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# Oblong Potholders

Skill Level: Beginner



Make these potholders designed by Marjory Peck as a gift or to brighten your kitchen. An easy project for both beginners and seasoned quilters alike.

## **Fabric Needed**

### **Will make two potholders**

Main fabric	1 fat quarter
Companion fabric	1 fat quarter
Binding	1/8 yard

## **Materials Needed**

Pellon <sup>®</sup> Insul-Fleece <sup>™</sup> 975	1/2 yard
Pellon <sup>®</sup> Legacy Natural Cotton Batting <sup>™</sup> NB-96	1/2 yard
Thread	

## **Tools Needed**

Sewing Machine and related tools  
General Sewing Supplies

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## Cutting and Sewing Instructions

1. Cut one 9" x 7" rectangle from the main and companion fabrics. Cut two 5" x 7" rectangle from the main and companion fabrics. Cut two 9" x 7" and two 5" x 7" rectangles from the Pellon® Insul-Fleece™ 975 and the Pellon® Legacy Natural Cotton™ NB-96 batting.

NOTE: Where potholder will touch an object over 420° F, make sure you have one layer of Cotton batting over the Insul-Fleece.



2. Place one 9" x 7" rectangle of companion fabric on table, face down. Lay one 9" x 7" Pellon® Insul-Fleece™ 975 on the companion fabric. Lay one 9" x 7" layer of cotton batting on the Insul-Fleece™. Next lay one 9" x 7" rectangle of main fabric, face up. Loosely baste with safety pins. Repeat for 5" x 7" fabrics, using only one layer of cotton batting between the main and companion fabrics.



3. Machine quilt all three layered sandwiches (one main piece and two pockets separately). Some shifting will occur but do not worry, you will be cutting the edges off.



4. Print and cut out the pattern template pieces.

5. Fold the 9" x 7" quilted sandwich in half crosswise and pin in the center. Place the paper template for the body of the potholder with the straight edge on the fold (see markings). Trace pattern onto the sandwich. Cut with sharp scissors. Mark and quilt across the middle crosswise to help potholder fold at the center.



6. Take each 5" x 7" sandwich and straighten one 7" length with a rotary cutter and ruler. Place pocket pattern with the straight edge of the pattern on the cut edge. Trace and cut out.



7. Cut two 2 3/8" x 40" binding strips. Fold one of the binding strips in half lengthwise and press. Cut two pieces of the folded binding about 1/2" larger than the straight edge of the pocket. Match raw edges of the binding and the straight edge of the front of a pocket. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance.



8. Press binding toward raw edges. Then fold binding to the other side, press again. The binding will be slightly larger on the back than on the front. This will not be seen. Topstitch from the front 1/8" to 1/16" from sewn edge. This will catch the back.





9. With main fabric facing up, place both pockets on top of the quilted potholder aligning the curved ends. The potholder should be companion fabric side up. Baste along outer edge of potholder.



10. Cut a 45° angle at one end of the unfolded binding; with the longer end pointing towards the left. Refold the binding.



11. Lay the potholder, pocket side up and pin the binding, matching raw edges and having the 45 degree point facing to the left. Start sewing binding 3" to 4" from the bottom of that angle. Continue to sew around, stopping 3" from the starting angle cut edge. Remove from your sewing machine.



12 . Place binding end under the starting angle cut edge. Mark on the binding end following the starting angle cut edge.



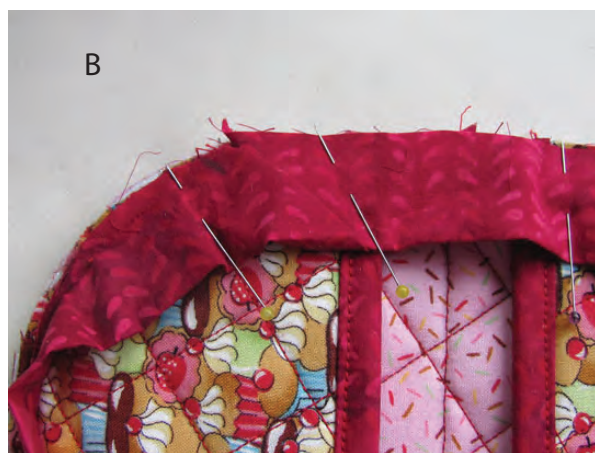
13. Unfold the binding end where the drawn line is. Align the 1/2" marking on a ruler to the drawn line with the 1/2" allowance to the right of the drawn line and cut. This adds 1/2" length to the marked line, allowing for a 1/4" seam allowance.



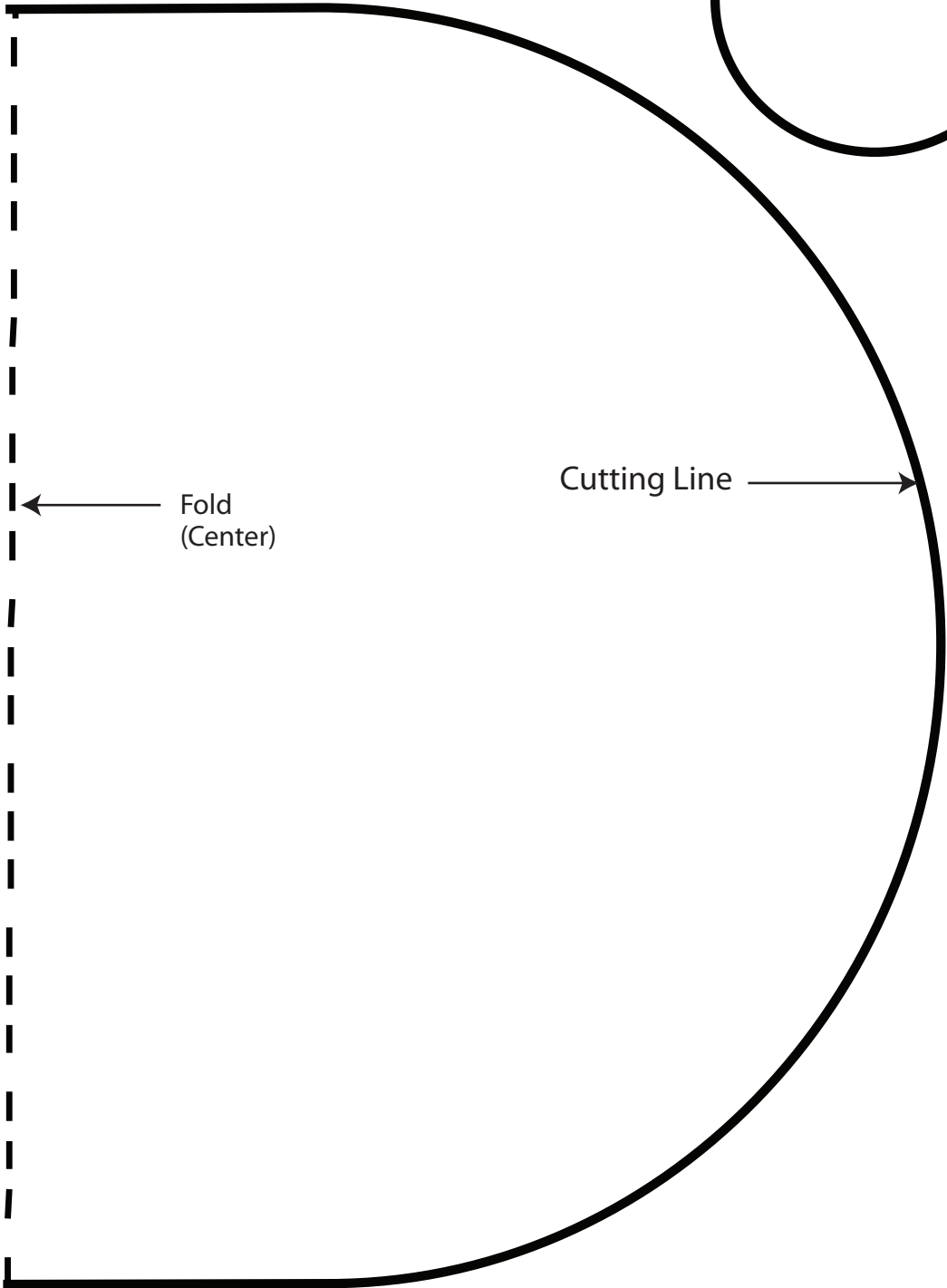
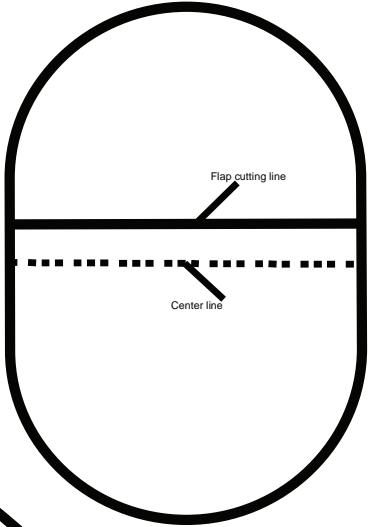
14. Unfold both ends of the binding, matching angled edges and pin. Fold the potholder in a little. There should be a 1/4" tail on each end (A). Sew, using a 1/4" seam allowance. Finger press seam to one side. Refold binding (B). Finish sewing the binding down (C). Press binding away from body of potholder and toward the raw edge.

Fold binding over to the back side of potholder, pin in place and sew binding down by hand or machine.

1/4" tail

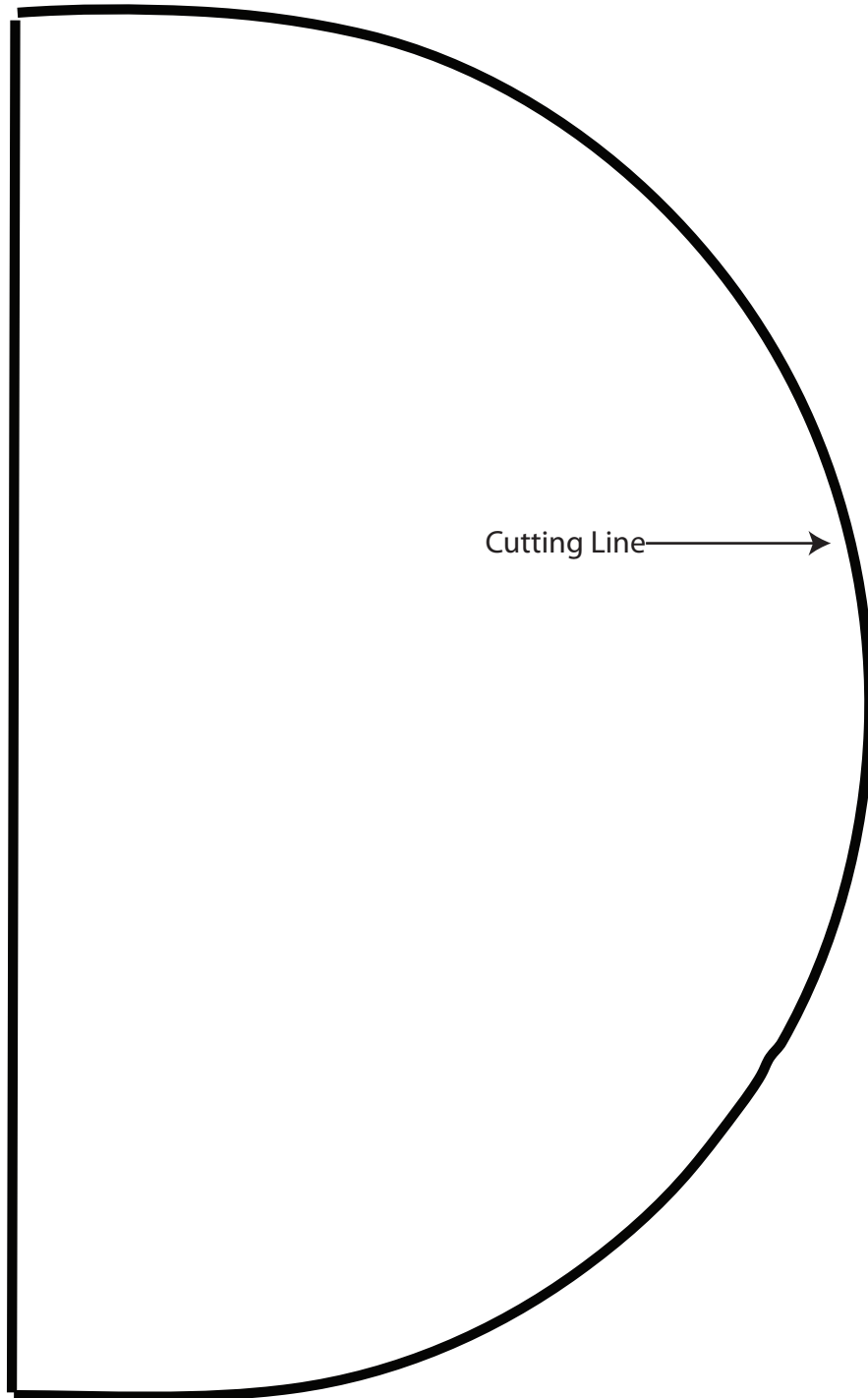


Main Part of Potholder Template  
Cut one on fold



# Pocket Template

Cut Two



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