

Microwave Bowl Holder

Pattern from:

<http://nannynotes2u.blogspot.com.au/2013/09/spin-pins-microwave-bowl-holder.html>

I was making the 'porridge' in the microwave and very nearly burnt myself and I remembered seeing these great microwave bowl holders AND I wanted to make something from our Swap Squares so this was the project for me!! Nanny's take on microwave bowl holders!!

Note: I am making mine to fit a 'Corelle' bowl which is about 6 1/4" in diameter and 4 1/2" across the base. Please check your dish for size and adjust accordingly.

You will need:

- i) 4 x 5" squares - (I am using some from the Black & White Swap.)
- ii) 1 x 9" square (you could use more squares if you like - I just want to use the same fabric to make a 'set' and I am cutting from a Fat Quarter so it has to be 9"
- iii) 2 x 8.5" squares of 100% cotton wadding - I am using 'Warm Tater' which is recommended for Microwave projects as it doesn't contain any resins or glues. (important for my Fibromyalgia!!)

NOTE: You will need to sew with cotton thread as well - no polyester!

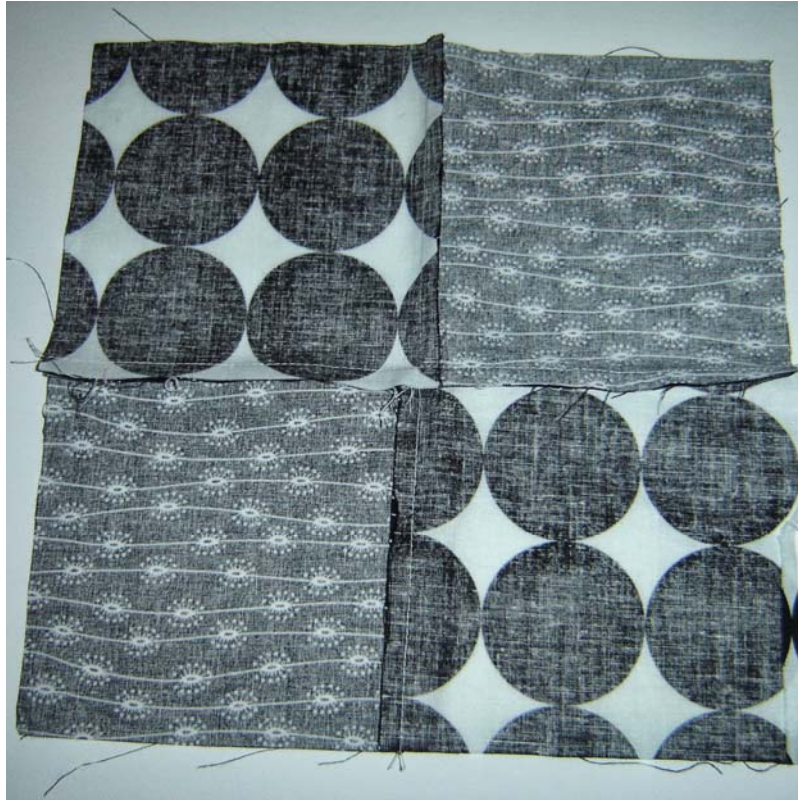
Let's Sew!!

Nanny xx

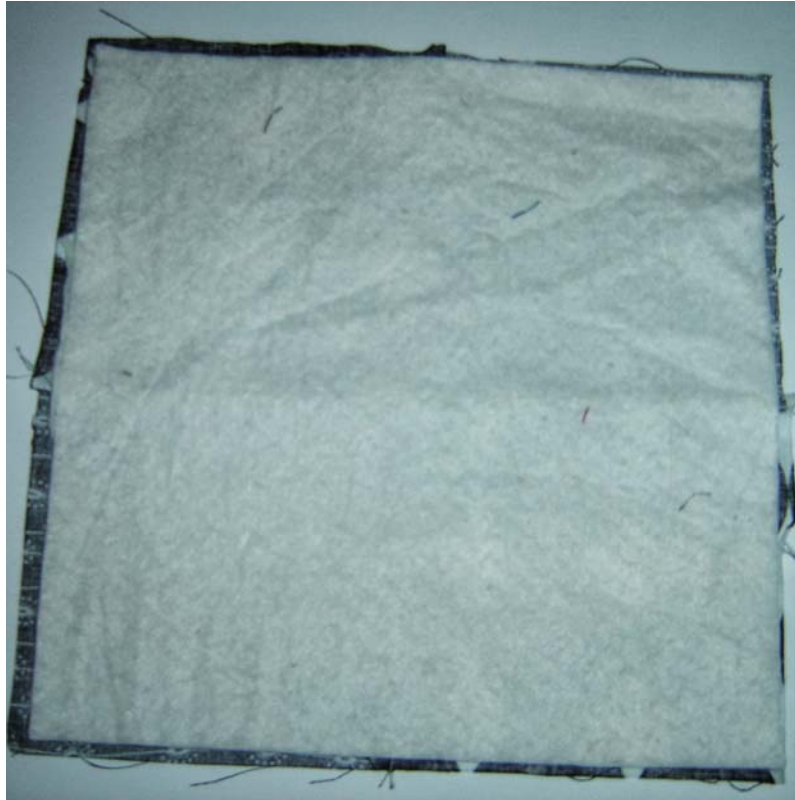
1. Select 4 squares and join them in pairs



2. Join the squares.



3. Take a square of wadding and pin to the wrong side of your squares



4. Quilt as desired - I am just going to follow the seams - nice and fast! I used white thread on the white background and black on the black. (I have swapped to my second one here hence the change in fabric!)



Trim your 2 quilted squares to the same size.

5. Now we have to shape it. Using your bowl as a guide, measure across the base - I will be using 4.5" (you want your bowl to be able to sit in the holder)



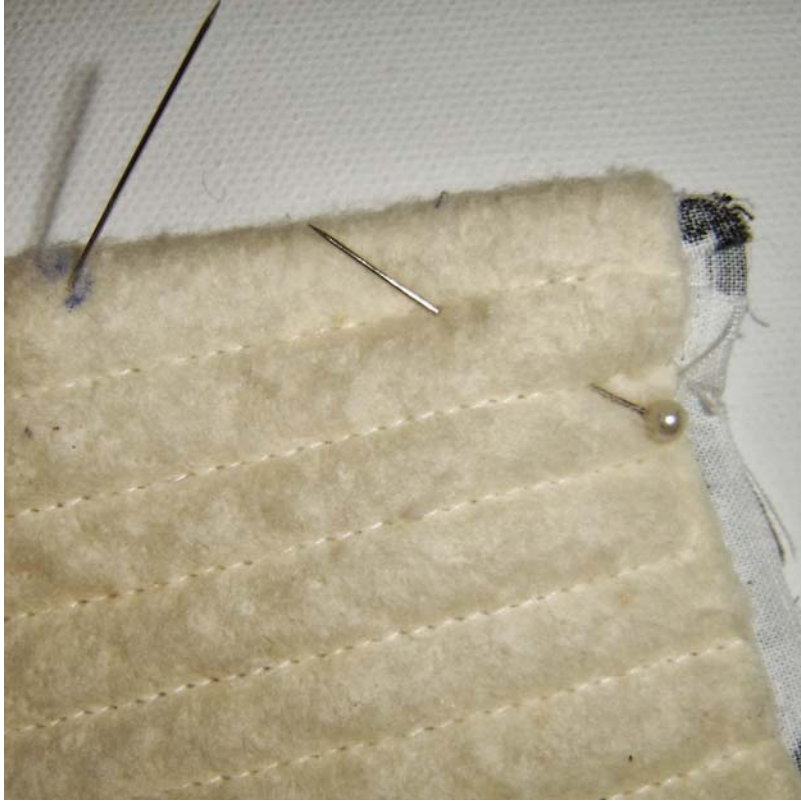
6. Mark that measurement along the seams each way.



Transfer the pin marks to the wrong side



7. Fold along the seam line and sew a dart - I went to the 2nd row of my quilting which is about 3/4" and taper to the mark you just made. Do that on each seam.



You now have a bowl shape.



8. Repeat that process on the other quilted square.

9. Place the 'bowls' right sides together and stitch around the edges leaving an opening for turning. (I came around a corner, finished with a back stitch and left it open to just before the dart then started with a backstitch and continued.) Clip corners and turn through to the right side.

10. Topstitch around the edge to finish!

I love it!!! Thank you to 'belmer from Minnesota' for the inspiration - these will be greatly used down here in Australia!!

You can have it this way up:



or this way!!



Enjoy your new microwave bowl holder !