

Children's Oven Mitt



My little girl loves to help in the kitchen with me, so when she received a beautiful timber kitchen for her birthday and immediately grabbed my oven mitt, I knew she had to have one which was sized for her little hands. This pattern should fit hands to about 8 years old, maybe even a little older. Many grateful thanks must go to Alex at Moonstitches [<http://moonstitches.typepad.com/moonstitches/>] for the inspiration for the oven mitt – she made the original one that I use daily, and which my daughter kept playing with, and I have used that as a template for this child's version.

You will need:

Scraps of linen and patterned fabrics approx. 5" x 14", Cotton wadding approx 5" x 16",

Coordinating lining fabric approx 5" x 16"

Template [attached]

Thread, scissors, pins etc

Sew a strip of linen and a strip of feature fabric together on the long side. Press seam open. Double fabric over, right sides facing out, making sure seam lines up. Lay pattern piece so the dashed line follows the seam on the right side, pin in place. You can have the linen to the top, or the bottom of the mitt, whichever you feel works best. Cut the two pieces out. Now cut two wadding pieces. And two lining pieces making sure you reverse the shape on one of them.

Sandwich the outer piece (the seamed piece), wadding and lining together in that order, and pin to hold everything together. Sew vertical lines at whatever spacings you like down the mitt. I just use

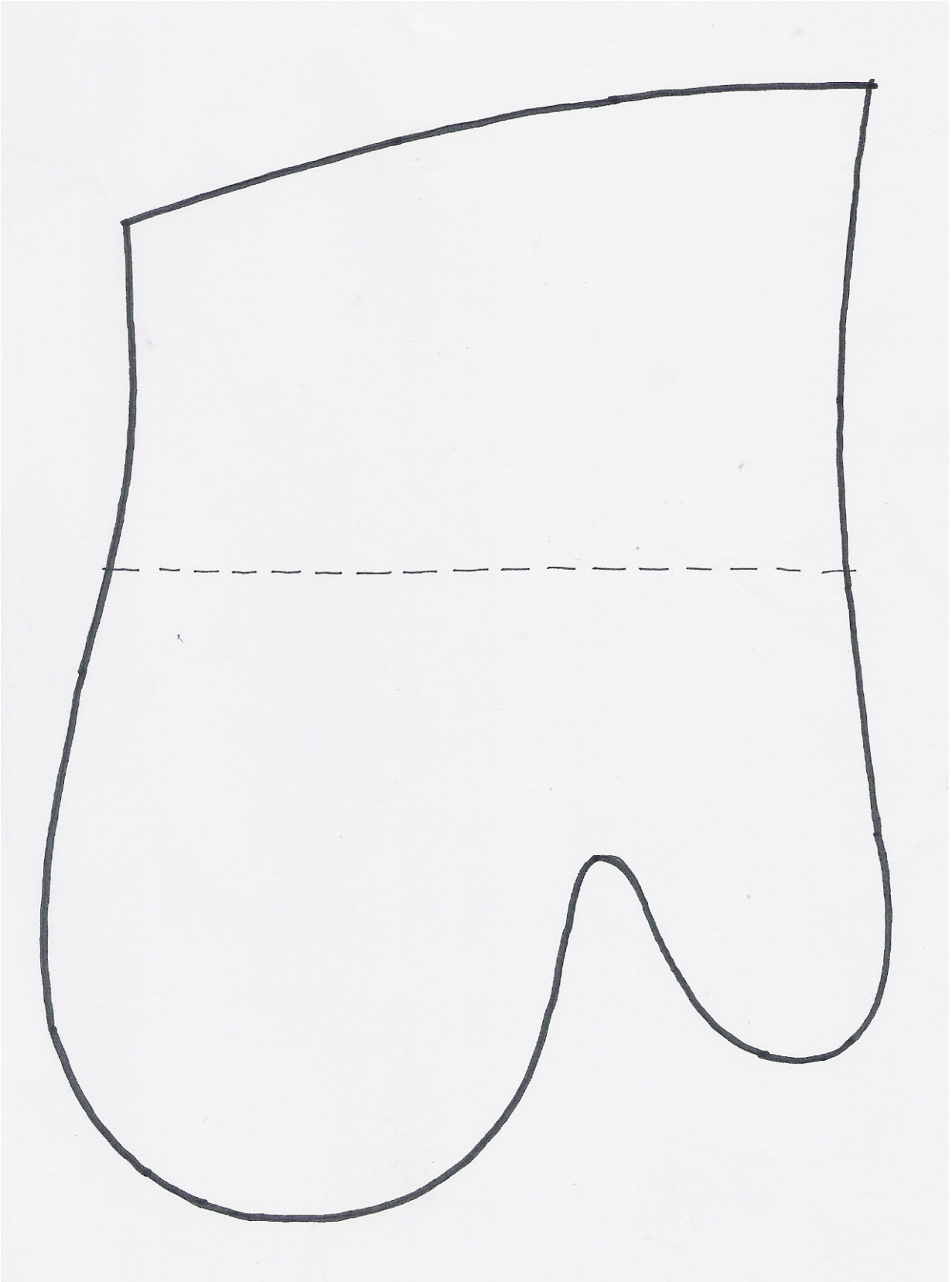
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the edge of the presser foot as a gauge for spacings, but you can mark your own lines as you wish with a pen which fades. Trim all stray threads. Trim the mitt to the linen – I'm a BAD quilter, and so my fabrics move a lot, and I just trim afterwards to suit. Repeat for second mitt piece. With right sides facing, pin both mitt pieces together and trim again as necessary to get a nice smooth shape. Using a close together zig zag stitch, sew along the bottom opening edges to seal them. Now sew your seams using about 7.5mm seam allowance. Clip along edge between thumb and hand taking care not to clip through stitching. Turn mitt inside out, and press to lay flat.

Give to child and hope they make pretend muffins and hot chocolate for afternoon tea!

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