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Business Card Case by Terri Stegmiller

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 Fast2fuse $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7". If you are using Timtex or Pelmet Vilene, you will need to apply Mistyfuse or other fusible web to one side at this time.

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 Fast2fuse are completely covered.



Supplies

Fast2fuse, Timtex or Pelmet Vilene
Mistyfuse (if using Timtex or Pelmet Vilene)
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 built in stitches if your machine has them.



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

Once your fabric strips are stitched you are ready for the next step. Fuse down a lining fabric to the other side of the Fast2fuse. Decide which of the short 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 at top left of next page.) You could also leave it as is, make a pointed flap or even a wavy edge. The choice is yours.



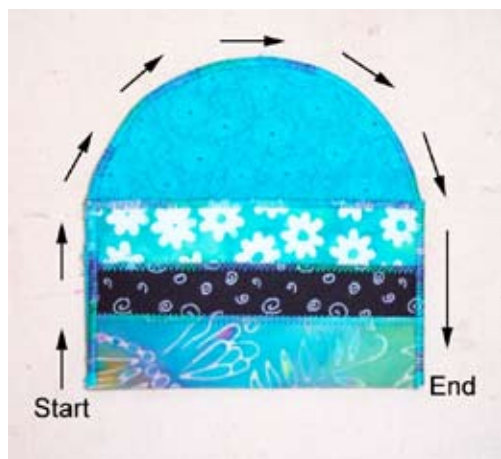
Some other options to consider for closures: Velcro, magnetic or sew in snaps. You could also add a decorative button or bead and use a machine cord or length of novelty yarn or ribbon as a wrap.

This case will hold about 20 to 25 cards.

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 2 1/2" (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!

