

Microwave Cozy

Let's make a Microwave Cozy! This is like a sculpted potholder to put under a bowl in the microwave for heating soup or veggies, for example. After heating, there is no need for potholders. This pattern was shared with me by a customer so, I lay no claim to this creativity.

First, let's talk about products. Since this will be used in the microwave, it is very important to use all 100% cotton products – thread, fabric and batting.

Speaking of batting, the Warm Co. has a product called Warm Tator Batting. This is a preferred product for cooking because it emits no chemicals. We have heard some complaints about batting, Warm Tator included, that melts or catches fire in the microwave when used in baking potato bags which heat for a longer period of time. We feel Warm Tator Batting is a safe product for Microwave Cozies, however, because Microwave Cozies are used for heating only.

FABRIC REQUIREMENT:

(2) 10" squares of 100% cotton fabric

(2) 10" squares of Warm Tator Batting

Now mark each piece of batting as shown below. First, from corner to corner (picture 1). Then from the middle of each side to the middle of each side (picture 2). Then mark $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " darts on each side (picture 3).

Here's how you mark the dart:

- From the center of each side, measure in $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and mark with a dot.
- Now, measure over $\frac{3}{4}$ " in each direction from the side-center mark and draw a line to connect to the center dot.

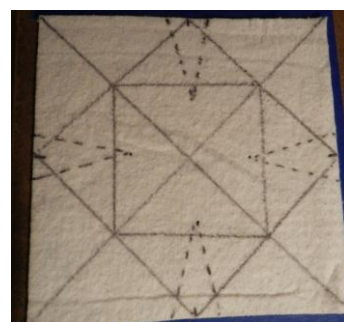
Picture 1



Picture 2



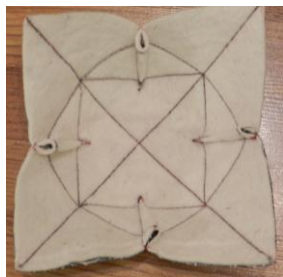
Picture 3



Layer a 10" marked batting square with a 10" cotton square, wrong sides together. Stitch together through both layers, stitching on all of the drawn lines shown in picture 1 and picture 2. Then stitch the darts, again through all layers (see picture 4).

Repeat with the other 10" marked square of batting and the other 10" square of fabric. Place these two units, right sides together (picture 5) and stitch a ½" seam allowance on each side, leaving a 6" opening on one side for turning. Trim corners and turn your Microwave Cozy inside out. Close opening with a whip stitch. (picture 6)

Picture 4



Picture 5



Picture 6

