

Pithy Projects

Ornament Project

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Mini Kitchen Towels

Magnets or Ornaments

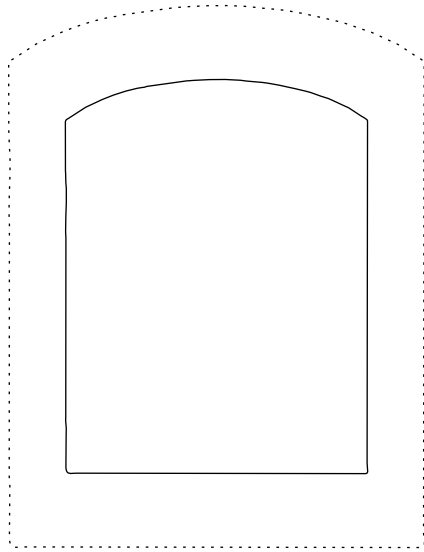
A fun ornament or magnet to accompany a gift any time of the year.

This is a great way to use remnants or scraps. I used Calcutta Cotton scraps for the towel fabric, but you could use a dish towel, wash cloth, or any loose weave fabric.

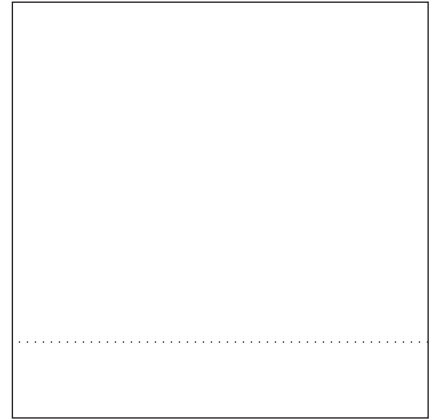
I used pieces cut approximately 3" x 4" (75mm x 100mm).

I hemmed the sides but left the bottom raw so it could be fringed.





Top front with seam allowance.



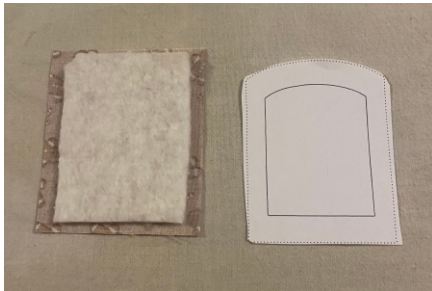
Back pieces. Dotted line indicates fold line.



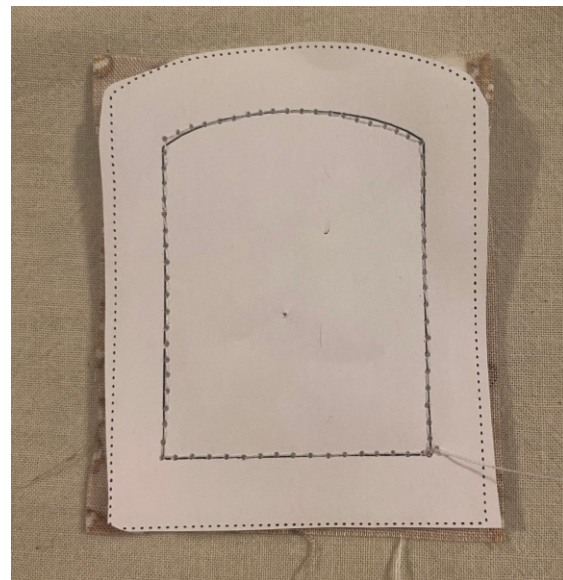
Towel - side hems marked with black dotted lines - red dotted line marks where a running stitch is placed to gather the fabric.



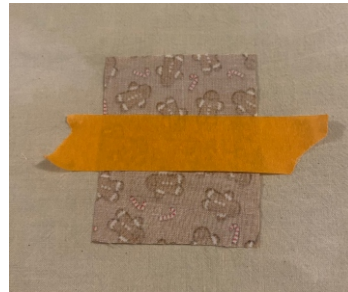
Assemble your pieces. It is good to hem and place the running stitches in the towel at the beginning.



Place the batting on the wrong side of the fabric. Then place the template over the batting. You will use the template as a stitching guide.



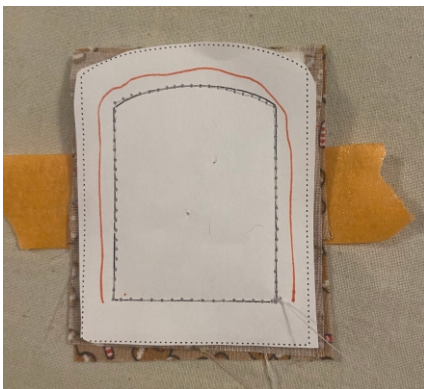
Using the template as a guide, sew the front pieces together. In this step you will sew around the entire piece. Tip: a small stitch will make for smoother curves. I forgot to shorten the stitch length on my machine and struggled to get a smoother curve on both sides.



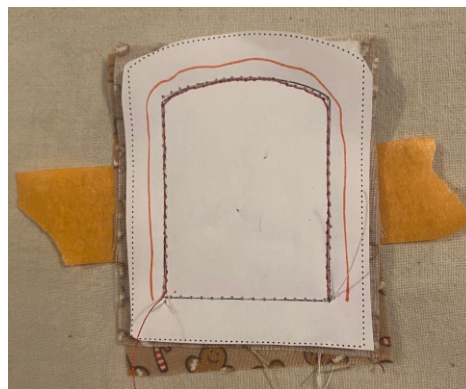
This shows the method of assembling the backing fabric. Masking tape works really well as a temporary way to hold the two pieces together.



Now its time to sew the backing to the front. You will stitch along the previous stitches (or slightly inside them). Just do not sew along the bottom.

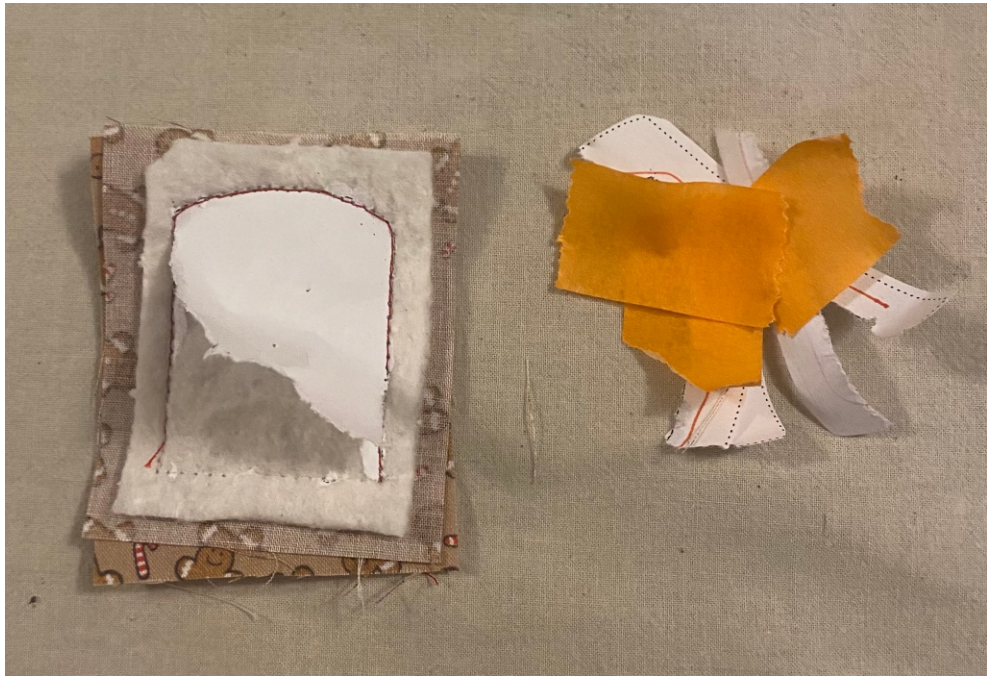


Before



After

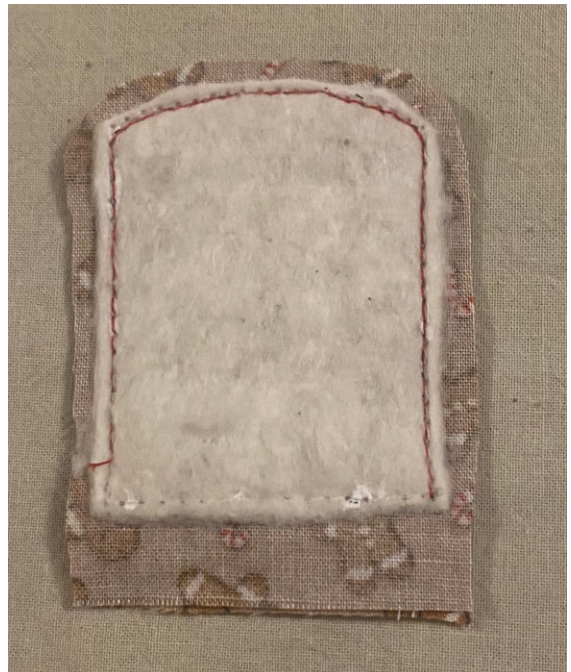
The orange lines show the area to stitch. Be sure to leave the bottom open for now.



You can now remove the paper.

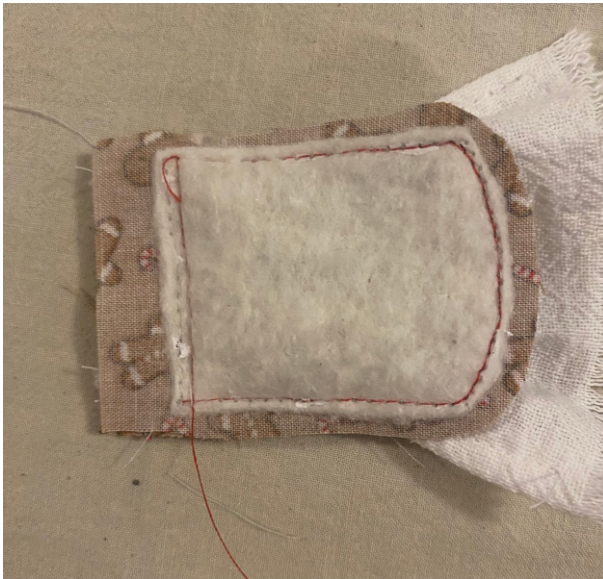
Trim the batting close to the stitching lines.

Trim the fabric leaving a small seam allowance. A larger amount of fabric should be left at the bottom for now.





Insert the towel through the back opening as shown in this photo. The back side of the towel is facing up.



You will sew the bottom closed by following the stitch line made when you first sewed the batting to the front fabric.

I sewed this with red and if you look closely you will see that I sewed this seam slightly to the inside of the first stitch line.



Now you can trim away the extra fabric.



Turn the topper right side out and press. Close the back by hand stitching or using some thing like Steam a Seam.

Add a snap or fastening of your choice.

