

How To

*Get down to
business with
this step by
step business
card holder.*

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Project: Business Card Holder

Materials:

- ✦ 12-inch by 12-inch square of fabric
- ✦ 7-inch square of lightweight batting such as Warm and Natural
- ✦ Fray Check
- ✦ Stabilizer of your choice
- ✦ Decorative threads of your choice
- ✦ Construction thread
- ✦ Bobbin thread
- ✦ Disappearing marking pen
- ✦ One cotton swab (optional)
- ✦ Resource for floral design is available at www.elsasdesigns.com (Flower Collection 1)



Make & Take

Instructions

1. If you do not wish to machine embroider on this project, just omit embroidery design instructions.
2. For silk fabrics, use DRY iron only when ironing fabric.
3. If you have machine embroidery editing software, we suggest printing out a template for easy placement of design.
4. It is very important that the pattern is the correct size. Make sure that the two pattern pieces measure correctly. The top piece should measure 5 inches by 6 inches and the bottom piece should measure 5 inches by 2 _ inches.

Front Cover:

1. Cut out two pieces of fabric and one piece of batting from the main pattern piece. Place one piece of fabric and the batting aside for later.
2. On remaining piece of fabric, mark the design placement with a disappearing pen.



3. Select design #floral 1 by Elsa and reduce the size by 20 percent. The design size will be 2.21 inches by 2.00 inches.



4. If using software to reduce the design, print out the template for easier design placement.

5. Place the fabric in the hoop with your stabilizer and sew the design.



6. Remove fabric from hoop, clip threads and tear off stabilizer from the back of the fabric.
7. Place batting under embroidered fabric and baste together along edges.



Making the Pocket:

1. Cut one pocket on the fold from the pocket pattern piece. Press well on fold.
2. Select a scallop stitch on your sewing machine and stitch along the top edge.
3. It is best to place a piece of paper under the fabric while sewing to help stabilize the fabric. If your sewing machine does not automatically lower your tension when selecting a scallop stitch, then lower it to three. This helps to bring the upper thread to the back of the fabric resulting in a much smoother scallop.



4. Apply a very small amount of fray check on the scallop edges and along the back of the scallops. (A cotton swab works great, when applying the fray check.)



5. When scallops are dry, trim scallops and add a little more fray check.



6. Lay pocket on top of the remaining non-embroidered fabric piece.



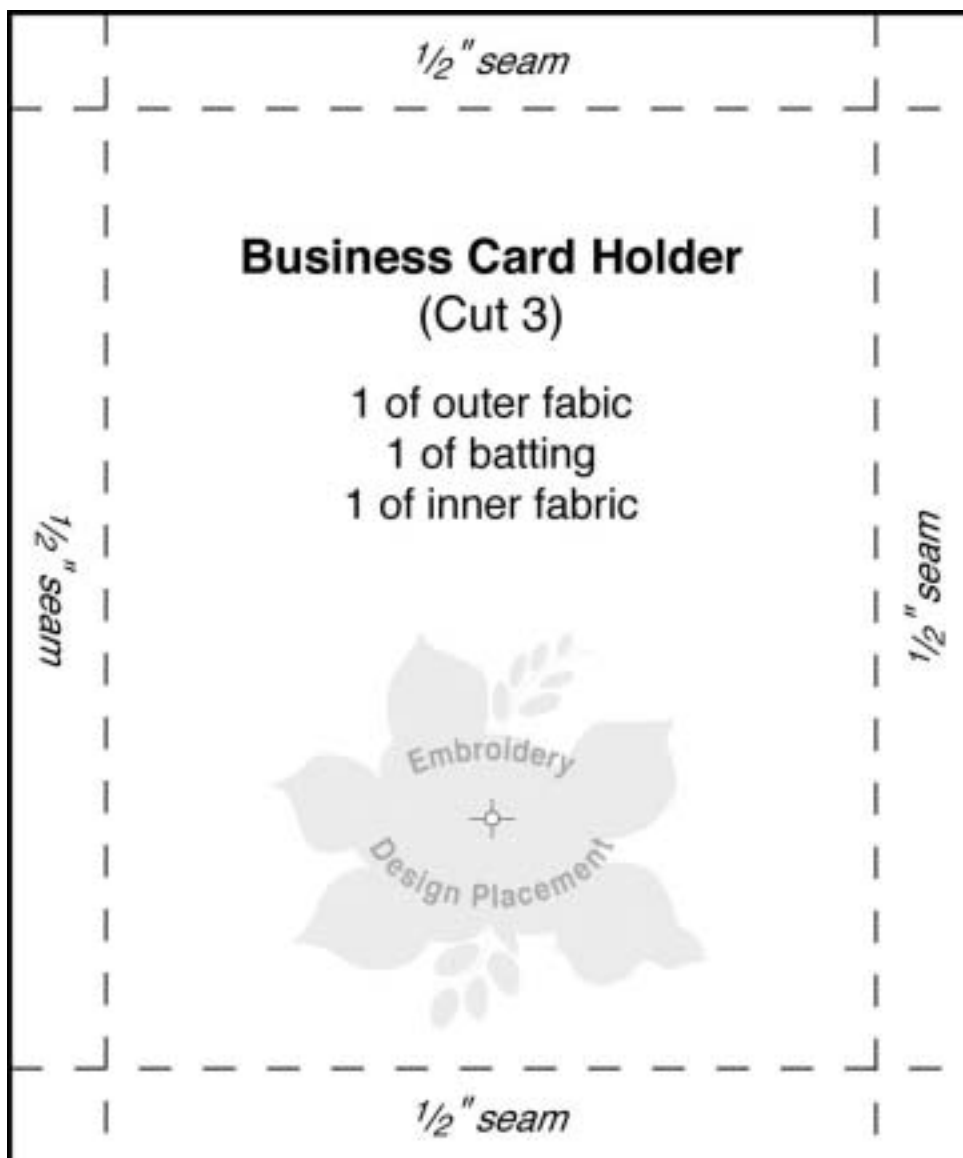
7. Baste both pieces of fabric together.



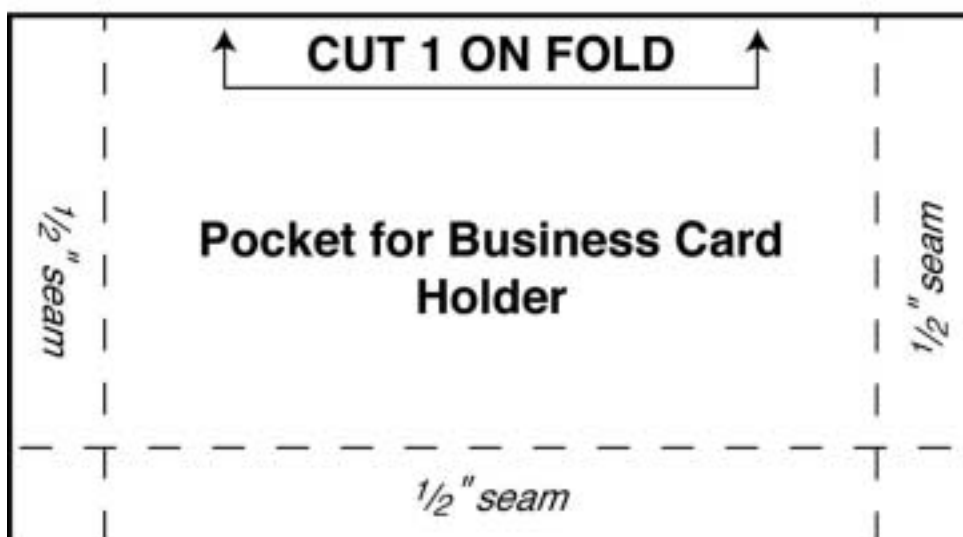
Completing the Business Card Holder:

1. Place both the embroidered front fabric and the completed pocket sections together. Make sure right sides are together.
2. Sew seams together with a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch seam allowance leaving an opening for turning.
3. Trim seam allowance and turn right side out.
4. Sew the seam closed by hand and press.
5. Place your business cards in the pocket and close the flap. Place the business card holder under something heavy overnight to help to set it.

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5"X6"



5"X2 3/4"



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