

# Pie in the Sky: Potholder

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Finished size: 7" x 7"  
plus hanging loop

**Safety tip:** Unless appropriate batting/lining fabric is used, do not use potholder to hold hot pots/dishes or to protect surfaces. Use only for decorative purposes. If potholder is to be used to hold hot items, place a layer of cotton batting and a layer of Insul-Brite™ fabric between potholder top and backing (**Diagram II**). Bind all layers together. **DO NOT** use polyester batting since high temperature can cause it to melt and create a possible burn hazard.

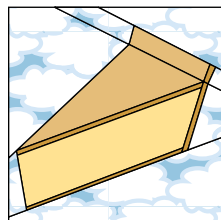
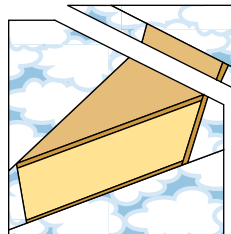
## You Need!

- Light blue print (background, binding & hanging loop) ... 15" x 15"
- Fruit print (pie filling) ... 5" x 8"
- Crust ... 5" x 8"
- Tan print (pie crust edges) ... 5" x 8"
- Batting (low loft) ... 9" x 9"
- Optional: ... Insul-Brite™ fabric 9" x 9"
- Backing ... 9" x 9"
- Foundation paper
- Sewing thread & Machine quilting thread (use cotton thread if potholder is to be used to protect against heat)

## Sew!

**Step 1.** Some important things to remember:

1. The foundation is printed in reverse, so the printed side appears opposite of the way the fabric is stitched on the other side;
2. You must follow the number order when sewing;
3. Use a small, sharp needle (Brenda uses Schmetz Microtex size 11) with a short stitch (15-18 stitches per inch);
4. There is no seam allowance on the paper foundation. Allow more than 1/4" of fabric beyond the perimeter of each foundation and trim 1/4" beyond the paper's edge.
5. Each Pie Block is made from 2 foundation units (**Diagram I**). Sew and trim each unit separately, then change sewing machine stitch length back to normal piecing length (10-12 stitches per inch) and stitch together as shown in **Diagram**

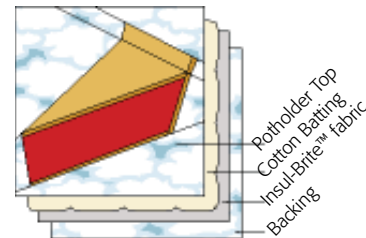


Make 1

**Diagram I**



**Step 2.** Layer potholder top, batting (Insul-Brite™ fabric if desired), and backing together (**Diagram II**). Machine quilt layers together.

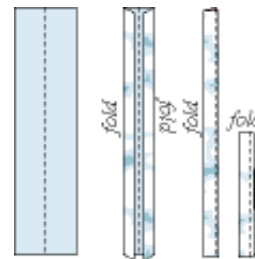


**Diagram II**

**Step 3.** Bind potholder with light blue print fabric.

## Attaching Hanging Loop!

**Step 4.** To make hanging loop, fold light blue print 1"x 4" strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press (**Diagram III**). Open, then fold long raw edges in to center fold and press. Fold in half along original fold and press, then topstitch. Fold in half as shown. Tack hanging loop to back of potholder, tucking raw ends underneath.



**Diagram III**

**Foundation Master** for both Fruit Pie & Cream Pie versions  
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