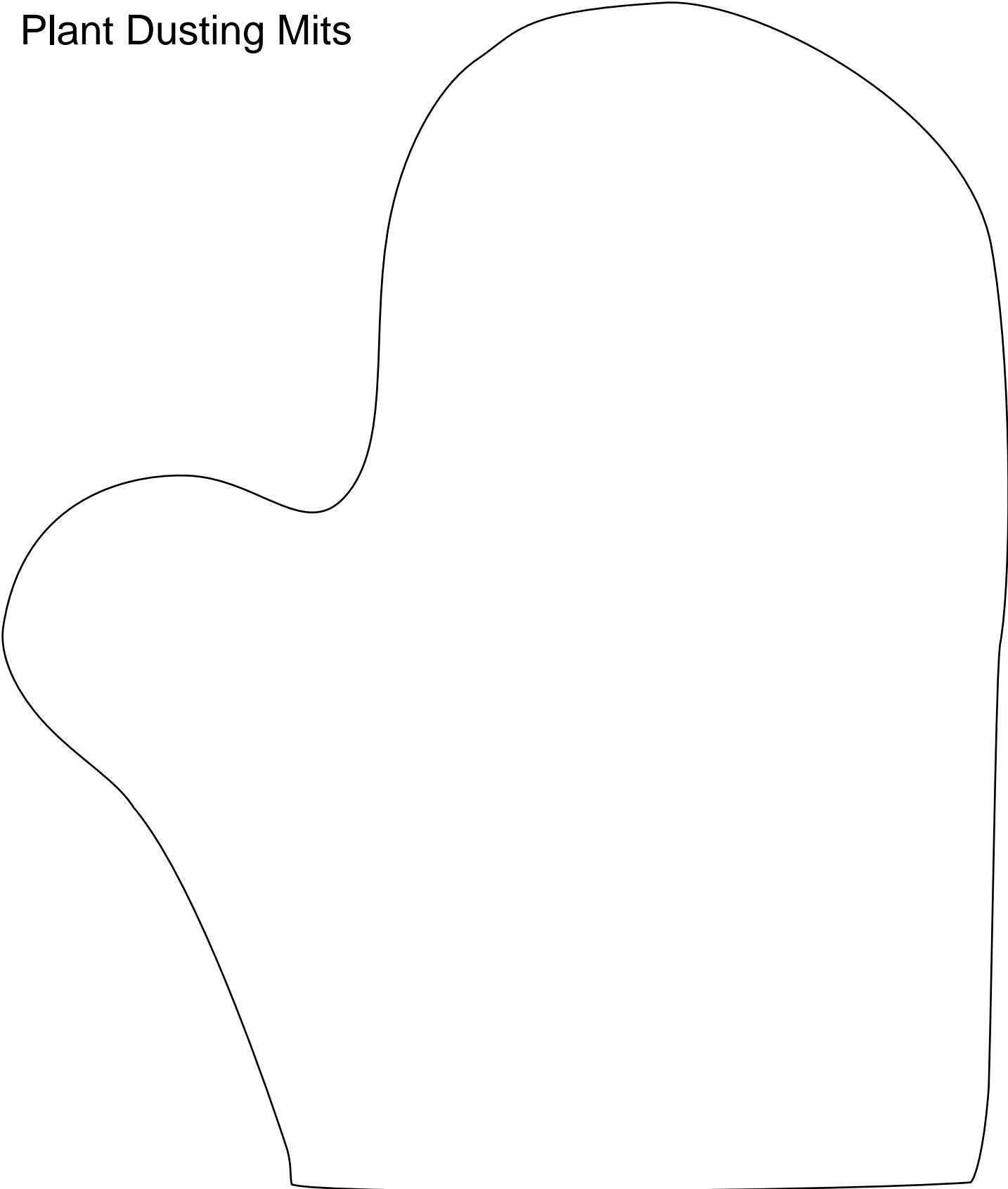


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Plant Dusting Mitts



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Directions for plant dusting mitts / January 2002

(This project utilizes letters from our Chinois Monogram Set.)

Step 1. Print the instructions.

These are .pdf files, and require Adobe Acrobat Reader software in order to view and print.

Step 2. Review instructions and materials required (materials list at the end of these instructions).

In addition to constructing your own mitts, we have found a source for pre-constructed ones - see materials list. Also note that if you do not have an embroidery machine that can be run in tubular mode, without a table, it may be impossible to hoop and embroider the pre-constructed version.

Step 3. Cut out and trace the mitten pattern.

Use the included pattern to cut out 4 identical fleece pieces.

Trim the printed pattern along its outline, then draw around it with a fine tip marker. You may find this easier to do if you first mount the pattern on a heavier stock.

Step 4. Embroider the lettering.

To add a playful touch, we used the letter L for left, and the letter R for right. In each case we used the smaller of the two letter sizes from the Chinois Monogram Set to insure that the letters would not be too large for the mitts.

You could choose different letters if you wish.

Use two of the four cut mitten halves. Place the appropriate piece of fleece in the hoop, along with one layer of medium-weight tear-away stabilizer. Orient the fabric so that the top of the letter is facing the flat side of the cutout mitten part - this will orient the letter so that it is right-side-up when viewed, as shown in our photo. Start with the letter L on the left mitt.

Tear away the stabilizer when the embroidery is complete.

Repeat this procedure for the other mitt, embroidering the letter R.

Step 5. Assemble the mitts.

Reverse the embroidered sides of each mitt so that the finished side is facing in, matching each embroidered mitten half with the appropriate blank side. Pin the two halves together.

Sew, by machine or by hand, around the hand-shaped section of each mitten, leaving the straight side open. Sew 1/4" (.64cm) in from the edge.

(Note: If you want to dress up the straight edge, it can be embellished with decorative stitching prior to assembly. Remember to sew the decorative stitching facing out, same side as the embroidered letter.)

Turn the finished mitts right side out.

Congratulations! Your project is complete.

Sources for Materials

Fleece

Widely available at fabric stores

Alternate - Pre-constructed plant mitts

Sold by Fiskars Inc. through gardening and hardware stores. For more information, or to find a retailer near you, search under "Leaf Shine Mitts" at:

<http://www.fiskars.com>

(Note: unless your machine can be run in tubular mode, without a table, it may be impossible to hoop and embroider the pre-constructed version.)