

## Solar Oven Partners Potholder Pattern

Thank you for helping to provide potholders for the ladies who receive a solar oven after two days of training. Solar ovens help change the lives of families. A pair of potholders will be a welcome addition to the oven that a mother receives.

**It is very important** that all sewers follow this pattern closely so that all ladies receive the same size and shape and style of potholders. However, please feel free to use your choice of cotton prints, your favorite colors, or even quilt blocks of the correct size.

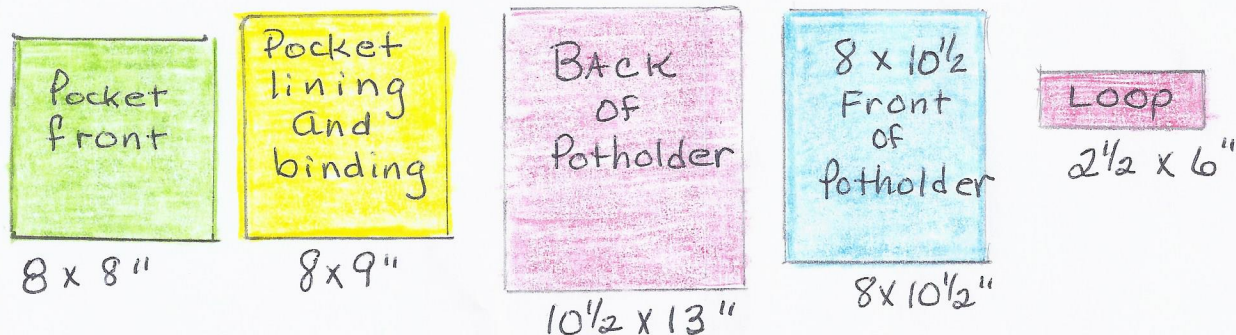
This pattern makes one large quilted potholder with a quilted "pocket" to protect the back of the hand. There is also a hanging loop at the top of the potholder.

Cut fabric: 8 x 8 inch square (front of pocket)

8 x 9 inch "square" (lining of pocket and binding of pocket)

10 ½ x 13 inch rectangle (back of main potholder)

8 x 10 ½ inch rectangle (front of main potholder)



batting: cotton quilt batting or insulated batting such as Insul-brite

1 square 8 x 8 inches (pocket)

2 rectangles 8 x 10 ½ inches (main potholder)

DO NOT USE POLYESTER batting, please.

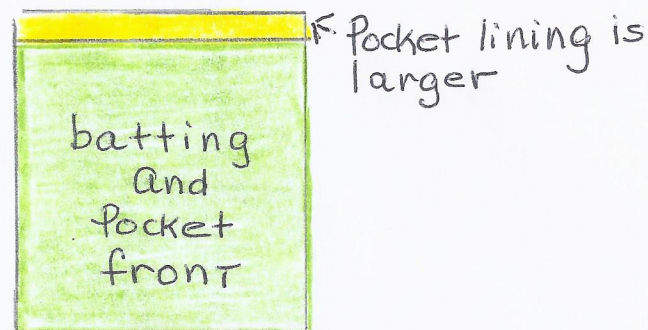
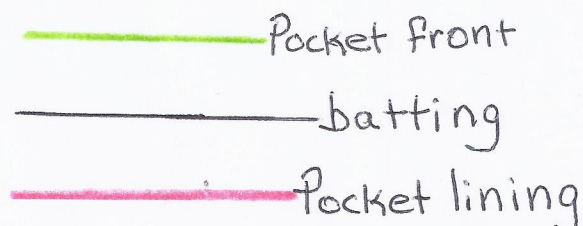
Hanging loop—cut one strip of fabric 2 ½ inches wide by 6 inches long

Thread for seams and topstitching.

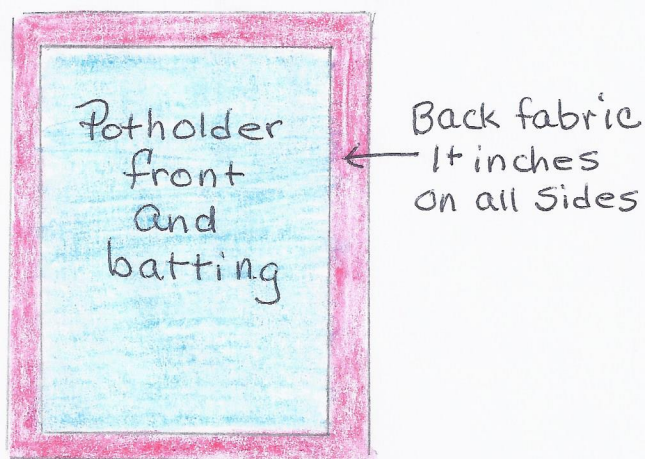
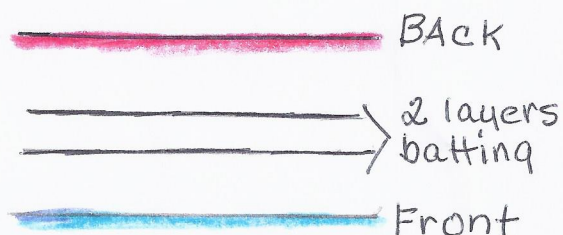
A walking foot is very helpful if available.



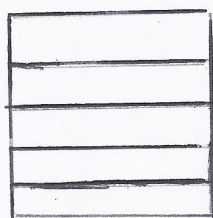
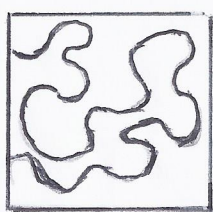
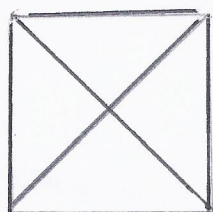
1. Make the pocket: make a "square sandwich" with 8 x 8 and 8x9 inch "squares". Place 8x9 inch pocket lining square **right side down** onto table. Top with 1 square of batting 8 inches square. The extra inch of fabric should be at the top with bottom edges aligned. Top those with the other 8 inch square of front pocket fabric placed **right side up**. Pin or baste securely together.



2. Make the main potholder section: make a "rectangle sandwich". Place the 10 ½ x 13 inch rectangle of back fabric **right side down** on the table. **Center 2** rectangles of batting on top, then 8 x 10 ½ inch rectangle of front potholder fabric with **right side facing up**. Pin or baste securely. Yes, you will have over an inch of "back" fabric all around the batting and front fabric. This will become the binding later.

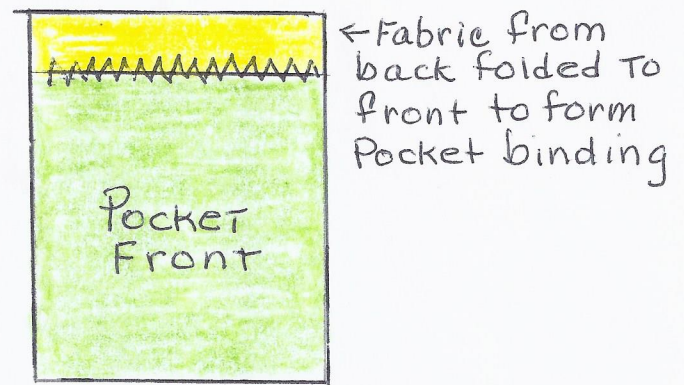
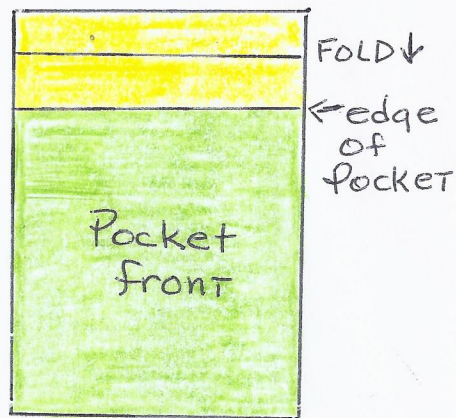


3. Quilt each sandwich as you desire. Suggestions could be a large x from corner to corner, stipple, parallel lines across or up and down, etc., to hold layers solidly together.

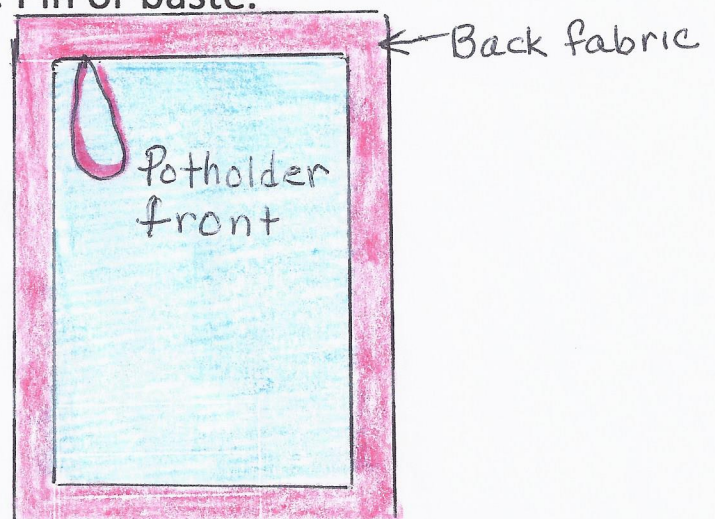
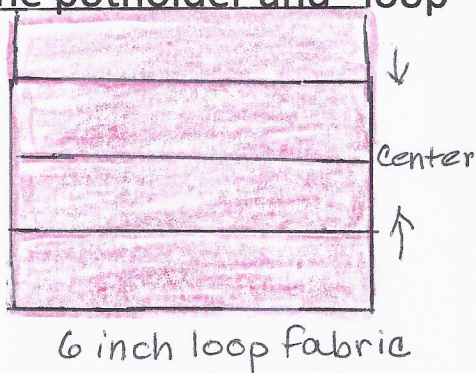




4. Trim any uneven edges so the layers of each sandwich are even for binding, especially any batting sticking out. **EXCEPTION**-do not trim off that edge of backing fabric from steps 1 and 2.
5. Bind the top of the pocket square sandwich. To do this, fold the inch of backing fabric in half (to the edge of the pocket). Then fold up and over the front of the pocket to form a binding and pin or baste. Edge stitch or zigzag along the edge of the binding strip. Trim ends even with pocket edges.

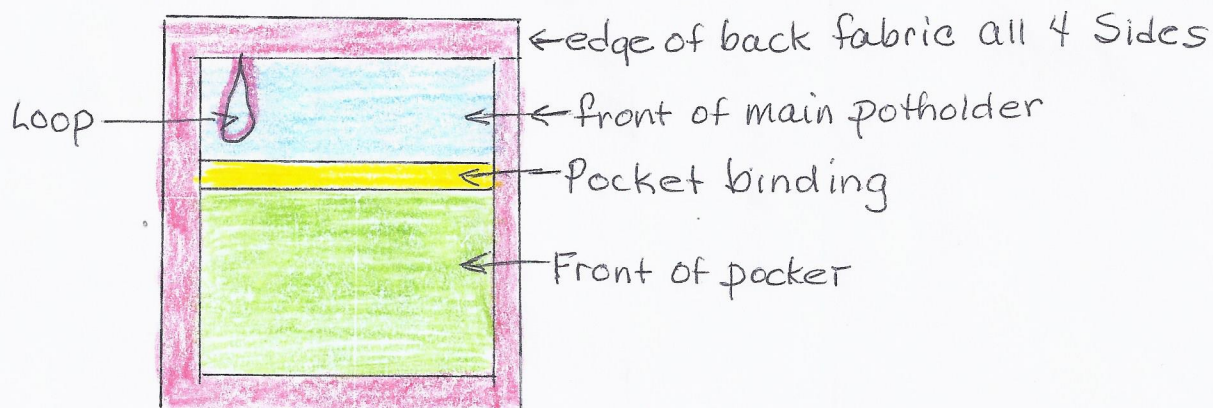


6. Create a hanging loop. One method would be to fold the 6 inch x 2 ½ inch fabric strip in half lengthwise and press. Then fold each half into the center lengthwise and fold together (strip is folded in 4ths so no raw edges). Stitch along the edge of the strip. Place this "loop strip" near one top corner of the potholder, with both ends along the top raw edge of the potholder and "loop" facing down. Pin or baste.



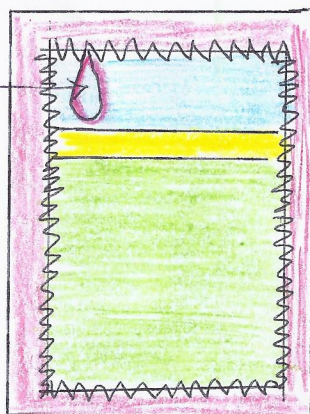


7. Put both quilted "sandwiches" together: place the larger quilted rectangle sandwich **right side up** on the table. Center the quilted pocket sandwich **right side up** on top of the rectangle sandwich, with the bound pocket edge toward the top . Baste or pin together securely. You should have an "edge" of potholder back fabric about 1½ inches wide around all 4 sides of the potholder



8. Bind all the layers together. Fold the edge fabric in half toward the potholder edge and press. Do this all around the potholder. Then fold the edge fabric up and over all layers to the front of the potholder to form a binding all around the potholder. Pin or baste. Stitch all around the edge of this binding with straight or zigzag stitch to finish. If the hanging loop is facing down, catch it under the binding as you sew. Then bring it up so the loop is toward the top and sew securely near your stitching line.

Sew the loop ends under, then up over binding and Sew again.



← edge folded over front to form binding



9. If you prefer to attach the loop separately, fold as above and attach the loop to a top corner after the entire potholder is bound.

You did it!