

ORPHAN BLOCK POT HOLDER/TRIVET



Supplies:

1 orphan block, mine is 10 ½”
¼ yard, or fat quarter for back
¼ yard Insul-Bright
Scrap thin cotton batting

Front and insulating layers:

1 Choose an orphan block for the front. If you prefer, you can use your favorite scrappy piecing method to create a block.

2 Using the “front pattern, cut the Insul-bright, thin cotton batting, and pieced block.



Handy tip: I layer these, pinned the front pattern on top and then cut all at once.

Back of potholder:



Handy tip: I traced the pattern onto freezer paper, ironed and then cut. This way there was no slippage.

2 With the fabric right side up, cut
1 Right Back piece (with the straight edge along the selvage)
1 Back Left piece.

3 On the Back Right side fold and press a 1/2” seam along selvage. No need to stitch this edge.

On the Left Back side, make a narrow hem. Fold and press a 1/2” seam. Then fold and press it into a 1/4”. Top stitch as close to the fold as possible.



4 With right sides up, overlap the back pieces so the sewn narrow hem is on top. Use your front pattern to help you gauge the overlap.

Tack the back pieces together.



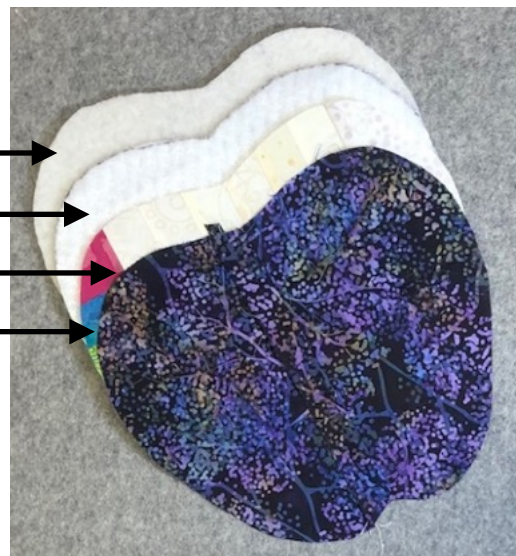
5 Putting the potholder together
Layer the elements in the following order:

Batting

Insult-bright

Front (right side up)

Back (right side down)



6 Stitch with a “fat” 1/4” seam. Using a walking foot makes sewing the layers much easier.

7 Clip curves by making small snips toward (but not through) the stitch line. This will allow the fabric to sit smoothly once turned right side out.



8 Turn, smooth seams, and press.



Congratulations on a job well done.



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Orphan Block Pot Holder

Front

Use to cut:

Orphan Block

Cotton Batting

Isul-Bright

$\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance

Use a walking foot when stitching



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Match arrows when aligning overlap

Fold line

Selvage edge

Orphan Block Pot Holder

Right

Back

Cut 1

1/4" seam

allowance

Use walking

foot when



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Match arrows when aligning overlap ↓

Orphan Block Pot Holder Left Back

Cut 1

$\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance

Use walking foot when stitching

Fold line
Fold line



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