

# Potholder Back

## Template 1

7 3/4" x 9 1/4"

*Cut 2 of fabric and 1 of batting  
for each potholder*

## Materials

For each potholder, you will need:

Two fabric rectangles 7 3/4" x 9 1/4"

Two fabric rectangles 6 3/4" x 7 3/4"

One batting rectangle 7 3/4" x 9 1/4"

One batting rectangle 6 3/4" x 7 3/4"

48" of 2 1/2" wide bias tape, folded in half to  
make a double layer of 1 1/4" wide bias tape

To make the back of the potholder, cut 2 rectangles from fabric and one from batting, using template 1. Place batting between the fabric rectangles and quilt the layers together. Then cut the final shape of the piece using Template 3.

Make the front pocket of the potholder in the same manner, using templates 2 and 4.

Cut 5" bias tape, unfold it, and fold the long edges toward the center. Fold the piece in half lengthwise, and sew along the edges to make a piece 5" by 5/8". This will be the loop used to hang the potholder. Sew it in place on the back of the potholder, as illustrated on Template 3.

Cut 7" bias tape and sew its raw edges the front of the top edge of the front pocket, using a 1/4" seam allowance. Iron the seam, pressing the bias tape outward, over the top edge of the piece. Fold the bias tape around to the back of the piece, overlapping the seam. Pin or clip the tape in place. From the front of the piece, "stitch in the ditch" along the seam, securing the folded edge of the bias tape to the back of the piece.

Stack the front and back pieces, with the loop on the bottom of the stack. Pin them together. From the front side, pin or clip bias tape raw edges to the potholder edge, all the way around the piece, overlapping the beginning and end of the bias tape. Sew the bias tape in place using 1/4" seam allowance.

Iron the bias tape outward from the seam and fold it around the edge of the potholder. Pin or clip the tape so it slightly overlaps the seam on the back of the potholder. Use a lot of pins or clips to secure it.

From the front of the potholder, "stitch in the ditch" along the seam that holds the bias tape to the potholder. This seam should stitch through the bias tape on the back of the potholder.

The last step is to fold the hanging loop up so it extends above the potholder. From the front of the potholder, stitch in the ditch to sew the loop in place.

More detailed and illustrated instructions are available at [houselouise.com](http://houselouise.com)

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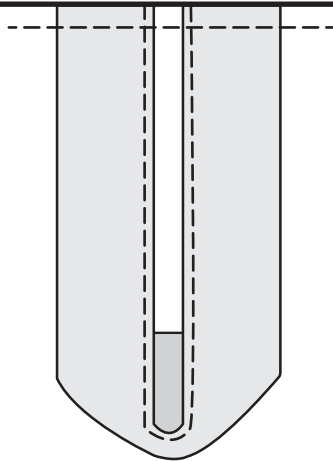
## *Template 2*

*6 3/4" x 7 3/4"*

*Cut 2 of fabric and 1 of batting for each potholder*

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Sew loop in  
place stitching  
1/8" in from  
edge on the  
back of the  
piece.

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### *Template 3*

*Use this template to cut the final shape from the  
quilted piece made with Template 1.*

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Sew bias tape along this top edge before sewing the back and front pieces together.

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## *Template 4*

*Use this template to cut the final shape from the quilted  
piece made with Template 2.*

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