Finger Pot Holders

Keep your fingers cool while in the kitchen with these quick-to-make finger pot holders. Have at least one set on hand when baking those holiday cookies.

**MATERIALS**
Materials listed are for 1 matching pair.
- Fat eighth coordinating holiday print
- Fat quarter holiday print
- ¼ yard coordinating stripe or tonal
- 10” x 12” rectangle cotton batting
- 10” square needle-punched insulated batting
- Thread
- Template material
- 2 (4”) lengths coordinating rickrack or piping
- Basic sewing tools and supplies

**CUTTING**
From coordinating holiday print:
- Cut 4 (2¾” x 4”) B rectangles.

From holiday print:
- Cut 4 (4” x 7½”) A rectangles.

From stripe or tonal:
- Cut 2½”-wide bias strips to total 60”.

From cotton batting:
- Cut 2 (4” x 7½”) rectangles.
- Cut 2 (2¾” x 4”) rectangles.

From needle-punched insulated batting:
- Cut 2 (4” x 7½”) rectangles.

**COMPLETING THE FINGER POT HOLDERS**
Prepare a tracing template using the pattern given.
1. Position and baste a 4” length of rickrack or piping over the seam line on the right side of a B rectangle as shown in Figure 1.

2. Layer a second B rectangle, right sides together, with the first with trim between and pin to a 2¾” x 4” rectangle of cotton batting to the bottom of the stack. Sew the layers together over the basting stitch, catching the trim in the seam as shown in Figure 2.

3. Trim the batting seam allowance to ⅛” and flip the top B rectangle to the back so the batting is sandwiched between the fabric layers and the rickrack or piping extends above the seam as shown in Figure 3.

4. Use the prepared tracing template to round the lower corners. Baste around the edges to finish one finger pocket as shown in Figure 4.

5. Repeat steps 1–4 to make a second finger pocket.

6. Layer one A rectangle right side down, an insulated batting rectangle shiny side down, a 4” x 7½” cotton batting rectangle and a second A rectangle right side up; pin or baste to hold. Repeat to make a second layered A unit.

7. Stitch the layers together using a 1½” diagonal grid as shown in Figure 5, or as desired.
“I am always looking for ideas for little gifts or for swaps, and these pot holders work great for both. They go together quickly, use up scraps of fabric, and can be made up in a rainbow of colors and prints.” —Chris Malone
8. Position a finger pocket on top of the 4” bottom end of a quilted A unit; baste around the outer edges of the pocket to secure as shown in Figure 6.

9. Trim the A bottom corners even with the pocket and use the tracing template to round the top corners as shown in Figure 7.
10. Repeat steps 8 and 9 with remaining quilted A unit and finger pocket.
11. Prepare bias binding and bind the edges referring to Quilting Basics on page 94 to finish.

Here’s a Tip
Use 100 percent cotton insulated batting when making pot holders and hot pads. If you don’t have insulated batting on hand, substitute a second layer of cotton batting.

Make a set of finger pot holders in scraps of Christmas fabrics to add that special handmade touch to your holiday meals and cookie baking. These would also make great and useful hostess gifts.