

# Holiday Hostess Hot Mitt Pattern

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Ho! Ho! Hot! Let us give you a hand with your holiday baking and gift-giving this season – our stylish **Holiday Hostess Hot Mitt** pattern is our gift to you. Fast and fun to make, it's perfect for everyone on your list – especially your favorite hostess, or that friend who's a baking fiend. Tuck your favorite recipe inside for an added dash of personalized charm.

The cookies might burn, but your fingers will be safe and so will your budget!



### What You Need:

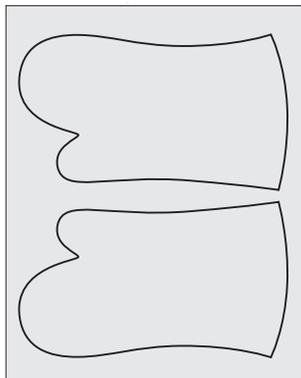
For the mitt front and back, piece together strips of cotton fabric, and trim to make a rectangle 5 inches x 20 inches. We used three strips of coordinating fabrics (from Denyse's *Daisy Mae* fabric collection at JoAnn Stores) as follows: 9-1/2 inches x 20 inches, 1 inch x 20 inches, and 6-1/2 inches x 20 inches. For the mitt lining, use a piece of cotton 16 inches x 21 inches. You'll need two pieces of cotton batting 16 inches x 21 inches. For the mitt hanger, you'll need 6 inches of ribbon or rick rack.

Creating multiple mitts? First make a template of the mitt pattern out of lightweight cardboard or template plastic. It will hold up better to multiple tracings.

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Figure A



## How to Sew the Holiday Hostess Hot Mitt:

### Prepare Fabric for Quilting

Piece together the strips of fabric for the mitt front and back, and trim to make a rectangle 15 inches x 20 inches. Cut a rectangle of fabric 16 inches x 21 inches for the mitt lining. Cut two pieces of batting 16 inches x 21 inches. Sandwich the two pieces of batting between the mitt front/back rectangle (right side up) and the lining rectangle (wrong side up). Baste the three layers together with large (1 – 2 inches long) hand-basting stitches, or use basting pins or straight pins around the perimeter to keep the layers from shifting as you stitch. Lightly trace the mitt pattern as shown in Figure A (flip the pattern over to create the mitt back) as a guide for machine-quilting.

*TIP: Align the skinny strip of fabric with the dashed lines on the template.*

### Quilt the Mitt Material

Since machine-quilting can distort unusual shapes, you'll quilt the layers as a rectangle, then cut out the mitt shape. With your machine set to about 10 stitches per inch, machine-quilt through all layers, in any pattern you prefer. You don't need to quilt the entire rectangle – focus on the area just outside and within the mitt shape. If you're new to machine-quilting, it's a good idea to practice first on some layered scrap fabric.

*TIP: You can cut the fabric rectangle in half to separate the mitt front and back before quilting to make it easier to handle.*

### Cut the Fabric

Retrace the mitt pattern on the quilted fabric. The quilting may distort the fabric a bit, so it's important to accurately transfer the pattern to the material before cutting. Cut out the mitt front and back pieces.

### Sew the Mitt

With right sides together and the edges aligned, pin the mitt front and back pieces together. Using a 1/4-inch seam allowance, stitch along the perimeter of the mitt, leaving the bottom open. Notch and grade the seam allowance around the edge of the curves to reduce bulk, and clip the pivot between the fingers and thumb. Turn the mitt right side out, and gently press.

### Finishing Touches

Edestich the raw edge of the mitt opening. Zig-zag, serge, or pink close to the edge stitching. Turn the edge 1/2 inch to the inside and pin. Fold the trim or rick rack in half, and insert the raw ends under the folded hem, on the pinky side of the mitt. Stitch around the opening of the mitt, close to the pinked edge.

**And there you have it, the The Holiday Hostess Hot Mitt – with the season's warmest greetings from Denyse Schmidt Quilts!**

Wrong side of fabric

Right side of fabric

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Enlarge 165% for mitt as shown.



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