

“Easy as Pie” Pot Holders...or coasters... or tree decorations...

Supplies for one project:

5 squares of 100" cotton fabric all the same size

8" squares for potholders OR

4" squares for coasters OR

2 1/2" squares for tree decorations+6" of ribbon for tree decoration

1 square cotton batting

8" square for pot holder

4" square for coaster

1 1/2" square for tree decoration

(different projects require different size squares of fabric but the construction directions are the same for all)



Piecing - Use 1/4" seams in this project.

Fold each square, wrong sides together, corner to corner and press. It should look like a triangle.



Repeat with 4 squares of fabric. (You will have one square left over)



Each triangle will lay on top of the previous triangle except the last one.



The last triangle will be tucked under the first triangle.



This is what the potholder will look like. We will call it the potholder TOP.



Lay the cotton batting flat on the table.



Place left-over square of fabric on top of the batting- right side up (the wrong side will be touching the batting).



Place the potholder TOP on top of the plain square of fabric. You will have 3 layers now.



Pin the 3 layers together around the outside edge.



Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge all the way around the outside of the pot holder.



You need to trim the seam allowances at the corners to reduce the bulk on the corner and make it easier to turn the pot holder right-side-out later.



To open the layers, reach inside the potholder TOP and turn the pot holder right-side-out.



A point turner will help you push out the corners.



At this step you will be able to see that the cotton batting is in the center of the potholder and the fabric covers the front and back.



Pin along the folded edges on the front of the potholder TOP. You need to stitch these folded edges flat. I like to use a decorative stitch. This stitching will make sure that the pot holder retains its shape through future washings.



Now that you know how to make the potholder you can make coasters or tree ornaments, too!



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Enjoy!