



Sew a DIY card holder that makes it easy to see your cards, and easy to play! This easy sewing project makes card games possible for little people and big people who have trouble with a handful of cards. We especially love it for games like Phase 10 where you need to look at a lot of cards at once.

A note about stabilizers – On my first Card Kitty I used the sew-in type of ultra firm stabilizer from Pellon ([Peltex 70](#)) and it worked okay, but I was much happier with the result using the double sided variety ([Peltex 72F](#)). I was able to press and fuse all of the layers together in one of the final steps and the card kitty turned out crisper and more professional looking. You could also experiment with other stabilizers (like cardboard or plastic) if you wish. You will not need to sew through the stabilizer or turn it right side out, so that makes it less complicated.



### Card Kitty (card holder) Free Sewing Tutorial

#### You will need:

- About 1/2 yard fabric total
- Peltex 72F or other stabilizer
- hook and loop tape (velcro)
- a fabric marking pen or pencil



#### CUTTING:

##### From fabric,

cut:

- 2 rectangles 16 3/4" x 10 1/2" (main body pieces)
- 3 rectangles 4" x 10 1/2" (pockets)

##### From Peltex 72F (or other stabilizer),

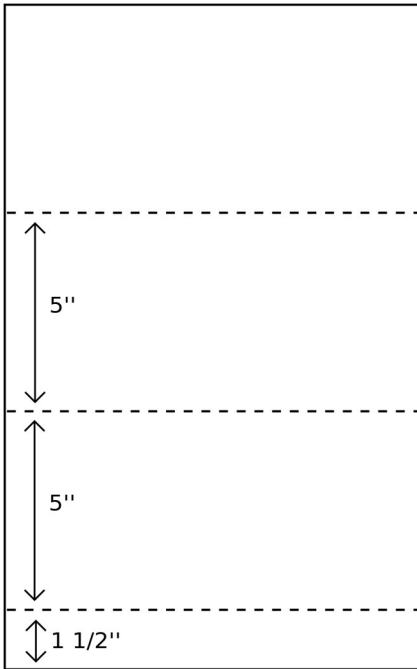
cut:

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

##### From hook and loop tape (velcro),

cut:

- 1 strip (both pieces) 9 1/2" long



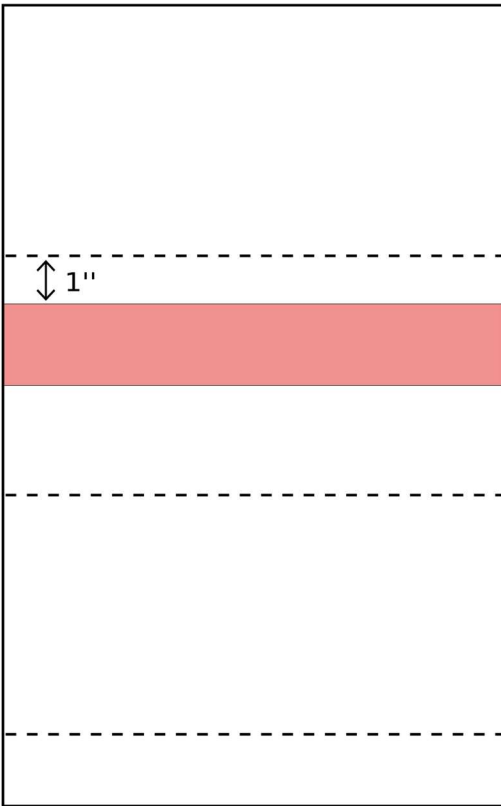
1. Choose one of the 16  $3/4$ " x  $10 1/2$ " main pieces to be the front. Mark horizontal lines across it as shown in the diagram:

- 1 line that is  $1 1/2$ " from the bottom
- 1 line 5" above that
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2. Fold the 3 fabric rectangles that are 4" x  $10 1/2$ " in half lengthwise and pin. As Shown

3. Stitch across the long edge. Turn the right side out and press. Topstitch across one long edge on each one to make the top edge of the pockets.



4. Pin one of the pocket pieces to the main body piece that you marked, 1" below the top line. The topstitching should be along the top edge.

5. Sew the pocket piece in place by stitching across the bottom edge.

Pin the next pocket 1" below the first and sew it in place the same way.

6. Sew the third pocket in place 1" below the second pocket. Baste the sides of the pocket in place within the 1/4" seam allowance.

Sew a dividing line across the middle of the pockets to keep them from stretching out.

See the images below.

The extra background fabric will be explained in the next step.

Sew strip at bottom



Sew 2<sup>nd</sup> strip at bottom



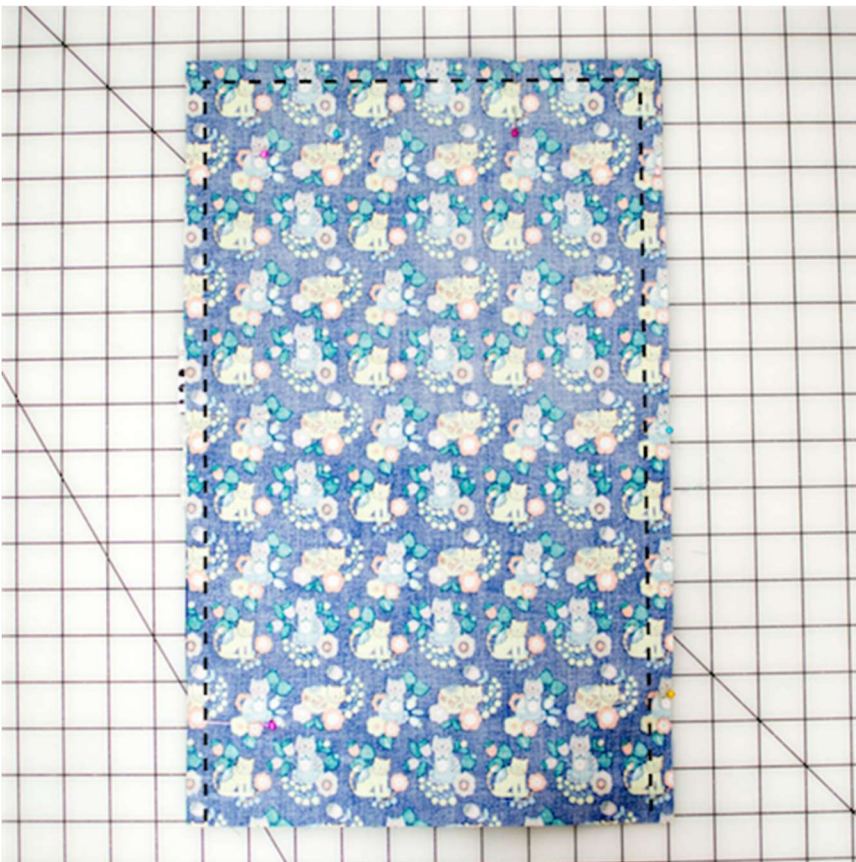
Sew the middle of all 3 strips.





7. Pin one side of the hook and loop tape (velcro) to the bottom of the same piece, just below the lowest marked line. Stitch it in place, sewing around the tape close to the edge.

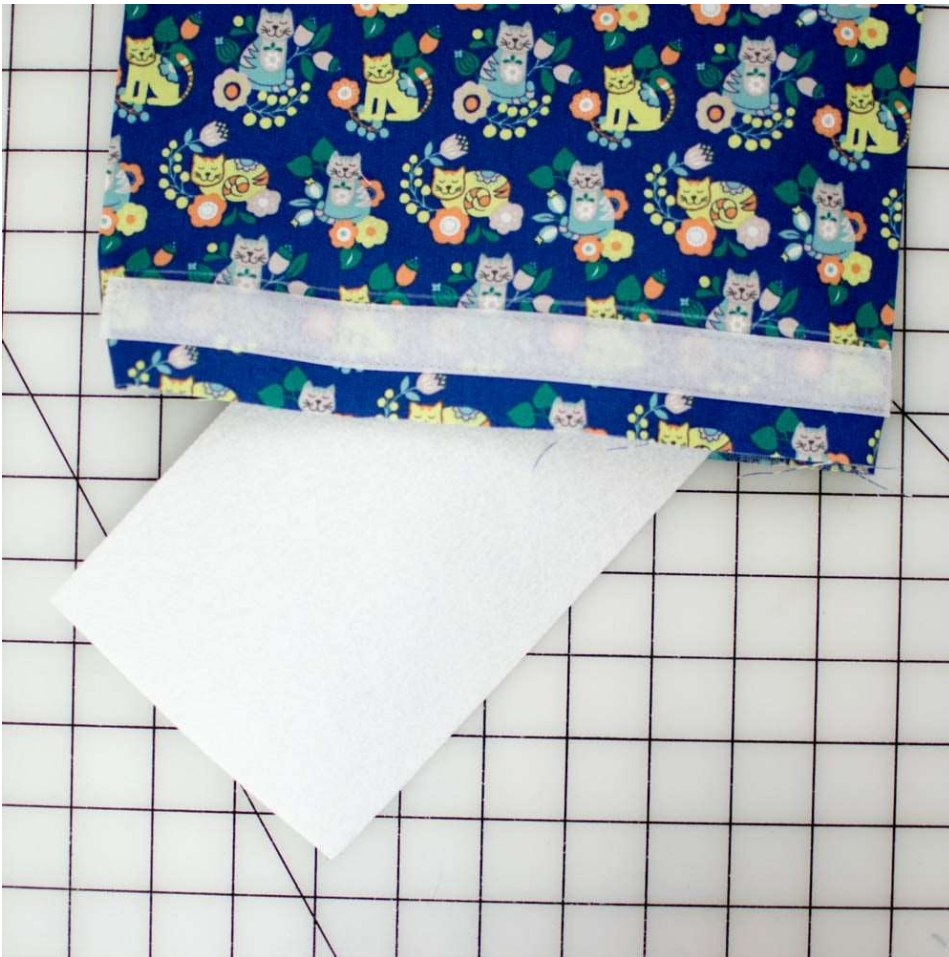
Hook and Loop Tape



8. With the 3 pockets and the velcro sewn to the pocket piece, place the remaining rectangle of the same size on top (right sides together) and pin around the sides and top.

Stitch the two pieces together with a 1/4" seam allowance, leaving the bottom edge open. Clip the top corners.

Turn the piece right side out, pushing out the corners. Press flat.



9. Insert one of the 4 3/4" x 9 3/4" pieces of stabilizer inside the card kitty and work it all the way to the top. Smooth out all of the edges. If the stabilizer doesn't fit, you can take it out and trim it down a little bit so it will lay flat.

Sew across the top marked line, backstitching neatly at the start and end.

10. Repeat step 9 with the other two pieces of stabilizer, sewing on the remaining marked lines after inserting each one.

Press the raw edges at the opening to the inside 1/2" (right along the strip of velcro). Stitch the opening closed, sewing on your previous stitching for the velcro.

NOTE: the 3 pieces of stabilizer will help to form the triangle shaped stand.

If you used fusible stabilizer, this is a great time to press both sides of the card kitty and fuse it all together.



11. On the back side of the card kitty, sew the remaining piece of velcro close to the top.

All done.

Simply fold into a triangle joining the two pieces of Hook & Loop Tape to make your stand. Unfasten to store flat.

Now make more for everyone in your card circle!

Check out the full tutorial with additional pictures on <https://sewcanshe.com/2017-5-30-the-card-kitty-card-holder-for-playing-card-games-free-sewing-tutorial/>