

Gift Card Wallet

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Step 1

Cut a strip of fabric 25." x 3"

Mark a line at the centre (12.5")

Mark a line a scant 4 1/8" from the centre line and again from the line you just made

Cut 3 pieces of fusible web 2 5/8" x 3 7/8"

Fuse to wrong side of the fabric in alternating sections

<----- 24.5" ----->

Wrong Side	Fusible Web		Fusible Web		Fusible Web
<-- 4 1/8" -->	<-- 4 1/8" -->	<-- 4 1/8" -->	<-- 4 1/8" -->	<-- 4 1/8" -->	<-- 4 1/8" -->

Step 2

Fold outside sections wrong sides together and fuse

2 sections folded and fused wrong sides together	Single layer of fabric, wrong side	Single layer of fabric, Fusible web	2 sections folded and fused wrong sides together
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Step 3

Fuse centre section, wrong sides together

You will now have all sections fused into three. If you sand it on edge and look down on this, it will look like a "Y" shape.

Fold this into one piece so that there are 3 folds at the top and one fold on the bottom. (The piece that you fused last will be the inside lining)

On the front mark a spot 1" from the top and centred (e.g., 1.5" from each side)

On front of the lining mark 1/2 line at the centre starting 1" from the top

Step 4

Insert grommet, buttonhole or eyelet hole over your mark on the front. Be sure to cut the hole!

Secure an 11" piece of ribbon or cord over the 1/2" lining mark. Secure this well with a zigzag

Thread ribbon through the hole on the front

Using your finishing stitch, secure lining to the back of the wallet by stitching across the top

Using your finishing stitch, stitch across the top of the front

Step 5

Trim sides to 2 3/4", taking 1/8" off of each side so that the centre remains centred!

Using your finishing stitch, stitch down the right front, across the bottom and up the left side

Embellish front as desired

Insert card and determine how short to cut the string. Tie a decorative knot or add a bead or a charm to the string.

Notes:

Clean edges - some fabrics fray a lot and create messy edges. This method attempts to reduce the impact by only having raw edges on the sides and by trimming the sides right before they are stitched. Batik fabrics fray less than prints. Products such as Fray Check might help to keep your edges clean.

Fusible web Misty fuse is lighter and less messy than Steam a Seam 2. Steam a Seam 2 adds more body to the holder than Misty Fuse. Steam a Seam 2 may make your needle sticky - clean with nail polish remover.

Embellishing - the sky is the limit. If you are using beads, embroidery or quilting, embellish before fusing. Keep these well away from where you will be sewing! Heat set crystals work well in Step 5

Finishing stitches - you can couch ribbon or cording when you finish the tops and sides, a rolled hem on a serger will also work. On a regular sewing machine, a zigzag with the stitches falling over the side or an overedge/overcast stitch will also work well. Recommend experimenting on scraps with stitches, feet, needles and threads to find your preferred finish.