# Quick Christmas Gift Ideas

# Towel Topper





# Sew Around leaving long end open



# Clip inside corners and trim outside corners



• Turn and press under 1 inch at opening.



Completed topper section to sew towel to by sliding towel up in opening



Buttonhole added
Can use snaps or
Velcro to secure the
towel to a handle or
bar



Two rows of stitching for strength and button sewn in position



### Completed towel



# Two pattern pieces taped together



#### Hanging dishtowel pattern

To make two hanging dishtowels, I used one purchased  $24^{\prime\prime}$  x  $15^{\prime\prime}$  dishtowel, 2 pieces of  $7^{\prime\prime}$  x  $12^{\prime\prime}$  fabric, one piece of  $7^{\prime\prime}$  x  $12^{\prime\prime}$  flannel, and two buttons.

Don't forget to pre-wash and dry everything to pre-shrink it!

#### Preparing the dishtowel:

- 1. Cut your purchased dishtowel in half so there are two 12" x 15" pieces.
- 2. Carefully pleat, fold, or gather the 15" raw edge so that it measures 6" across. Stitch pleats, folds, or gathers in place.

#### To make the handles:

- 1. Print out the pattern pieces and cut them out.
- 2. Overlap the TABs and glue or tape the pieces together.
- 3. Use the pattern to cut out four pieces of fabric and two pieces of flannel.
- 4. Pin the pieces together in this order: one piece of fabric, right-side up; one piece of fabric, right-side down; one piece of flannel. (Do this twice since you are making two handles.)
- 5. Starting at point A, stitch around the handle to point B, leaving the bottom open. Clip the corners and turn right-side out.
- 6. Press so that all the edges are crisp, then turn in a one-inch hem along the open bottom and press.

#### Assemble and finish:

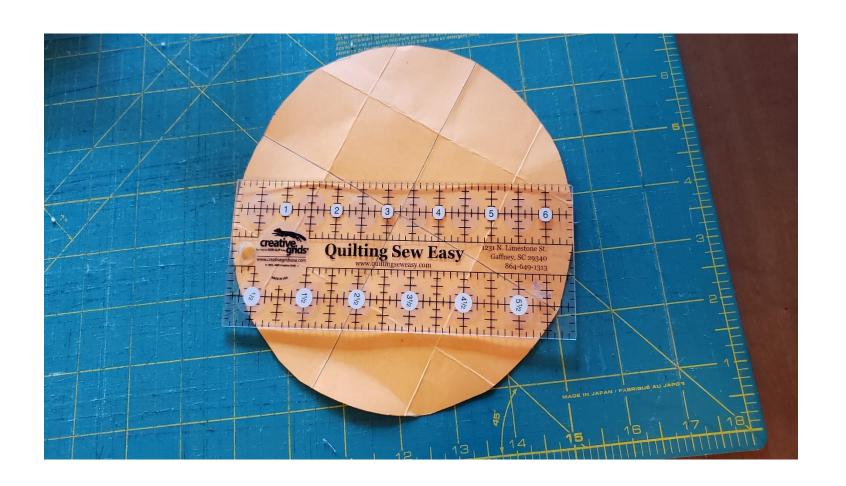
- 1. Insert the raw pleated/folded/gathered edge of the dishtowel into the open side of the handle so that it lays a full inch inside. Sew at least two rows of stitches to hold it in place. (Remember that people will be tugging on this as it hangs in the kitchen so it must be well-stitched!)
- 2. Center your button on the pointed flap (point C) and mark lines for the buttonhole. Make the buttonhole on the flap.
- 3. Fold the flap over so the point lines up with the bottom edge of the wide base of the handle. Use a pin or mark with pencil where the button should go on the wide base and sew on the button.
- 4. Finil Hang your dishtowel and admire.
- 5. Wash your hands it's flu season!

You could use a snap or velcro if you don't like to make buttonholes. It would be cute to use coordinating fabrics on the front and back of the handle, so when you fold it over, you see both fabrics. A scrappy handle would be sweet as well.

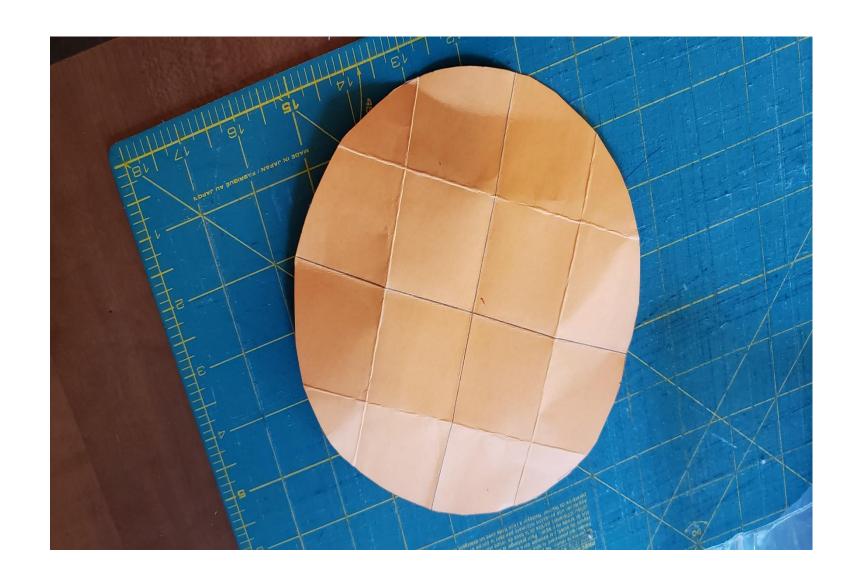
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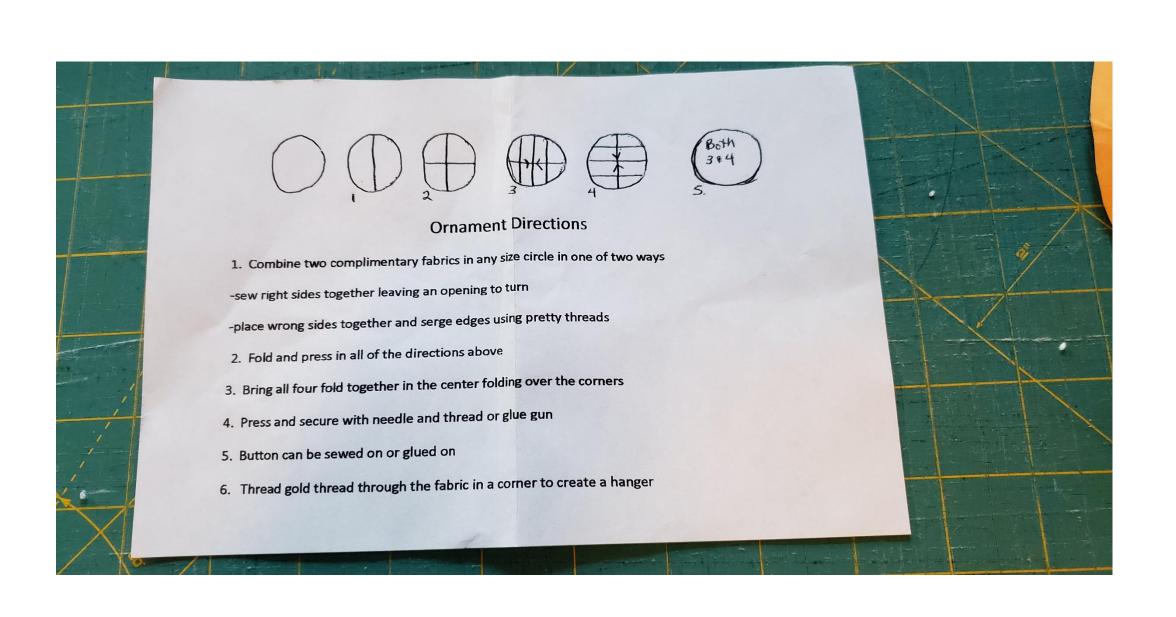


### Christmas Ornament



Fold pattern in these directions





















# Tree Christmas Ornament

Five squares of decreasing size.

Two squares sewn with right sides together and turn out and top stitched.

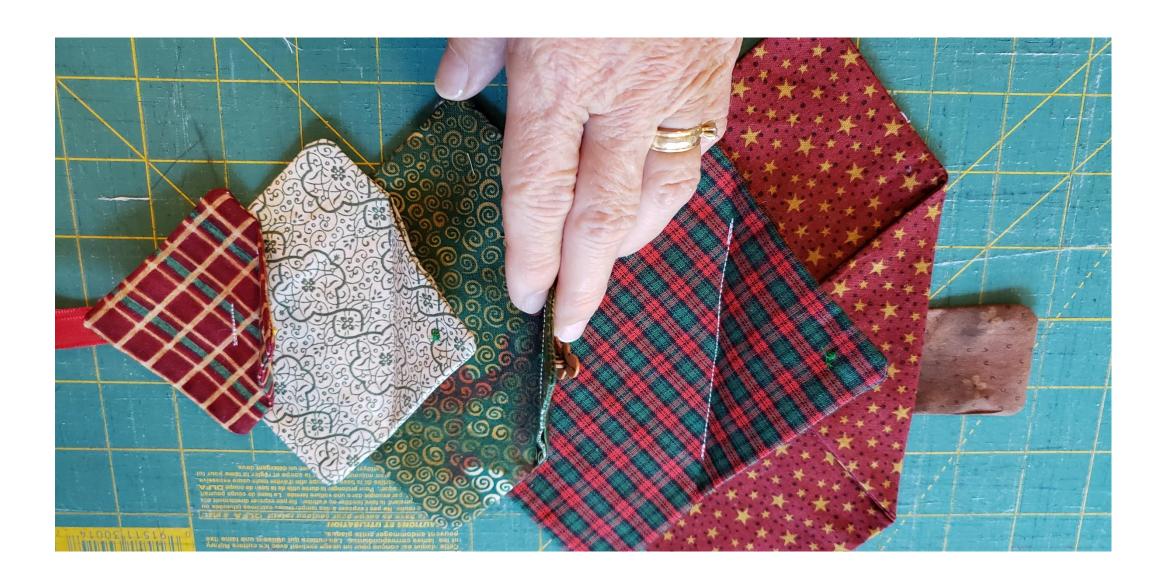
A cut out piece for the trunk added to lower square. I choose to attach when sewing on lower button.



Ribbon sewn on to top square Back side view of attaching squares together.





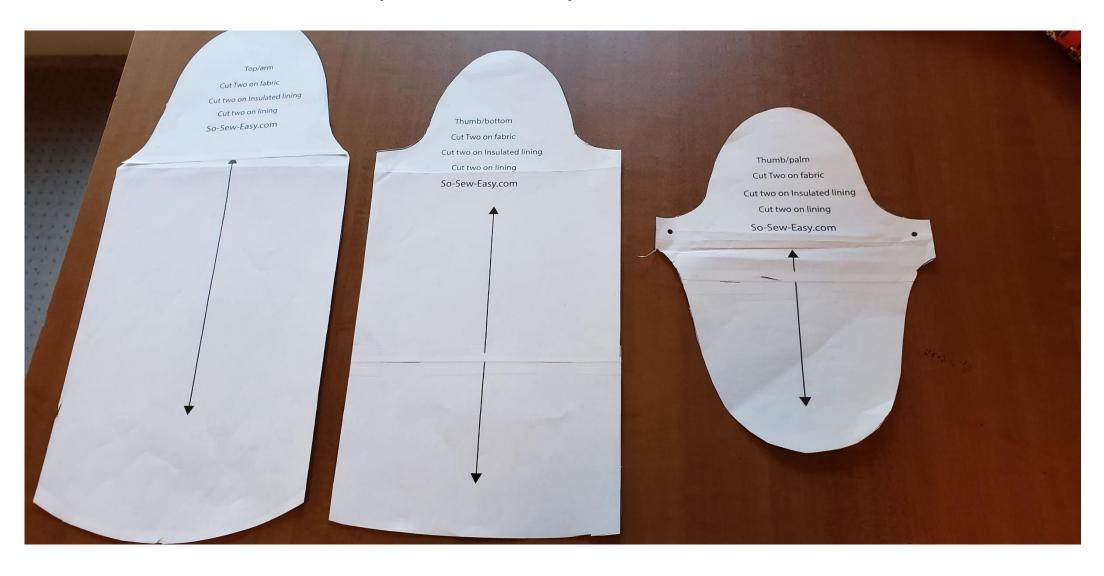




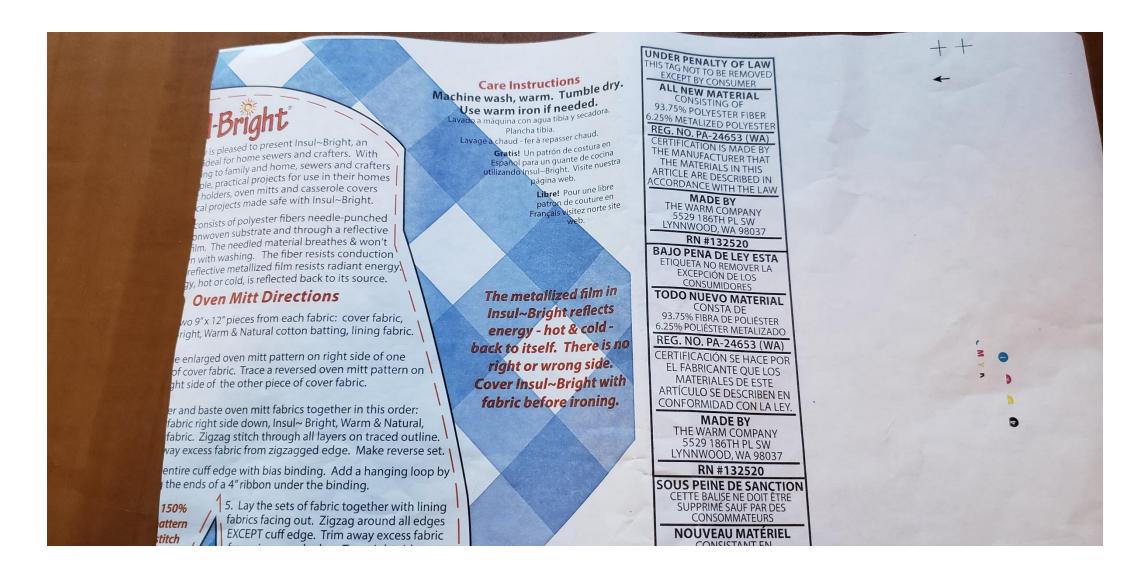


# Mitten pot holder

# Three pattern pieces used



### Insul-bright information



Inside layer that has thin batting attached.



Turning the sewn outside layer



Black foldover elastic for top edge of glove







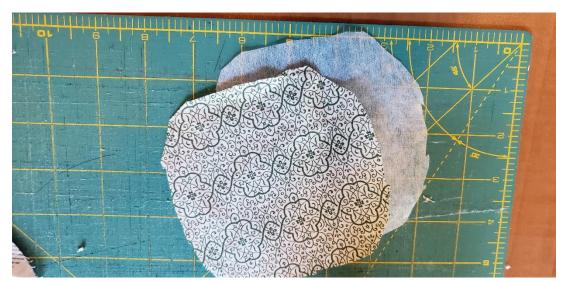
## Fabric Weights

#### Never seam to have enough weights





#### Fabric circle and interfacing and washers used





# Glue gun the washers together place in center of fabric





# Glue gun the fabric down and adorn with button and bows





### Christmas cloth bucket – no pattern



## Fabric gift wrap

# Two squares of coordinating fabric right sides together



# Sew together squares leaving an opening to turn and top stitch

Fold over the corners a determined amount for your size and stitch across the corners to make a

channel for ribbon





# Corner channels sewn and ribbon slipped thru them





### Thread ribbon thru channel and pull up to tie







 Any item that goes in microwave needs to be all cotton and use this kind of batting

## The End