

A free project, compliments of...

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# Business Card Case

These days, just about everyone carries business cards with them to have ready to give to friends and business associates. Here's a creative way to keep them stored in your purse or your briefcase or whatever you may carry around with you.

Start by cutting a piece of heavyweight interfacing 4½" x 7". Apply Mistyfuse or other fusible web to one side of the interfacing at this time. Place the interfacing on your work space with the fusible side facing up and apply your fabric to this side.

This project is perfect for using up some of your scraps. I laid out some scrap strips I found in my scrap pile. Overlap the strips slightly to be sure the edges of the interfacing are completely covered.



Once your strips are positioned how you like, press with your iron to fuse them down. Trim any excess fabrics from the edges.

## Supplies

Heavyweight interfacing such as Timtex or Pellon Peltex #70  
Mistyfuse fusible web  
Fabric  
Sew-in snap  
Button or bead for embellishment

Now it's time to add some stitching details. For my piece, I simply zigzag stitched along the raw edges of my strips. You could also do some free motion stitching or consider using some decorative pre-programmed stitches if your machine has them.



Once your fabric strips are stitched you are ready for the next step. Apply a layer of Mistyfuse to the other side of the interfacing. Cut a piece of lining fabric slightly larger than the interfacing and place on the fusible web. Press with your iron to fuse the lining fabric in place. Trim away excess from the edges.

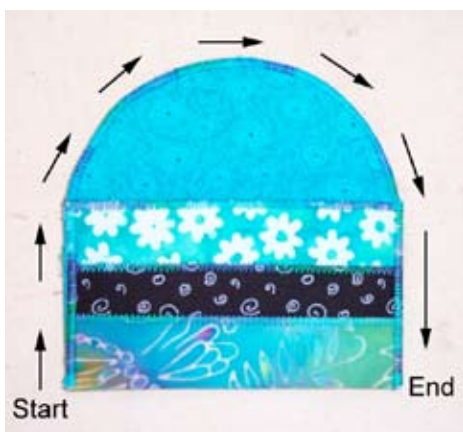
Decide which of the 4½" ends will be your flap end. From the opposite end (bottom), measure up 5" and mark a line, preferably with chalk or something that will disappear. The remaining 2" above this line is your flap, you won't want to go below this line when cutting your flap into the shape you desire.



I've made my flap shape a simple curve. (See photo above.) You could also leave it as is, make a pointed flap or even a wavy edge. The choice is yours.

The next step is to sew a zigzag stitch along the bottom edge only. I set my stitch width to about 3.8 to 4 and stitch length to .6. Since all machines are different you'll need to experiment with your machine to find the best setting for you.

After the bottom edge is zigzag stitched, it's time to fold the piece up and stitch the sides and top curve. Fold the bottom edge of the piece up 2½" (wrong sides together). Your bottom edge should be aligned with the 5" mark line you made earlier. You could pin if you prefer but I find that a good press with a hot iron is sufficient.



Starting at one of the bottom corners, zigzag stitch up one side, around the curve, and back down the second side. This photo shows the start and end point of the zigzag stitch.

Once the edge is all stitched, I do a thorough pressing with the iron. Fold your flap over and position it and press it well. Sew in a snap closure and add a decorative button to the outside of the flap, fill it with your cards and your done!

Some other options to consider for closures: Velcro or magnetic snaps. You could also add a decorative button or bead and use a machine cord or length of novelty yarn or ribbon as a wrap.

This case will hold about 20 to 25 cards.

