Crochet Christmas Gift Ideas

GIFT CARD HOLDER PATTERN

A forest green gift card holder with a red scalloped flap, a cream snowflake and a gold button - a one-evening handmade gift for anyone on your Christmas list.



The finished gift card holder, with a gift card peeking out.

Finished size	Approx. 10.5 x 8 cm (4 1/4 x 3 1/4 in), fits a standard gift card	**Skill level**	Confident beginner
Time	About 1 to 2 hours	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This little holder is all simple shapes: two flat rectangles sewn into a pocket, a scalloped flap worked straight onto the back panel, and a tiny six-armed snowflake. Work in US terms, in rows, turning at the end of every row. Keep a real gift card handy to check the fit as you go - all gift cards are the same size, so it is the perfect gauge.

Materials

- DK / light worsted-weight yarn in **forest green**, approx. 40 g - pouch
- DK yarn in **red**, approx. 25 g - scalloped flap
- DK yarn in **cream**, approx. 10 g - snowflake and button loop
- 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- One 20 mm (3/4 in) gold button
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins
- A standard gift card (8.5 x 5.4 cm) to check the fit

Abbreviations (US Terms)

MR	magic ring	**ch**	chain
sl st	slip stitch	**sc**	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet	**dc**	double crochet
st(s)	stitch(es)	**RS**	right side
WS	wrong side	**FO**	fasten off

Size & gauge: Approx. gauge: 18 sc x 20 rows = 10 x 10 cm (4 x 4 in). Gauge is not critical, but work firmly so the pouch holds its shape and the card does not slip out. The finished holder is about 10.5 cm (4 1/4 in) wide and 8 cm (3 1/4 in) tall, not counting the flap.

Panels (forest green) - make 2



Step 1 - the two flat green panels.

Row 1: Ch 20. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[19]**

Rows 2-15: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (14 rows). **[19]**

Make two panels exactly the same way. Fasten off, leaving a long tail on one panel for sewing. Check each panel measures about 10.5 x 8 cm (4 1/4 x 3 1/4 in); if yours is much wider, go down half a hook size.

Join the Panels Into a Pocket



Step 2 - sewing the panels into an open pocket.

- Hold the panels together with the wrong sides facing in and the top edges level.
- With forest green yarn, whipstitch around the two sides and the bottom, working one stitch into each row end and each stitch along the bottom. Leave the top edge completely open.
- Work the seam just inside the edge so it disappears into the fabric, and knot the yarn firmly at each corner.
- Turn the pocket right side out and push the corners out with the blunt end of your hook.

Scalloped Flap (red)



Step 3 - the red scalloped flap.

Row 1: With red yarn, join with a sl st to the top edge of the back panel (RS). Sc in each st across. **[19]**

Rows 2-5: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (4 rows). **[19]**

Scallop row: Sc in the first st, (skip 2 sts, 5 dc in the next st, skip 2 sts, sc in the next st) 3 times. **[19]**

The scallop row turns the straight flap edge into three soft waves. Fasten off and weave in the red end on the wrong side.

Cream Snowflake



Step 4 - the cream snowflake on the red flap.

With cream yarn, make a magic ring. For each of the six arms: ch 4, sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next ch, hdc in the next ch, sl st back into the ring. Pull the ring closed and fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Pin the snowflake to the centre of the red flap and sew it down with the cream tail, catching each arm tip so the snowflake lies flat. Stitch every point - a snowflake tacked only in the middle will lift and catch.

Gold Button and Loop



Step 5 - the gold button and cream loop closure.

- **Button:** sew the 20 mm gold button to the centre of the front panel, about 2.5 cm (1 in) below the top edge. Pass the needle through the button and the fabric several times until it is rock solid.

- **Loop:** join cream yarn to the tip of the middle scallop on the flap, ch 10, and sl st back into the same spot to form a small loop. Test it: the loop should slip over the button with a gentle tug and stay put. Too loose - chain 8 instead; too tight - chain 12.

Finishing



Step 6 - the finished holder with a gift card inside.

1. Weave in every yarn end on the inside of the pouch, trimming them close so nothing pokes through to the front.

2. Press the holder flat, fold the flap down, and loop it over the gold button.

3. Slide a gift card into the pocket. The card should sit with about 1 cm (3/8 in) peeking out - enough to pull out, not so much that it falls out.

3 Tips for a Perfect Gift Card Holder

1. Check the fit with a real card. Gift cards are all the same size, so keep one handy while you work. If your pocket comes out wider than 11 cm (4 1/4 in), the card will rattle around; if it is narrower than 9.5 cm (3 3/4 in), the card will not go in at all.

2. Keep the flap stitches tight. The red flap is the most visible part of the holder, so work it one hook size down if your stitches tend to loosen. Tight stitches keep the scallops crisp and stop the flap stretching out of shape.

3. Make them in batches. This project gets faster every time: cut all your yarn first, crochet all the green panels in one sitting, then all the flaps, then all the snowflakes - a batch of five takes barely longer than two made one at a time.

Happy crocheting! Tuck in a gift card, tie on a bow, and give someone a present that looks like it took all weekend - even though it took one evening.