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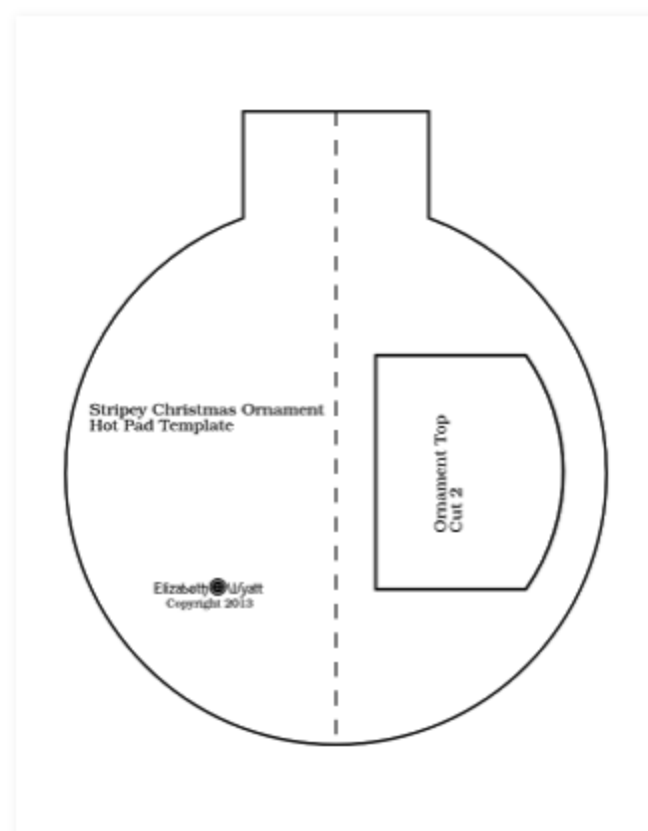
Stripey Christmas Ornament Hot Pad Tutorial



Are you looking for a great little gift to make for someone? Perhaps your child's teacher or a neighbor? This fun pot holder is quick to make because it uses the quilt-as-you-go method. It's a great scrap-buster and makes an great gift by itself or added to a basket of kitchen items.

Here are the materials you will need:

- 12 strips in various fabrics for the top, 1 1/4" x 10" long (I used 7 different fabrics)
- 10" square of each:
 - backing fabric
 - [Insul-Bright insulated lining](#)
 - cotton batting
- 24" length of 1/2" double fold bias tape (store bought or [make your own](#))
- 4" x 6" scrap of grey fabric for the ornament top
- 2" x 5.5" strip of grey fabric for the hanging loop
- Christmas Ornament Hot Pad pdf template and pattern piece - [click on the image below to download](#):



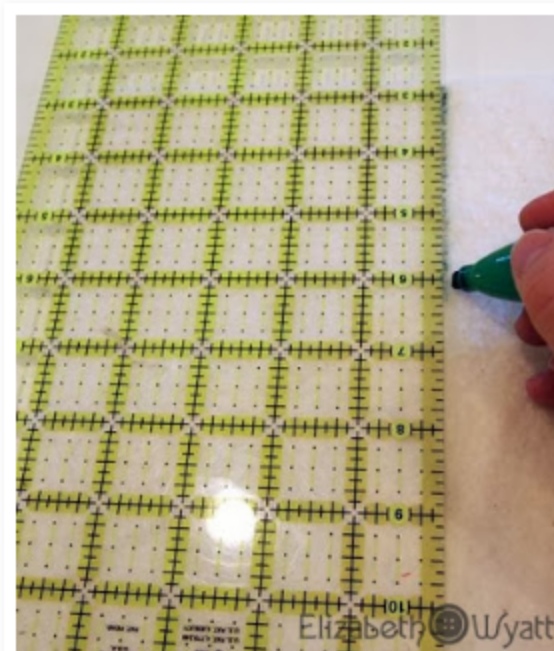
[MAKE THE ORNAMENT BALL](#)



Step 1: Stack the three 10" squares with the backing on the bottom, Insul-Bright in the middle, and cotton batting on top. Make sure that the shiny side of the Insul-Bright is facing up, toward the cotton batting and that the backing fabric is right side down, against your work surface.



Step 2: Draw a line from the top to the bottom of the cotton batting, 5 1/4" from the left edge. A Sharpie works great for this.



Step 3: Align two strips with right sides together and lay them on the cotton batting with their right edges even with the line you drew in step 2.



Step 4: Stitch through all layers along the right edge of the strips with a 1/4" seam allowance.



You may find it helpful to reduce the presser foot pressure for stitching

On my machine, I reduced the pressure from



presser foot pressure for stitching through these bulky layers. If you have one, a walking foot is also helpful as long as you are still able to maintain the 1/4" seam allowance.



Step 5: Flip the top strip so that it is laying flat against the batting and press.



Step 6: Place your next strip face down over the strip on the right, with right edges even.



Step 7: Stitch through all



layers along the right edge of that strip with a 1/4" seam allowance. Press open.

strips.

Step 9: Flip your work around and continue adding strips to the left side until the batting is mostly covered and all 12 strips are sewn on.

Step 8: Continue adding strips in this way until you have sewn on 7

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Step 10: Print and cut out the hot pad template. Lay the template on top of your piece with the dotted center line matched up with the center seam of your strips.



Step 11: Trace around the template with a pen. I just use a regular ball-point pen. It will never show.





Step 12: Cut out the ornament shape along the traced outline.
(Ignore the line across the top in this pic - I was still experimenting on this one!)



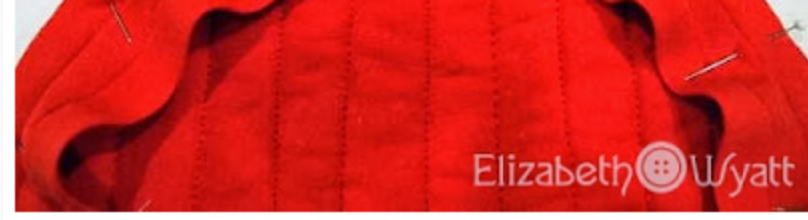
And here it is all cut out.



Step 13: Now it's time to add the bias binding. Unfold the bias tape so that you have a single layer of fabric on one edge.

Step 14: Align and pin the unfolded edge of the bias tape along the outside edge on the back of the pot holder with right sides together. Start pinning the bias tape at the corner where the square topper shape meets the round ornament edge, as shown below. Leave an unpinned tail about 1" long. This will be tucked under the top piece when you are finished. Continue to pin all the way around, ending with a free tail just like at the beginning.





Step 15: Stitch with a 3/8" seam allowance, beginning and ending at the first and last pins and back-stitching at each end of the seam.

Step 16: Flip the bias tape around to the front so that it covers the stitching line. Steam press to shape it as needed and pin in place. I forgot to take a picture after I'd pinned it down. Again, you will be starting and stopping the stitching at the corners where you did before. Just leave the "tails" of the bias loose.



Step 17: Working on the front of the pot holder, stitch the bias tape down, about 1/8" from the edge.



MAKE THE TOP AND HANGER LOOP

Step 18: Fold the 2.5" x 5.5" strip of grey fabric in half lengthwise and press. Open up and fold each edge to this center crease. Refold in half and stitch along the long edge.





Step 19: Using the pattern included on the template, cut 2 tops from grey fabric.



Step 20: Turn the curved bottom edges under by 1/4" and press.



This step can be a little tricky. To make it easier, you may want to sew some basting stitches along the edge with a 1/4" seam allowance. This will give you a nice folding guide.

Pardon the rumples along my stitching. My machine is not well.

Step 21: Fold the hanger in half with the two raw edges together. Place the folded hanger in between the two top pieces, centered on the top edge and raw edges even. Pin and stitch the three straight sides with a 1/4" seam allowance. Clip the corners.



Step 23: Turn the top right side out and press.





Step 24: Slide the top over the hot pad, tucking the bias tape tails inside. Use your fingers to make sure the top corners of the hot pad are flat inside the top and the bias tape tails are all tucked in. Pin along the curved edge to keep the top in place.



Step 25: Stitch through all layers along the curved edge of the top, being sure to catch the back layer in the stitching.



ALL DONE! Happy Christmas cooking!



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