

# How to Make Beautiful Butterfly Potholders

Butterfly-shaped potholders are a delightful way to brighten your kitchen or craft room while also being functional and heat-resistant. Whether you're making them as gifts or adding charm to your home, this Lapis Blue Butterfly Potholder tutorial will guide you through each step using easy-to-follow instructions.

## Materials:

- 1 fat quarter of plain black solid
- 1 fat quarter of navy or black multicolored dot cotton
- 1 (6 x 9 inch) piece of solid black fabric (for the body)
- 2 pieces of 9 x 9 inch muslin (backing)
- 2 pieces of 9 x 9 inch cotton batting or Insul-Brite
- 1 black hair elastic (for hanging loop)
- 2 black E beads (for antennae)
- Coordinating sewing thread
- Basic sewing tools (scissors, pins, iron, sewing machine, needle, etc.)

## Instructions:

### 1. Cut & Prepare the Wings:

- Fold the multicolored dot fabric in half, right sides together.
- Trace the butterfly wing template onto one side.
- Layer the traced fabric with muslin backing and cotton batting.
- Sew around the traced lines, cut  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch outside the stitch line.
- Clip curves, turn right side out, press well, and quilt as desired.

### 2. Add Detail to the Wings:

- Stitch a decorative oval in each wing section or create your own design.

### 3. Make the Butterfly Body:

- Use solid black fabric to trace and cut the body shape.
- Topstitch  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the edge.

### 4. Assemble the Potholder:

- Fold a black ribbon or elastic in half and pin to the top center of the wings.
- Stitch it in place.
- Place the butterfly body over the center, covering the loop ends.
- Stitch along both edges of the body.

### 5. Add Antennae:

- Stitch or glue two black E beads to the top of the butterfly's head.

