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How to Make a Crochet Card Wallet



Free pattern!

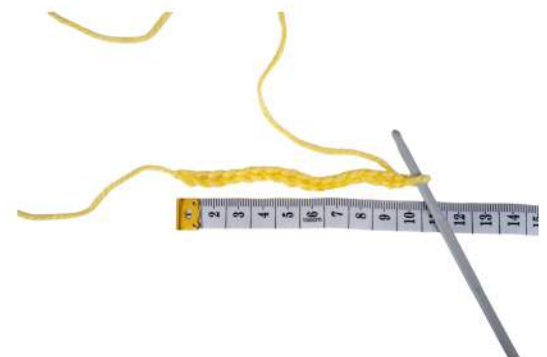
What you'll need:



- 2 different coloured yarns, sized for use with a 4mm hook
 - Each of these skeins is 25g, but I probably only used half of each!
- 4mm crochet hook
- Measuring tape
- Scissors
- Darning needle
- Stitch markers x3
- Row counter

Making the inside pockets:

1. With the yarn you've chosen for your inner pockets and border, make a slip knot and chain 16.
2. Check that the length of your foundation chain (without pulling) is 10cm - this step is important so your cards fit snug and don't fall out!
3. Single crochet into the second chain from your hook. Continue to single crochet into each chain until the end of the row. You should have 15 single crochet stitches. Chain 1 and turn your work.
4. Single crochet into each stitch until the end of the row, chain 1, turn your work. Repeat until you have 12 rows.
5. At the end of row 12, chain 1 and tie off your work.
6. Repeat steps 1-4 for your second inner pocket.
7. This time, instead of tying off your work, you're going to chain 1 and leave the skein attached, replacing your hook with a stitch marker to stop your work from unravelling.



Making the main body of the wallet:

8. Repeat steps 1-4 with your second colour - the one you've chosen for the main body of your wallet.
9. Place a stitch marker into the first stitch of row 12. This will help later on, when joining this piece to the inner pocket.
10. Continue your rows of single crochet for rows 13-18. Don't forget to chain 1 at the end of each row before turning your work!
11. Place a stitch marker into the first stitch of row 18. This marks the boundary for attaching your other inner pocket.
12. Continue your rows of single crochet for rows 19-30.
13. When you've finished all 30 rows, chain 1 and tie off your work.



Putting it all together:

14. You should now have 3 separate pieces, as pictured here - the main body of your wallet and 2 inner pockets, 1 of which should still be attached to the skein.
15. Place the inner pocket which remains attached to the skein on top of the main body of your wallet, so that the stitch marker (marking the end of your inner pocket) aligns with the top left corner of your work. *Note: if you are left-handed and crochet left-to-right, you'll want to align this to the top right corner.*
16. Make sure the stitch markers you placed in the main body of your wallet are on the opposite side from the stitch marker of your inner pocket, as pictured here.



Adding the border:

17. Replace the stitch marker on your inner pocket piece with your hook, picking up where you left off.

18. Now, holding both the main body and the inner pocket together, turn your work so the main body of the wallet is now facing you and your crochet hook is at the top right corner of your work (if you're right-handed).

19. Insert your hook into the first stitch of both the main body of your wallet and the inner pocket, like so. Single crochet into that first stitch.



20. Continue to single crochet into both layers until you reach the corner. Once you've reached the corner, place 2 more single crochets into the same stitch, so you have a total of 3 single crochets in that corner stitch. This will help to give the corners a rounded look.



21. Continue to single crochet down the length of the wallet. This side will be trickier than the top, because there aren't clear stitches to work into. However, with a bit of imagination you'll see some patterns that resemble stitches - as pictured here. Make sure your rows are lined up on both your main body and inner pocket, and your stitches are evenly and neatly spaced.



22. Continue until you reach the end of the inner pocket. This should line up with the first stitch marker on the main body of the wallet.



23. From here, continue to single crochet into only the main body of the wallet, until you reach the second stitch marker.

Continuing the border:

24. When you reach the second stitch marker, align your second inner pocket behind the main body of your wallet. Single crochet into both layers, continuing around the border of the wallet. Remember to place 3 single crochets in each corner stitch.
25. When you get to the other long edge of your wallet, check that the ends of the inner pockets are aligned with those on the first long edge. These should finish 12 rows from each end of your wallet.
26. When you reach the final corner, remember to place 2 single crochets into that corner stitch (so you have a total of 3 single crochets in the corner stitch).
27. Slip stitch into the first stitch of your border. Chain 1 and tie off your work. Weave in your ends (if you haven't already!).



Making the ribbon:

28. Make a slip knot. Chain 35.
29. Slip stitch into the second chain from your hook. Continue to slip stitch all the way down your chain. When you reach the end, chain 1 and tie off your work.
30. Weave in your ends.



Adding the ribbon:

31. Choose where you'd like to place your ribbon. I chose to place mine 9 rows up from the end of the wallet, in the middle of the row (the 8th stitch). Loop your ribbon around the chosen stitch, like so, ensuring that the 2 ends are of even length.



32. This is how it looks from the inside. You can secure the ribbon in place by sewing it, but I chose to leave mine as is, in case the person I'm gifting this to would prefer it without the ribbon!



33. Tie a neat bow and you're all done!



Voilà!

