

Web Bonus: It's a Hootie Owl Potholder

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BEGINNER

Note: Appliqué templates (at end of pattern) are printed without seam allowance, except for straight edge of Template A.

Finished Potholder Size
6³/₄" x 6³/₄"

Fabric Requirements

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| Blue batik print (front, back, hanging loop) | 1 fat eighth* |
| Yellow batik print (wings) | 8" x 8" piece |
| Orange batik print (beak) | 2" x 2" piece |
| Red batik print (eyes) | 6" x 9" piece |
| White solid (eyes) | 4" x 7" piece |
| Black mottle (eyes) | 3" x 6" piece |
| Batting and Insul-Bright® | 9" x 9" piece each |
| Paper-backed fusible web | 1/4 yd. |
- *A fat eighth is a 9" x 20-22" cut of fabric.



Planning

This cute potholder, featuring Tonga Confetti Batiks by Timeless Treasures Fabrics, is sure to please the young and the young at heart. Bea used a fusible web appliqué technique; our instructions have you do the same. A layer of Insul-Bright®, an insulating material from The Warm™ Company, is included to make the potholder heat-resistant.

Cutting Instructions

Note: Cutting instructions for appliqué shapes are on templates at end of pattern.

- Blue batik print
- 2 squares 7¹/₄" x 7¹/₄"
 - 1 strip 2" x 6"
- Batting and Insul-Bright—cut from each:
- 1 square 7¹/₄" x 7¹/₄"



The coordinating 45³/₄" square quilt is patterned in the September/October 2012 issue of McCall's Quilting.

Appliquéing the Block

1 Follow manufacturer's instructions for paper-backed fusible web. Trace Templates A-E on paper side of fusible web. Cut apart, leaving small margin beyond drawn lines. Fuse to wrong side of appropriate fabrics; cut out on drawn lines.

Finger-press blue batik print 7 1/4" square in half on both length and width; use folds as placement guide. Position A-E in alphabetical order, aligning straight edges of As with raw edges of square (Diagram I-A). Fuse in place. Edge-stitch using machine blanket stitch (Diagram I-B) to complete Owl Block.

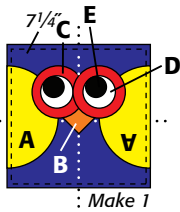


Diagram I-A

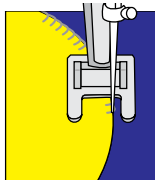


Diagram I-B



Bea cut her circles using an AccuQuilt Go™ fabric cutter and dies, for fast, accurate shapes every time.

Designer Information

To see more quilt designs by Bea Lee and learn about her longarm quilting business, visit her website: beaquilter.com.

Assembling the Potholder

2 To make hanging loop, press blue 2" x 6" strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together (Diagram II-A). Fold long raw edges to meet at pressed line; press again (Diagram II-B). Stitch close to pressed edges, through all layers (Diagram II-C).

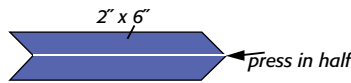


Diagram II-A

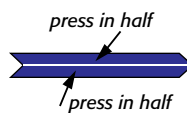


Diagram II-B



Diagram II-C

3 Referring to Diagram III-A, layer Insul-Bright, batting, and blue batik 7 1/4" squares. Fold hanging loop in half and position at top center of blue square (potholder back). Baste or pin ends in place.

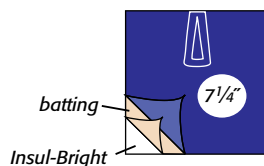


Diagram III-A

4 Place block right side down on layered squares, keeping hanging loop between blue square and block (Diagram III-B). Sew 1/4" seam around all sides, leaving an opening for turning (Diagram III-C). Trim corners, turn right side out, and press well (Diagram III-D). Topstitch close to pressed edges through all layers to complete potholder.



Diagram III-B

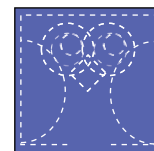


Diagram III-C

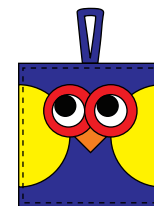


Diagram III-D



- A kit of fabrics for quilt top and binding is available while supplies last for \$49.99 (MQK12103).

- Call 877-269-8024, or shop online at ShopMcCallsQuilting.com.



- Backing fabric is \$39.99 (MQK12104).

