



Microwave Bowl Cozy Get a Grip Template *No Slipping ~ No Kidding!*

The Microwave Bowl Cozy Get a Grip Template makes it easy to cut multiple layers accurately & quickly!

Plus, laser cut holes ensure that darts are consistent, giving a professional look to your finished project.



Laser Cut Holes

A video called "Microwave Bowl Template" can be found at www.youtube.com/Lindavideos and www.WinnerDesigns.com.

Ever burned your fingers or had to clean up spills when dealing with your microwave? No more with this template. Place your bowl in the cozy and then into the microwave. To remove it, grab the rounded corners and no burned fingers! If you spill, your cozy will catch the mess. Just stick the cozy in the washer later. It's great for cold things like ice cream; no cold fingers! Plus, your ice cream will stay cold longer...! Ready to make one? Let's go!

Directions for Making a Microwave Bowl with Rounded Corners

What you Need:

2 fat quarters 100% cotton* 12" x 12"
2 pieces batting 100% cotton* 12" x 12"
100% Cotton Thread

Cutting mat, rotary cutter
Sewing Machine
Chopstick or turning tool

Fabric Marker or Pen
Straight Pins or Clips

Microwave Bowl Cozy Template or No Slip Strip Ruler & Round Offs from www.WinnerDesigns.com

*Fabric, batting and thread must be 100% cotton. We don't want any fires in the microwave!

*1/4" batting is better than 1/8" but both will work

Note: When trying something new, I do a practice piece. I grab some junky fabric that I don't care about. This fabric has a direction and isn't that attractive; perfect for my practice piece! Totally up to you whether you do this or whether you use your good stuff...

If you haven't cut with the Get a Grip material before, go to my website www.WinnerDesigns.com to watch a cutting video. You'll soon see the value of the Get a Grip material!

Cutting and Marking Fabric:

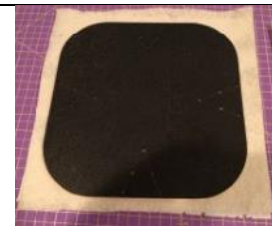
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It's easiest to cut 2 pieces of your cotton fabric and 2 pieces of batting first into smaller pieces. I cut mine 12" but anything larger than 11" will work.









Once cut, take 1 piece of batting and 1 piece of cotton and place the cotton right side down then place the batting on top of that. Make 2 sets and put 1 aside for now.















Place Cozy template on top of the 1 piece of cotton and 1 batting. Cut around. Watch video for cutting suggestions. Notice how the Get a Grip 'grabs' the fabric so you can cut accurately!

		
To make darts, use a marking pen. (I used a Sharpie for the photos; don't use one as they bleed through to your mat!) Most any pen works. Make a dot in each hole.	Here's what the dots look like when finished.	Use any straight edge to draw lines to connect the dots. The Microwave Bowl Cozy works well since it has the Get a Grip omthe back.
		Fold these 2 pieces of fabric in half in the other direction and draw a line. These lines won't show so you can use most any pen but a Sharpie. Then repeat the process for the other 2 pieces of fabric!
We're going to sew diagonally, so we need to draw a line. Fold the 2 pieces of fabric in half from corner to corner and give a good finger press.	Use a ruler (I'm using the 4" x 16" with the Get a Grip) and draw a line from corner to corner. If you can't see the fold mark, repeat the previous step using an iron.	

At the Sewing Machine:

		
Pin or don't pin, it's up to you. New to sewing? Pin! Stitch down from corner to corner, following your line as you go.	Turn to the other corner and stitch from corner to corner following the line.	Time for the darts! Match up the marks on the front and back and stitch, following your mark. I like to stitch just a bit past the dart end. Backstitch at the beginning and end.
		
Stitch all of the darts on both pieces, totaling 8. Here are the two pieces with the X and the darts stitched.	Trim off excess fabric from the darts.	With right sides together, tuck one bowl into the other. I've pulled the fabric back so you can see the inside fabric.

		
Press the top piece into the bottom and smooth out, removing any puckers. Match up the darts and start pinning there.	Pin all around, making sure there aren't any puckers. Leave yourself a 2 1/2" - 3" opening for turning. Mine is at the top right in the picture.	Using roughly a 3/8" seam allowance, start stitching around the bowl.
		
When you get to a dart, leave the needle down and pick up the presser foot so that you can pivot.	Once you've pivoted, place the foot down.	This is the bowl sewn all around except for the opening. Backstitch at the start and stop.
		
Trim and snip as much of the excess batting as possible without cutting into the stitches.	Turn right side out. Smooth fabric out so that you get a nice finished edge. You can go to iron to make this really nice. (I didn't here but if I were giving these as gifts or selling, I would!)	Smooth out for a nice edge and pin.
		
Top stitch 1/4" or a scant 1/4" from the edge.	Pivot when you get to a dart.	At the opening that you left, pin, making sure that you have all edges tucked in nicely.

That's it! Play with it a bit, pushing and molding it into shape. Grab a bowl and go make yourself something to eat!

		
Here's how it looks with an average bowl.	This bowl is a little wider and flatter.	This is a tall mug-type bowl. If you're making specifically for something like this, adjust your darts so that they are much longer.
		
Another Cozy with a flat bowl and nicer fabric.	A bowl that's perfect for this cozy!	

Wasn't that fun? Now that you've made one, used it and realized how practical this was
Grab some nice fabric and make some for your friends!

Thanks for your purchase! I hope you enjoy this template~ Questions, suggestions?
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Care & Handling of Template:

- The Get a Grip material must be kept free of accumulation of dirt, thread, etc.
- Store template with Get a Grip face up or in accompanying bag. Get a Grip will stick to painted surfaces.
- If Get a Grip material gets dirty, clean with light amount of soap & water, hand sanitizer, or window cleaner.
- My favorite cleaning method is to lightly press the area with a cheap piece of packing tape.
- Templates contain large amounts of Get a Grip material. There may be slight imperfections around the edges or Get a Grip may get damaged from basic wear and tear. This will not affect the ability to grip your fabric!



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Making these as gifts? Print this out to give with your Microwave Bowl Cozies to let others know how to use them...



Microwave Bowl Cozy

What is a Cozy?

- A cozy is a molded potholder for your bowl to keep food hot or cold while keeping your fingers safe.
- Use to safely warm food in the microwave.
- Easy to remove - no spills & no burned fingers!
- Ladle up stove or crock pot creations to enjoy in front of TV.
- Keep ice cream colder; longer.
- Washable for spills.

How do I use it?

- Place bowl inside cozy and microwave in 2 minute intervals with a resting period of 15 seconds.
- Do not leave microwave unattended.
- Machine wash cool and machine dry on low or reshape over bowl to dry. Use iron to shape. Do not use fabric softener.
- Do not heat cozy in microwave without a bowl of food.



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