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Extra, Extra! Fun Ways to Use My Fabric Bowl Pattern

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Since I've released my [Soup Bowl Cozy pattern](#) late last year, it's been downloaded more than half a million times! Because it's such a popular pattern, I wanted to showcase more ways to use this quick and easy pattern other places in your home!

1. Use it to corral TV remotes in the living room. (I'm not promising everyone in your household will remember to put them there, but at least they'll have a place!)
 2. Place a bowl on your dresser to hold jewelry, chapstick, and other beauty essentials.
 3. I use two bowls in my sewing room to keep my most-used supplies close at hand. I frequently use one to transport supplies for embroidery or binding on the go.
 4. Hold potted plants in a bowl. It adds a decorative touch to your decor and keeps dirt and water splashes off surfaces.
 5. Transport spices, napkins, and silverware from the kitchen to the table with a bowl that acts as a pretty centerpiece.
 6. Place a bowl by the front door as a catchall for keys, sunglasses, letters, and more.
- And last, but not least, you can use it for its intended purpose – [a soup bowl cozy!](#) (Or ice cream. I'm not judging!)

[Get the free pattern here.](#)

Thanks for joining my for "happy hour,"

Lindsay

P.S. What others uses do you have for this pattern? I'd love to add them to the list!

[#free pattern](#), [#gift ideas](#)

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Zaida Castro

October 15, 2020 at 8:54 am

I appreciated this beautiful idea. A neighbor stop by at my house and presented me with this basket fill with delicious bread she had made and a condolence card. It was very touching. When I saw the free pattern you published I was happy as I love it and started making a few to give others this beautiful gift made my me.

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Louise

July 25, 2020 at 3:37 am

Thanks for the simple instructions, hoping to get some made

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Valorie

May 22, 2020 at 9:06 am

You can use your decorative stitches for the "X's" too. Just a nice touch for a gift. I have made hundreds of these in many different sizes. Great gifts. We have used our personal ones for years. Many of your suggestions are great and never thought of them for some of the other uses. We can always learn something new.

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Carol Wood

May 16, 2020 at 6:02 pm

I'm so glad you've shown how to make these Bowl cozies (aka Bowl buddies!). Two additional reasons to use them, which I recommend is: to serve Ice cream (placed around normal bowls, so it won't melt too quickly!). I've also made these bowls larger to accommodate hot casseroles. It helps protect table tops + it catches any drips! Thank goodness they're washable!

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Yobi Spear

December 17, 2019 at 4:47 pm

Thank you so very much for this pattern, I just wanted you to know it is appreciated! God Bless

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rose trimble

November 14, 2019 at 10:57 pm

I've used mine as a snack bowl.

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Sally Gordon

February 17, 2019 at 4:26 pm

I have been making these for a few years now! It is really nice of you to share your pattern and tutorial with everyone.

Just wanted to share another way I use these cozies. I place a coffee filter in the cozy and then put snacks in them. This keeps hands out of the bags and helps to keep us from over doing on the snacks. The filter soaks up any possible oils and can be tossed in the trash when empty.

Hubby uses his for holding his ice cream bowl. Keeps his hands from getting too cold. LOL

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donna C rose

March 11, 2019 at 5:20 pm

I am trying to modify this pattern to make a coffee cup pattern. Any suggestions?

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Carol Wood

May 16, 2020 at 6:06 pm

Sally, thanks for sharing your excellent idea using coffee filters to keep cozies clean for longer. I also use cozies to help keep cold ice cream from melting in warm hands. We're on the same 'page', so to speak!

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Michelle

July 8, 2020 at 1:51 pm

I've been making these for several years now, buy instead of an "X" I quilt a daisy-like pattern, one petal per quadrant. It goes pretty quickly once you get the muscle memory down, and so much cuter!

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Lorena Boutin

February 9, 2019 at 12:58 pm

I have made 2 so far and find them very easy to do and thanks for the larger sizes info.

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Joyce

February 6, 2019 at 10:41 am

What kind of fabric can you use?

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 **happyhourstitches**

February 6, 2019 at 6:55 pm

You can use any 100% cotton fabric!

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mary

January 28, 2019 at 12:31 pm

Did it without the pattern and boy was it flat, just guessing measurements. Now I have the real thing. Looking forward to making some for grandchildren that are on their own. Thank you. Can't wait to get busy.

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Kris Dobbins

December 17, 2018 at 6:56 pm

Is it necessary to wet the 100% cotton batting before making the soup cozy?

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December 17, 2018 at 9:32 pm

No need to wet at all!

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Sheryl block

October 21, 2018 at 7:31 pm

Hi there I went to some Craft shows this weekend and I seen some that were kinda on the round and it looked like they were using with plates and paper plates have u by chance made any like that and if u have would u mind putting instructions and pic of how to do one, I think if I can make one for my elderly father who has the start of dementia I think it would be easier for him to hold a plate would not be so hot for his hands okay thanks I hope you can come up with something. And willing to share I would have bought one but didn't have the money to buy one and with the paternity of the bowls I will make some of them as soon as I can.

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Estalee

July 21, 2018 at 3:03 pm

Thank you for the pattern. I have made these for several people as gifts. Then they started asking me for a plate cozy. I just made the squares 15 inches and you can use them for a large bowl or a dinner plate. Everyone loves them for plates. Again thank you for the pattern.

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Tamy

October 18, 2020 at 6:36 am

I love your instructions! So easy to follow. Will be making about 30 of these for Christmas. My family just loves them. Thank you so much

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Lynn

July 11, 2018 at 9:41 pm

Can't wait to try this pattern. Great step by step tutorial. So easy to understand. Thanks for sharing

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Linda McEachern he

July 9, 2018 at 3:28 pm

Wondering how to incorporate a handle and making them bigger for transferring hot platters/bowls from the stove/oven to table or to other homes

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Lucy Oats

June 30, 2018 at 7:15 pm

Hi just wondering if anyone can tell me exactly how long these can be put into the microwave for at any time please. My sister who put me onto this says 2 mins NO more, which really only allows for reheating, was wondering if I can use it for a bit longer to actually cook something? It's a brilliant idea to use for cold food. I am going to try to make like a detailed quilt with Velcro going between the handle which I know won't be microwave safe for my hubbies very hot coffees to see how that works. Hoping someone can answer me. Have a happy day

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Lynn

July 11, 2018 at 9:45 pm

Haven't made one yet so don't have a direct answer for you. However, I was going to use these to transport from kitchen to table. Not necessarily to cook in.

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July 11, 2018 at 10:43 pm

I say 3-5 minutes depending on your microwavel

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ConnieZ

June 12, 2019 at 11:38 am

I have been boiling water in a 4 cup measuring cup and put the soup cozy underneath. I think I boil for 4 minutes. Have never had a problem with 4-6 minutes on frozen foods

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Dorykay

June 23, 2018 at 5:43 pm

I have made over one hundred of these over the last few years. Everyone loves them! My sister had me custom make some for her dinner plates. Measured and made them 2 inches bigger than the plate and decreased the length of the darts. Once you have made a few, it's easy to adjust to any size you need.

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Beth McLaughlin

June 22, 2018 at 1:50 pm

Can I put the silver heat resistance fabric that they use for ironing boards inside the two layers of batting. Or is it considered flammable. I had a bag to bake potatoes in and it caught on fire. Don't know what was inside as I bought it.

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June 22, 2018 at 1:55 pm

The silver heat resistant material can absolutely not be microwaved! (It's like putting metal in your microwave.)

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 **Maureen K Lynch**

March 15, 2019 at 3:57 pm

I've just found 100% cotton ironing board fabric at JoAnn's. It's quilted and the description says it can be used for hot pads, etc. so I'm planning to try it for a bowl cozy.

Also, I made the first one wrong except that it turned out to be just right. It fits my small frying pan that I use for scrambled eggs in the morning. I can eat right from the pan, like Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson in *Something's Got to Give*! I'm single, so I don't have to share.

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Rosemary

June 5, 2018 at 11:24 am

I made a few and I love it. It works great for holding cold bowls of ice cream also. I'm making some for a bridal shower gift as well.

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KayeWathen

June 3, 2018 at 4:42 pm

When you are top stitching these, do you use a walking foot? Any advice for top stitching?

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June 3, 2018 at 5:40 pm

If your machine is having trouble sewing through all the layers in this project, you have a few options to help! You can cut the batting squares at 9.5" square and center them on the fabric 10" squares before sewing. This will eliminate extra batting bulk in the seam allowance. You can trim the seam allowance to 1/8" before turning and topstitching to eliminate bulk in the seam allowance. You can also try sewing with a walking foot to more easily glide over the layers when sewing.

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Deanna

October 13, 2018 at 9:28 pm

Yes, much easier with a walking foot for top stitching, at least!

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Linda B

May 19, 2018 at 3:03 pm

Would you be willing to share exactly what your tag says to explain what the bowls are? Thanks for the pattern.

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Maria Bashford

April 11, 2018 at 7:10 pm

Thanks for the pattern for the soup bowl cosies. I made heaps to give away as Christmas presents- people loved them and said why had this not been thought of before? Thank you again! (They're also good for pasta bowls if you make them a little bigger)

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Theresa

April 9, 2018 at 9:20 am

Thanks I have been wanting to make a few of these. So much fabric so little time....

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Betsy Perri

March 31, 2018 at 8:29 pm

Can I use your pattern to make the soup bowl holders to sell?

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April 1, 2018 at 2:08 pm

Sure!

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Lori

March 12, 2018 at 10:41 am

If you plan to ever use in microwave, be sure to use everything 100% cotton.

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Jilljill

March 10, 2018 at 7:56 pm

Can you give the different sizes for the inner "seams" (as in 1" x 2" for the 10" pattern) for 12" & 14" please? I imagine they would be different??

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Pam

February 18, 2018 at 10:31 am

OMG! My mother-in-law bought me a set while visiting Texas! I have loads of batik fabric I can use! These are wonderful! Thank you so much for sharing! I have also placed it on my Pinterest/sewing site and am following. Your quilting ideas are beautiful as well! Everyone I know will be getting one to two sets (depending on how many people are in the family 😊)

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Georgia School

April 9, 2018 at 3:54 pm

Thanks for the free pattern. It is a blessing to get something so nice without money. I am on a fixed income and can do these for gifts. I am havin a new Arotic valve replaced in May and I have been using these for the special staff that have been such a blessing

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Marge

February 10, 2018 at 5:13 pm

Made one for friend in nursing home for her to put her remote for t.v.and her glasses when she is ready to call it a day.am going to use Easter fabric and use instead of Easter baskets think it will be cute.easy pattern!!

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Tressie Childers

January 18, 2018 at 9:29 am

I need a smaller one for my coffee cup but don't know exactly what the measurements would be

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Betty

January 14, 2018 at 9:42 pm

This is so awesome! Thank you much

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Mindy

January 5, 2018 at 2:17 pm

I made one during nap time for my toddler to use. The fabric I used is Dr Suess – Green Eggs and Ham. I'm sure he will use it for it's intended purpose but I also thought he can use it for his play kitchen or maybe he would like it in his bedroom to catch his matchbox cars. Who knows what uses he will come up with for it. Thanks for a fun and easy project!

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Mary

November 27, 2017 at 3:11 pm

I accidentally made my measurements for the tucks backwards- 2" tall by 1" long. it makes a cute candy dish.

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Vic

November 22, 2017 at 6:47 am

This could be scaled up a bit to make a cat bed, especially with some stiff fabric on the outside and a fleece on the inside. My mother's petit cat would love it.

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Chatlene

October 31, 2017 at 7:18 pm

Bought materials tonight can't wait for my day off. Gonna make for family and friends. I am gonna momograham some with family initials.

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Brenda Pierce

October 31, 2017 at 2:54 pm

I make 10x10. 12x12 and 14x14

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Helen Redmond

November 19, 2017 at 6:04 pm

Hi Brenda,

When making your measurements for cutting on your 12 x12 & 14x14. What are they. Thank you

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Carol

October 2, 2018 at 10:06 am

Do you know how large is the darts out on 12 & 14 inch are.

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 **happyhourstitches**

October 6, 2018 at 9:05 am

12" squares; put darts 1" across and 2.5" down (8" bowls)

14" squares; put darts 1" across and 3" down (12" bowls)

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Kath Baillie

October 27, 2017 at 11:50 pm

I am going to make one this afternoon. Thank you for sharing.

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Pj

October 21, 2017 at 2:36 am

can these be washed in the washing machine ?

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 **happyhourstitches**

October 21, 2017 at 9:11 am

Yes, they can!

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 **Becky**

October 21, 2017 at 10:11 pm

I made one tonight and it was beautifully quick and easy! If I knew how to insert a photo I would. Thank you!!

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Mary Alice Surface

October 19, 2017 at 7:47 am

Thank you for this PDF. I hope to make some for 2 autistic teen girls for Christmas. No more dropped bowls of Ramen!!! I bought the Simplicity pattern, but their's was complicated and used zigzag edges which made them look tacky.

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Laura

October 2, 2017 at 5:33 pm

I tried to make a pattern for this, but yours is so simple and easy!

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Denise begin

September 23, 2017 at 3:19 pm

I'm impress and so practical thanks a bunch

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Twila Mustain

September 19, 2017 at 3:38 pm

How about put in a 'buttonhole' and use it as a charging station for your smaller electronic devices.

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September 20, 2017 at 11:14 am

Great ideal

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Valerie Zhou

September 10, 2017 at 9:31 pm

Would be cute in a guest room with a card with the WiFi password, mini shampoo bottle, soap, eye mask, tea bags etc

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September 10, 2017 at 10:27 pm

Love that ideal!

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Peggy

July 2, 2017 at 2:34 am

I have used it as bread bowl

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Elaine Strain

June 18, 2017 at 1:14 pm

These are great for bowls of ice cream as well! No more frozen fingers!

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Gill

May 27, 2017 at 4:19 am

Hello, I'm wondering what size soup bowls these fit best. Thanks!

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May 27, 2017 at 1:56 pm

They are for 8"-diameter bowls!

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 **Beverly**

October 17, 2017 at 7:04 pm

Do you have calculations for a smaller and larger one. Love to utilize for other items. Jewelry bowl, also crochet bowl. So many ideas

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David

May 4, 2017 at 7:14 am

We have 2 and just love them. Used mainly for soup right now, but with all your creative ideas, am thinking of a manly way to incorporate some common tools.

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