

Microwave bowl potholder

A short tutorial by Ranell Hansen

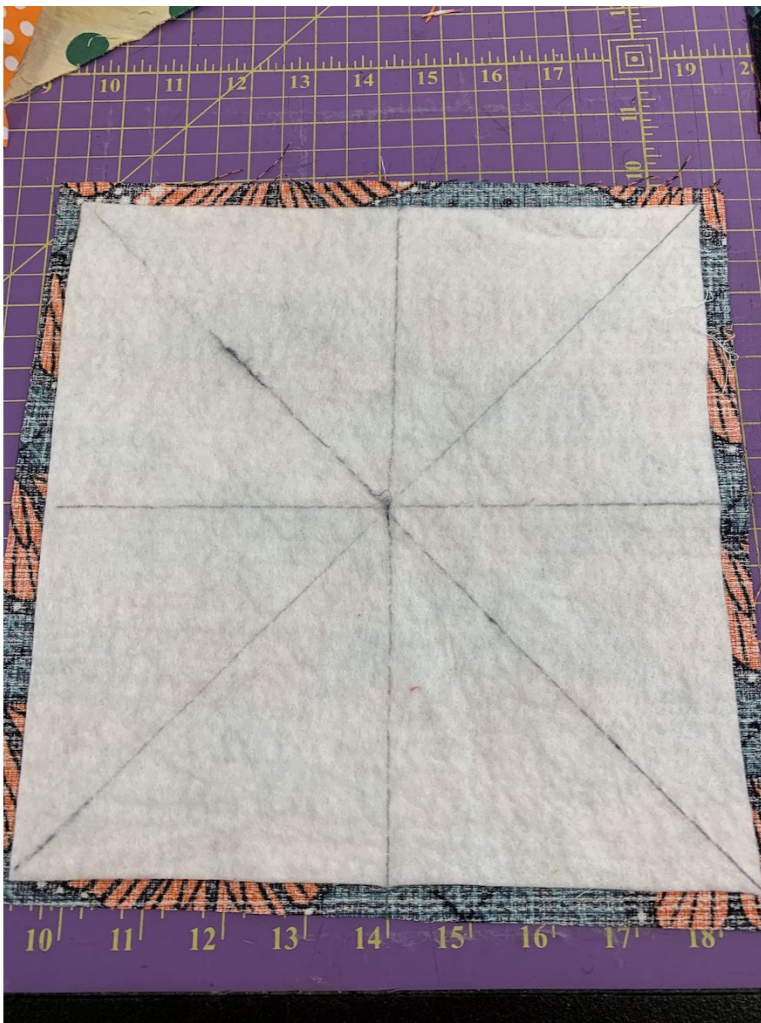
Supplies:

2, 10" square pieces of fabric

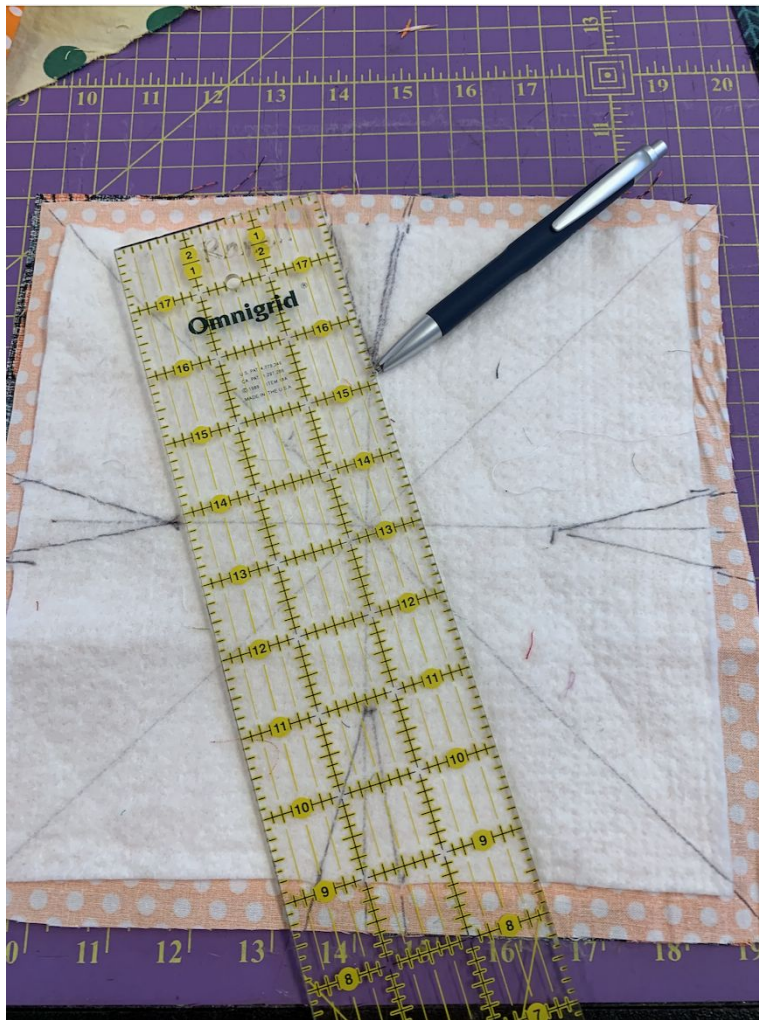
(May be the same or coordinating)

2, 9" square pieces of cotton batting

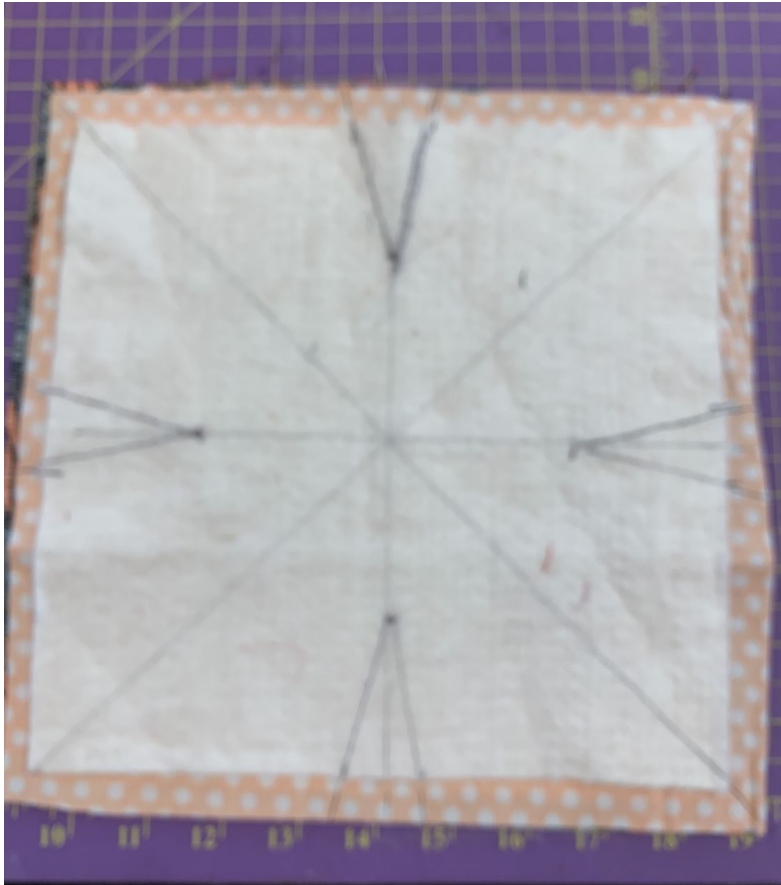
Scissors, thread, sewing machine,



Place the batting on the wrong side of the fabric. Draw lines across from each corner and each side. You will have a square with 8 wedges. Repeat this step for the lining side of the potholder.



On the two side to side lines, you will create a dart on each side. The dart measures 1" across and 2 1/2" long. You will make 4 darts on each piece.



Pin the batting to the fabric pieces and take them to the sewing machine. Sew all the lines except for the dart markings. Again, do this on both the lining and the outside fabric.



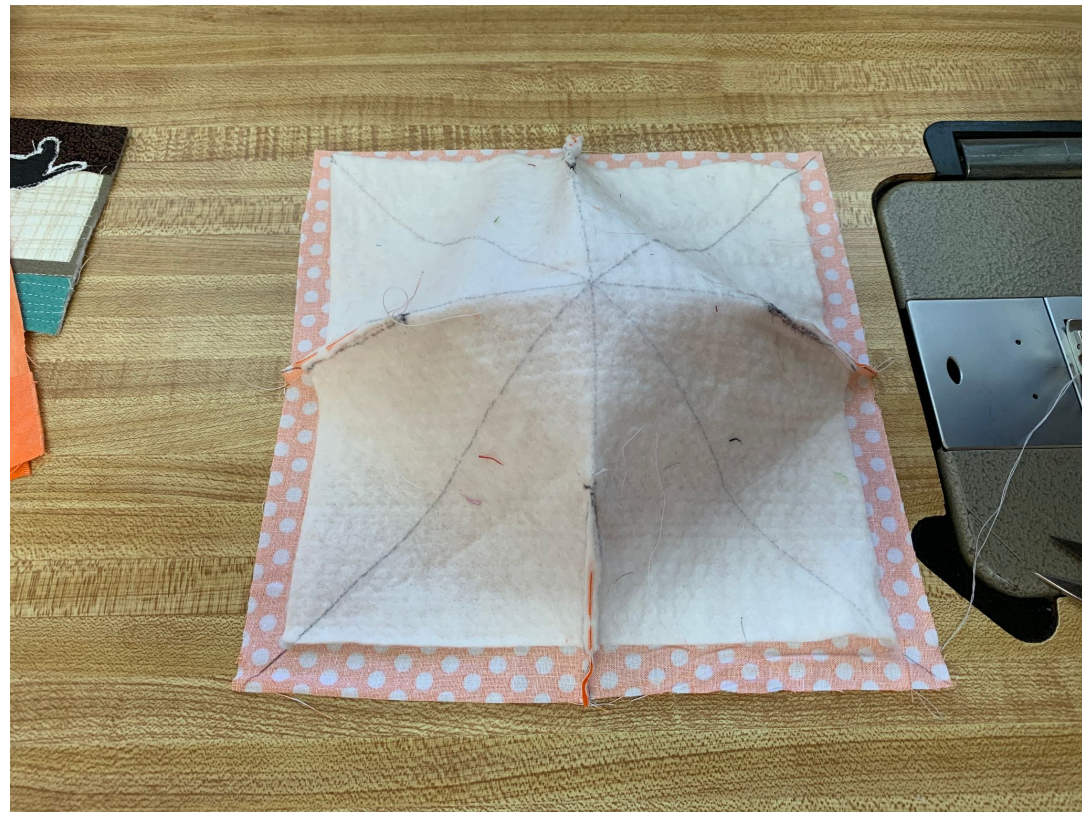
Fold and pin the two darts on each side of the potholder. Refold and sew the other darts. Repeat for the lining fabric.



Sew all four darts.



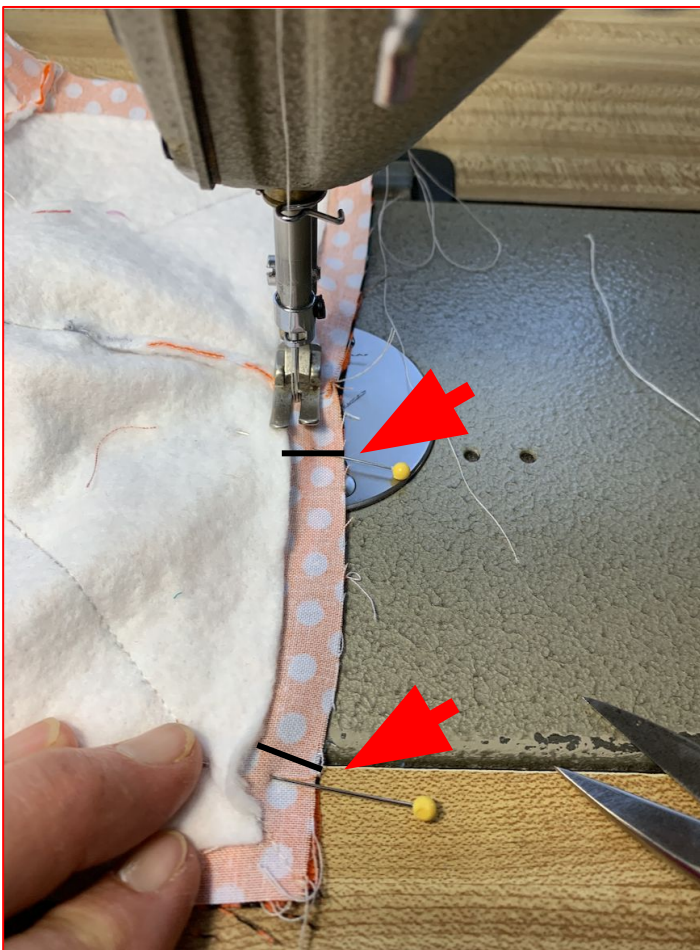
Now cut the excess fabric from the darts. This will keep it from being too bulky. Trim the seam at the darts. Clip about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch from the stitching line.



Here's what it looks like. Repeat this for the lining.



Put the two pieces together, right sides facing each other. Pin.



Sew around the square making a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam. Leave an opening to turn it right side out. Make your opening between a dart and a corner, but not on the corner.



Turn right side out
through the opening.



Press the entire potholder.



Top stitch near the edge
all the way around.



And you are finished.

The beauty of these is that you can pop them in the microwave under a bowl of food and then have “handles” to take the hot bowl out.



I like to have the pretty side up. You can make these with just one fabric or two.

They make great gifts. Especially with a bowl of goodies inside them.