

CARD KITTY (GAME CARD HOLDER)

March 20, 2020 SewCanShe website tutorial <https://www.sewcanshe.com/blog/2017/5/30/the-card-kitty-card-holder-for-playing-card-games-free-sewing-tutorial> free pattern (edited by C. Norgaard with additional sewing instructions)

Materials for one game card holder:

Woven fabric --

- Cut 2 rectangles 16-3/4" x 10.5" (main body pieces) using durable woven fabric such as denim or home furnishing fabric [**caution:** check nap/prints direction for finished card holder]
- Cut 3 rectangles 4" x 10.5" (pockets) from three different colored/print fabric such as quilter's cotton [caution: check nap/prints direction for finished card holder]

Peltex 72F stabilizer (double sided fusible) or plastic --

Cut 3 rectangles 4-3/4" x 9-3/4"

Hook and loop tape (Velcro)--

Cut one 9.5" long (1" wide) velcro

Marking pen/pencil/chalk

Walking foot

DIRECTIONS:

Take one 16-3/4" x 10.5" main body piece (front side of card holder) and on the right side mark horizontal lines across it as follows:

Line #1 marked 1.5" from the bottom edge

Line #2 marked 5" above Line #1

Line #3 marked 5" above Line #2

Take the three pocket rectangles and fold each in half lengthwise with right sides together and press. **Now** stitch across the long edge creating a tube form. Turn tube right side out and press. Topstitch across the long edge (not the seamed edge) that will be used as the top of each pocket.

Pin pocket #1 (topstitched long edge) to the front side of the rectangle marked main body piece 1" below the top marked line (Line #3). Sew pocket #1 along the seamed long edge (bottom edge of pocket) with a walking foot.

Pin pocket #2 (topstitched long edge) 1" below the topstitched edge of pocket #1. Sew pocket #2 along the seamed long edge (bottom edge of pocket) with a walking foot.

Pin pocket #3 (topstitched long edge) 1" below the topstitched edge of pocket #2. Sew pocket #3 along the seamed long edge (bottom edge of pocket) with a walking foot.

Now measure and mark the halfway point of the three attached pockets. Sew this mark with the walking foot by starting from the bottom of pocket #3 making sure to anchor your first few stitches and where each pocket's top side attaches to ensure finished pockets are kept taut.

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Before basting pocket raw side edges to the main body piece, trim off any pocket overhang so pocket raw edges meet up with the raw edge of the main body piece. **Now** baste the raw side edges where the pockets line up with the main body piece, making sure the pockets are taut while doing so and your basting is inside the 1/4" seam allowance.

Now take your Velcro strip and pull it apart, pinning the hook tape just below and along the first marked line you made on the front main body piece. Stitch down this hook tape by using a 3.5W x 2.0L narrow zigzag stitch all the way around this tape. For stitching the Velcro tape I used my standard machine foot.

Now take the other half of the Velcro tape (loop side) and pin it to the top back side main body piece rectangle at 0.5" below the top raw edge. Stitch this tape down as you did the hook side of the tape.

Take the front main body piece that you have attached the pockets and Velcro hook tape to (fabric right side up) and place it down on a table with the top away from you.

Take the back side main body piece rectangle that you attached only the Velcro loop tape to and place it over the front main body piece (fabric right side down), being careful to keep the Velcro loop tape at the top. **Now** pin the long side and top raw edges together. At this point you will not be sewing the bottom raw edges together. Use your walking foot to run a basting stitch around the pinned edges [I basted one side from top to bottom, I then basted the second side from top to bottom, and then basted the top edge to ensure and avoid fabric slippage]. **Now** go back over all three sides with your walking foot with a 2.5mm stitch and secure the first and last stitches. **Now** trim the top two corners and turn your project right side out.

Insert one 4-3/4" x 9-3/4" piece of stabilizer or plastic inside the card holder and work it all the way to the top. Smooth out all of the edges. If stabilizer or plastic doesn't fit, take it out and trim it down a little so it will lay flat. **Now** sew across the top marked line, anchoring/securing the stitching neatly at the start and end. **Now** take second stabilizer or plastic piece and insert it inside of the card holder and work it up toward the second section of your rectangle main body piece and then sew across the second marked line. **Now** take the third stabilizer or plastic piece and insert it inside of the card holder and stitch across to encase the inserted stabilizer/plastic piece.

Turn and press the raw edges of the bottom opening 1/2" to the inside (right along the Velcro hook tape) and stitch this opening closed, sewing on your previous stitching for the Velcro.

If you used double sided fusible stabilizer, this is the time to press both sides of your finished card holder.