kraft-tex™ Cellphone Wallet

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MATERIALS

- One package of kraft-tex

- Paper to use to make custom templates (I used cardstock)

- Thread

OPTIONAL: paints, stencils, brushes, and/or threads to color, pattern, and/or embellish your wallet

TOOLS

- Rotary cutter, sharp scissors, and/ or craft knife for cutting kraft-tex

- Large sewing machine needle (I used topstitch 100/16)

A compact, bifold wallet to hold your cellphone, ID, credit card, and cash. The wallet is constructed from three pieces that are custom-sized to fit your cellphone.

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Determine Custom Size

1. Measure your cellphone (height, width, and depth).

2. Add ½″ to height and width. This will be the wallet height and width.

3. Add ¼″ to the depth of your cell phone. This will be the wallet depth.

Create Paper Templates

4. For the outside of the wallet, draw a rectangle as tall as the wallet height and with a width that is two times the wallet width, plus the wallet depth. If desired, round the corners using the corners of your cellphone as a guide.

5. For the cellphone cage inside the wallet:

- Trace the outline of the cellphone
- Draw a line inside the outline, ¼″ away from the outline
- Add flaps to the top, bottom and left side that extend from the outline's edge the cellphone depth plus ¼″
- Add a flap to the right side that extends from the outline's edge the cellphone depth plus ½″

6. For the card holder/cash pocket, draw a rectangle that is ¼″ narrower than the wallet width and as tall as the wallet height plus 10″. If you rounded the corners of the outside wall, then the upper left and bottom left corners of this tall rectangle should be trimmed to match.

Prepare the Wallet Components

7. Use the custom templates you have created to cut the three pieces of kraft-tex.

8. Add any desired color, pattern, and/or embellishment to the outside of wallet.

9. Accordion fold the cardholder to form two pockets. With the tall rectangle oriented with the (optional) curved corners on the left:

- Measure up from the bottom edge 3½″ and fold the kraft-tex back and down
- Measure 2½″ from the fold and fold the piece up
- Measure 3″ from the last fold and fold the piece back and down
- Measure 2½″ from the last fold and fold the piece up

After you have folded the cardholder/cash pocket, it should now be as tall as your wallet height

10. Stitch the folds in place along the right edge of the pocket only, using a larger sewing machine needle and lengthening your stitch slightly.

11. Prepare the cellphone cage:

- Fold back the tabs along the outside edge (created by outlining the cellphone)
- Create a fold up on the top, bottom, and left tabs, ¼″ from edge. These tabs will be sewn to the outside wallet
- Create a fold back on the right tab, ½″ from the edge. This tab will not be sewn but will tuck under your cellphone to hold it in place

Assemble the Wallet

12. With the outside of the outer wallet patterned side down, lay the cardholder and the cellphone cage in place, aligned with the edges. The edge of the top and bottom tabs on the cellphone cage should align with the top and bottom edges of the outside of the wallet. The folded-under edge of the right tab should be ¼″ from the right side of the outside of the wallet.

13. Use clips or glue to hold the pieces in place.

14. Stitch around the wallet, ¼″ from the edge.

15. Stitch the left tab of the cellphone cage to the outside of the wallet, ¼″ from the edge