

Potholders (make two)

Supplies for two potholders:

Blue fabric:

4 squares at 4 ½ each side,

1 square at 7 ½ each side,

1 x 5 rectangle for loop,

2 ½ inch strip WOF

Red Fabric:

4 squares at 4 ½ each side,

1 square at 7 ½ each side,

1 x 5 rectangle for loop,

2 ½ inch strip width of fabric

White fabric:

need enough to use for two hoopings to embroidery the designs

Print fabric:

two squares 8.5 each side –back of potholder

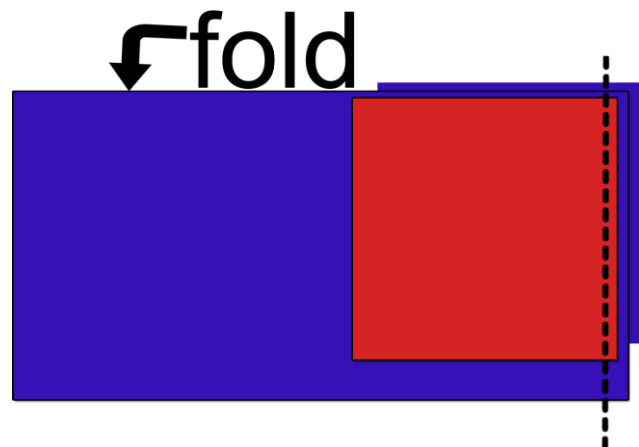
Cotton batting or Insulbrite: two squares 8.5 each side

Stabilizer, heavy weight cutaway: need enough to use for two hoopings

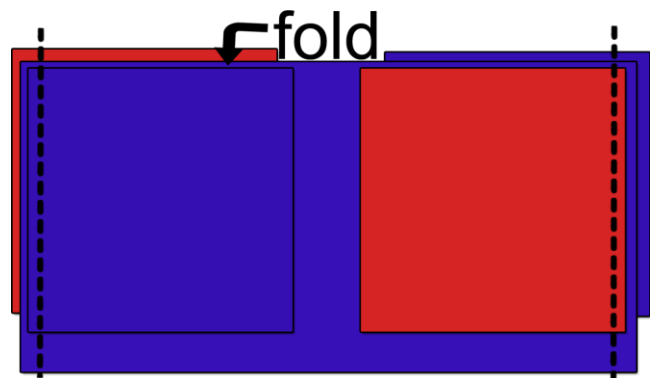
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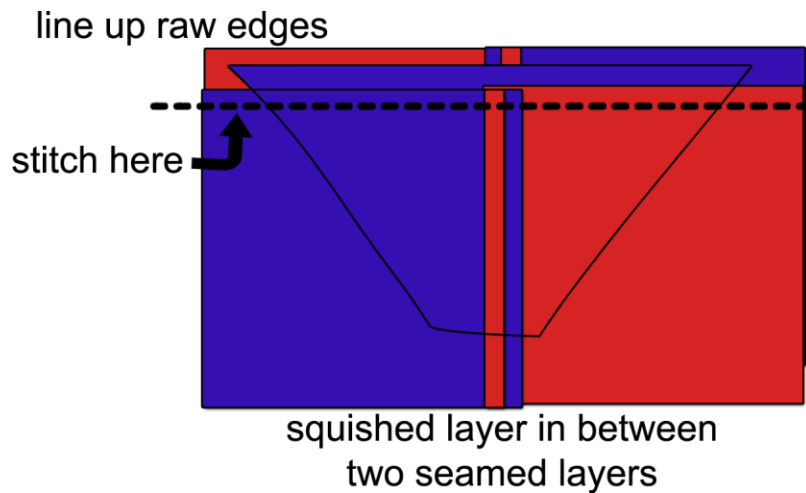
1. Hoop the white fabric with the heavyweight stabilizer and stitch out one of the designs. Hoop another piece of white fabric with stabilizer and stitch out the second design.
2. Fold the larger blue 7 ½ inch square in half.
3. With raw edges even, sandwich the large piece folded in half between two smaller 4 ½ inch squares, one red and one blue - red on top for now.
4. Stitch along the sides as indicated in the diagram.



5. Fold back the small pieces and then do the same with the next two small pieces to the other end. But reverse the layer order of the smaller pieces to make the blue square on top.



6. Open up the smaller pieces of both pairs so they lay flat and squish the blue fabric between them to stitch along the top of the red pieces with the blue fabric squished inside. Be care to only catch the raw edges of the blue piece and not the folded edges.



7. Iron the square you have made flat with wrong side up – working to get the seams and folds flat. You will end up with a diamond shaped piece sitting on top of your red pieces.
8. Trim the white fabric that you have embroidered to fit inside the diamond portion on the front. Fold the edges of the diamond over the edges of the embroidery piece. The corners will taper while the center of each side will be thicker. It will look like a cathedral window pattern or a scallop on each side. Top stitch. (I found it prudent to hand baste these before top stitching.)



9. Using the 1 x 5 inch rectangle, fold the edges in to the center, and then fold in half. Top stitch along edges to make a loop for hanging. Fold in half lengthwise and then pin to center top of front with loop hanging down towards the center and the raw edges even with the raw edges of the front of the potholder.
10. Make a sandwich with the top, Insulbrite and backing and bind the edges using the 2 ½ inch strips using your favorite quilt binding technique.
11. Pull the loop up and sew a button to hold in place.
12. For second potholder, repeat only use a red large piece instead of blue.



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