

# AUNTIES TWO PATTERNS TREE POTHOLDERS

(Finished Size: Approximately 9" x 9")



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# POTHOLDERS IN HOFFMAN CALIFORNIA FABRICS



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HOLIDAY SPLENDOR  
ORNATE CHRISTMAS TREES  
SCARLET AND GOLD



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# TREE POTHOLDERS

*Make these potholders for Christmas in beautiful batiks or screenprints  
from Hoffman California Fabrics*

## MATERIALS

Fabrics (42/44" wide):

Tree: 4 squares 10" x 10"  
Binding: 1 strip 2 1/2" x 42/44" or width of fabric  
Thermal or Cotton Batting: 2 squares 10" x 10"

**Other Tools:** One sheet of paper 11" x 17" (freezer, graph, copy), matching thread, sewing machine, scissors (both large and small), pins, rotary mat and cutter, acrylic rulers, seam ripper, chalk or marker and measuring tape.

## DIRECTIONS

**CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:** Follow instructions on the template page to create the template for your potholder.

Tree Fabric: Using tree template, cut 4  
Batting or thermal batting: Using tree template, cut 2  
Binding: Cut one strip 2 1/2" x 42/44"  
Fold binding strip in half, lengthwise, right sides out. Iron.

## SEWING INSTRUCTIONS:

### STEP 1: Layer Tree Fabric and Batting

Layer Tree Sandwich : One fabric tree right side down  
Two layers of thermal or cotton batting  
One fabric tree right side up

### STEP 2: Quilt

Draw a line down the center of the tree sandwich from top to bottom (corresponds with the fold line on your template) with chalk or other removable marker. Draw lines 2" to the left and right of the center line. Stitch along these three lines to quilt.

### STEP 3: Layer pockets

Fold two remaining fabric trees in half lengthwise (along template fold line), right sides out. Layer one on the right side and one on the left side of the back of the quilted tree sandwich. This creates pockets for your fingers. Optional: Machine baste all the way around with and 1/8" seam to keep layers in place while binding.

### STEP 4: Bind

Pin beginning of binding to outside center bottom of tree, raw edges matching. Sew binding on with a 1/4" seam, mitering outside corners. On inside corners, sew the binding as you normally would, stopping with your needle down at the (imagined) intersection of the two 1/4" seam allowances. Pivot. Align the binding along the next edge and keep on sewing to the next corner. Stitch to 1" past the last corner. Overlap the end and the beginning of the binding by 1/2" and cut. With right sides together, pin and sew short edges of binding together using a 1/4" seam. You will have to fold this tree in half to sew this seam. Remove pins and lay binding back down on the tree with raw edges matching the edge. Begin sewing again where you stopped and sew to the end. Flip binding to the inside and stitch as close to the folded edge as possible neatly folding fabric in corners.



### Tree Potholder Template

Fold a piece of 11" x 17" paper in half to 11" x 8 1/2"

Place left edge of template on fold. Staple to secure template to folded paper.

Cut along all lines except the left.

