure the bottom layer of binding is still lined up along the raw edge.



Tuck the top binding into the folded edge and finish stitching past the starting point.



Fold binding over to the front of the potholder and miter the corners. Press. Stitch close to the edge of the binding with a decorative stitch or straight stitch.



When you get to the loop, lift the loop up and then tuck the unsewn end under the binding.



Pin in place and continue stitching the edge of the potholder.



Your potholder is finished. Add some recipe cards and a spatula and you have a gift ready for giving.

Note from Susan: Inexpensive wooden spoon wood be a great alternative to spatula. Fold in half and tie with a matching ribbon if desired. See image at top of instructions for presentation ideas.