

Denim Potholders Project for National FCE Fundraiser

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Hello - Welcome to the National Association for Family and Community Education - FCE. One of our fundraisers for FCE is a booth at Keepers Corner - Antique, Craft and Collectible Mall owned by FCE members Scott and Bonnie Teeples. They have generously allowed FCE to have a booth. We started with items left from the 2022 Annual Conference in Portland. Members have donated items. And some items have been donated from interested people. Bonnie had asked me to share an item that I had sent that was selling well. A denim potholder. These are very easy to make, your group could make an assembly line. Cutting, sewing, sniping. And before you know it you would have a stack of potholders.



Directions for making a denim potholder:

1. You need 4 pieces of denim and 1 piece of flannel or terry cloth, cut in a square, I cut mine 8 x 8, but other sizes would work, 6 X 6, 9 x 9.
2. Place the 5 pieces in a stack with the edges lined up, the back should be the right side of the denim, the front will be the flannel/terry cloth.
3. Sew $\frac{1}{2}$ inch around the edge of the stack of denim/flannel/terry cloth. When you reach the beginning make a diagonal stitching line from one corner to the opposite corner, continue sewing to the next corner and make another diagonal stitching line from that corner to the opposite corner. This secures the denim for the potholder.
4. Clip the edge every $\frac{1}{2}$ inch around the potholder. At the corners I make a diagonal cut, then on each side I make cuts about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch.
5. Wash the potholder with a load of denim. The edges will fray and make an attractive edging.

Contact Bonnie Teeples (email: bdteeple@charter.net; phone or text: 541-891-2662) for information on mailing these items to Keeper's Corner LLC – Antique, Craft and Collectable Mall. Note: 100% of the money earned from these projects goes to National FCE. No booth rent cost, no commission fee.