

## Vintage Bird Potholders by [Sew Weird Designs](#)

### Material Suggestions

Use a light to medium cotton or cotton/Polyester fabric.

### Color suggestions

Birdhouse fabric use a light white or off white.

Birds use light pastels.

Inside material use batting or felt.

### Materials

Masking tape

1/2 Yard or one fat quarter for birdhouse

small piece of scrap for base and roof.

1/2 yard or one fat quarter for each bird color

1/2 yard of batting or felt or 6 felt square.

### Video Tutorial

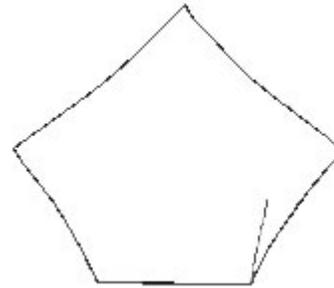


<http://www.youtube.com/SewWeird>



1. Hoop with tearaway stabilizer. Optional: Secure stabilizer in hoop using masking tape along the sides of the hoop.

### Start with the back of birdhouse



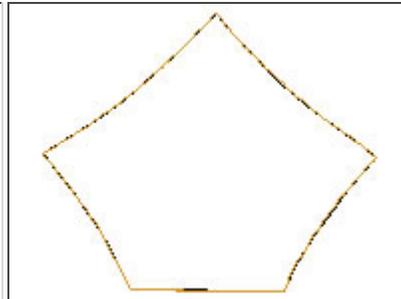
2. Sew Color stop #1 (placement stitch) to give you a fabric guide.



3. Place one piece of felt or batting and house fabric right side up.



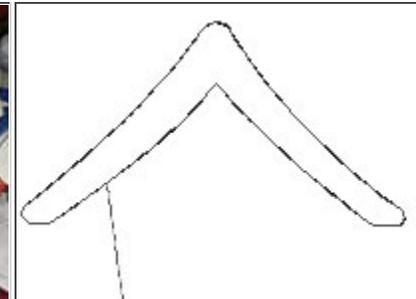
4. Tape down on the sides.



5. Sew next color stop #2 (secure stitch)



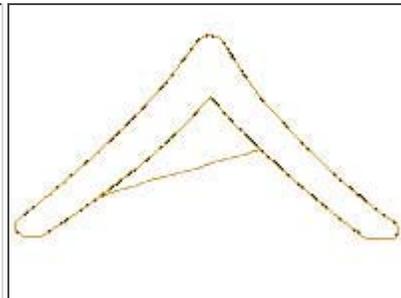
6. Trim close to edges.



7. Sew next color stop #3 the roof placement stitch.



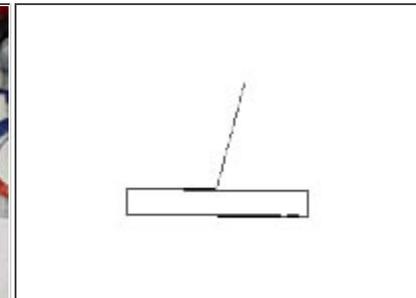
8. Tape down felt or batting and roof



9. Sew next color stop #4 (secure stitch).

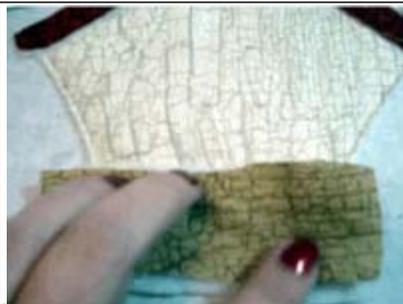


10. Trim fabric close to stitching



11. Sew color stop #5 placement stitch

fabric with right side up.



12. Tape down felt or batting and base fabric with right side up.



13. Sew Color stop #6, secure stitch



14. Trim close to fabric

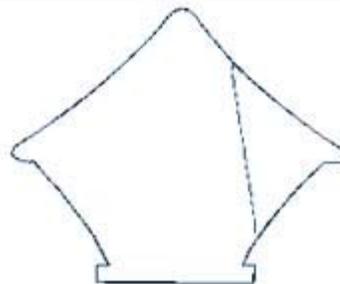
for the bird house base.

**Recipe Equivalents**  
3 Teaspoons = 1 Tablespoon  
16 Tablespoons = 1 Cup  
2 Cups = 1 Pint  
4 Cups = 1 Quart  
2 Pints = 1 Quart  
4 Quarts = 1 Gallon

15. Sew color stop #7, the "Recipe Equivalents"



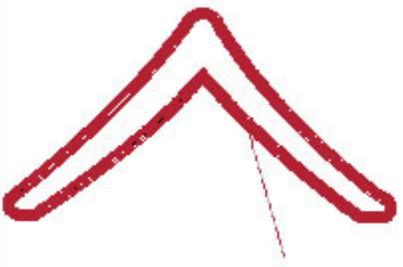
16. Turn hoop over. Tape birdhouse fabric to back with right side up.



17. Sew color stop #8



18. Trim fabric close to stitching.



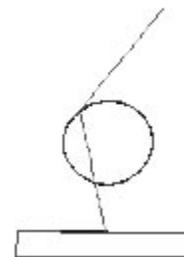
19. Change bobbin thread to match roof fabric and top thread. Sew color stop # 9 Red



20. Take out of hoop and remove stabilizer. Set aside and start on the front.

### Birdhouse Front

Follow instruction from back #1-#10



11. Sew Color Stop #5, placement stitch.



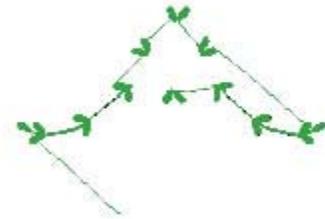
12. Tape down bird hole fabric and birdhouse base like in #12 .



13. Sew Color Stop #6 secure stitch



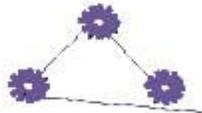
14. Trim fabrics close to the stitching



15. Color Stop #7 Green



16. Color Stop #8 Blue



17. Color Stop #9 Purple



18. Color Stop #10 Pink



19. Color Stop #11 Gold



20. Color Stop #12 Brown



Color Stop #13 Gray

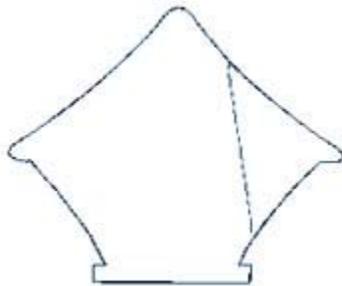


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22. Stop after satin stitch bird hole.



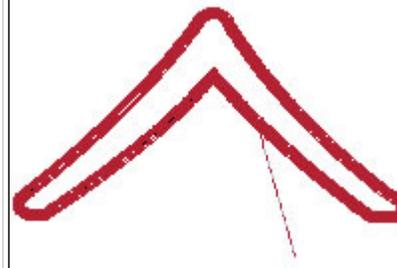
23. Turn over to back, tape down a piece of birdhouse fabric for inside lining.



24. Sew color stop # 14 secure stitch



25. Trim close to stitching.



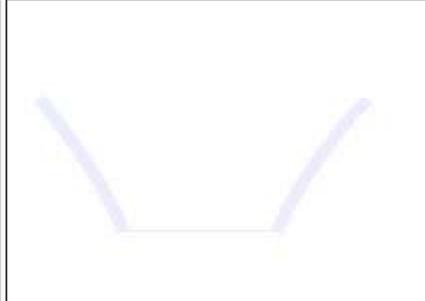
26. Change bobbin thread color to match top thread of roof sating stitch.



27. Leave design in hoop and turn over



28. Tape back of birdhouse you sat aside to back side of front bird house.



29. Change bobbin thread to match birdhouse fabric . Sew color stop # 16 to sew front and back at the sides.

Sew color stop # 15



30. Change bobbin thread to match bird house base.

to the back.



31. Sew color stop # 17



32. Take out of hoop and remove stabilizer. Start on the handle.



**Bird House Handle**

1. Hoop tearaway stabilizer.



2. Sew Color Stop #1, handle placement stitch



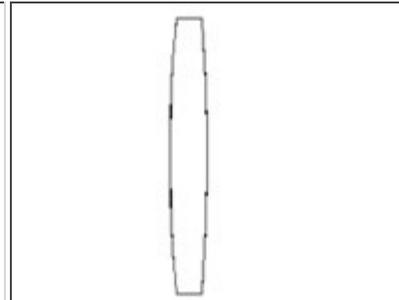
I have sewn mine next to the birdhouse in the same hoop.



3. Tape one piece of felt or batting and handle fabric with right side up over placement stitch on front...



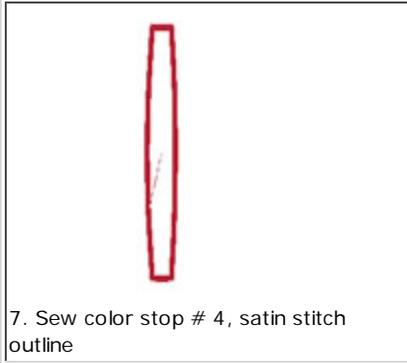
4. ...and on back side.



5. Sew color stop #3, secure stitch



6. Trim fabric close to stitching on front and back side.



7. Sew color stop # 4, satin stitch outline



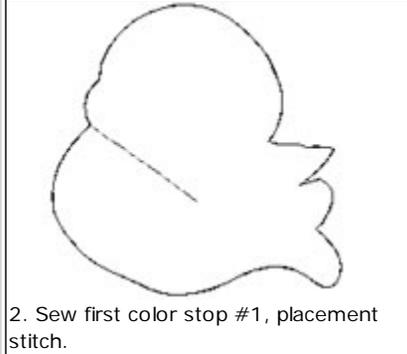
8. Take out of hoop and remove stabilizer.



9. Secure handle to the front and back of birdhouse with a button.



1. Hoop tearaway stabilizer



2. Sew first color stop #1, placement stitch.



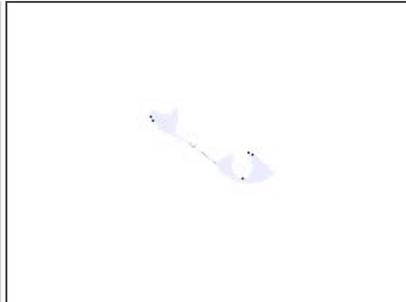
3. Tape down one piece of felt and bird fabric with right side up.



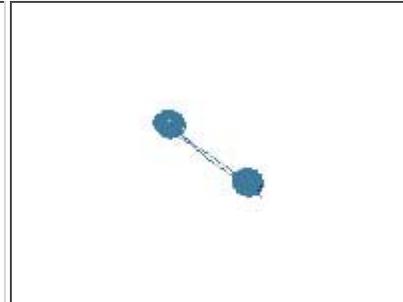
4. Sew color stop # 2, secure stitch



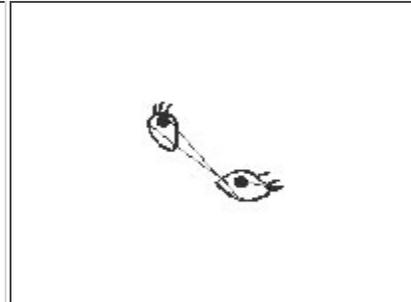
5. Leave in hoop and continue to sew the next color stops. Do not trim.



6. Color Stop #3 White



7. Color Stop #4 Blue



8. Color Stop #5 Black



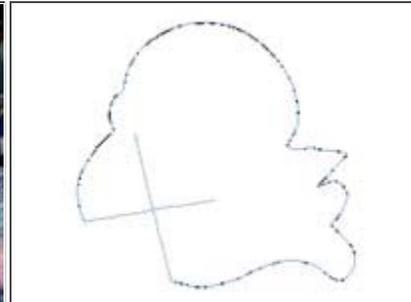
9. Color Stop #6 Gold



10. After color stop #6. Turn hoop over.



11. Place bird fabric right side down and



12. Sew Color Stop #7 to sew front

Potholder Bird



13. Remove from hoop and trim clipping curves and corners.



14. Turn right side out.

felt or batting. Tape down.



15. Slip stitch close bottom.

and back together.



16. Place inside birdhouse.