TREADLE & SPOOL

Pumpkin Pot Holder

small, quick, useful — and cute enough to hang on a hook

from the sewing room at Granny Plants

What's inside:

- A round, ridged pot holder in a pumpkin silhouette
- Insulated batting so it actually protects your hands
- A hanging loop, because it should live on a hook, not a drawer
- Pairs with the Placemat & Napkin Set for a matching gift bundle

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Quick project — most sewists finish one in under an hour.
Insulated batting (like Insul-Bright) is the one non-negotiable material here.

Materials & cutting

You’ll need:

- Fabric A (front): one 9" square
- Fabric B (back): one 9" square
- Insulated batting (such as Insul-Bright): two 9" squares
- A 4" strip of ribbon or fabric for the hanging loop
- A dinner plate or 8" circle template for tracing

Cutting:

- Trace and cut an 8" circle from Fabric A, Fabric B, and both batting squares (4 circles total)

Sewing it up

1. **Stack the layers.**
   Layer both batting circles together, then Fabric B right side UP on top, then Fabric A right side DOWN on top of everything — four layers stacked as one sandwich.

2. **Add the loop.**
   Fold your ribbon or fabric strip in half to make a loop. Tuck the raw ends between the Fabric A and Fabric B layers at one edge (this will be the top), with the loop pointing inward, raw edges matching the outer edge.

3. **Sew around, leaving a gap.**
   Pin everything in place. Sew all the way around with a 1/2" seam through all four layers, leaving a 3" gap for turning. The loop ends get caught in this seam and will be secure.

4. **Clip, turn, and press.**
   Clip small notches around the curved edge (careful not to cut the stitches) so it turns smoothly. Turn right side out through the gap, poke the seam fully round, and press flat.

5. **Topstitch and quilt.**
   Topstitch 1/4" from the edge all the way around, closing the gap. Then stitch 5-6 lines from the center out to the edge, like ridges on a pumpkin, to quilt the layers together and stop the batting from shifting.

Granny’s notes:

This is a great way to use up the same fabric leftover from the placemat set.
Two insulated batting layers is the trick — one alone won’t protect against a hot pan.
Makes a sweet, fast gift on its own when there isn’t time for the whole table set.