

Crocheted Reindeer Gift Card Holder

Abbreviations:

- ch = chain
- st = stitch
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half-double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- rnd(s) = round(s)

Gauge:

Work two rounds of the pouch. Insert a gift or credit card through the ring to check the fit. Add or subtract a stitch or two if the ring does not fit easily around the card.



Finished Size:

A standard size 2 1/8-inch by 3 3/8-inch gift card will fit snugly inside the pouch.

Things You Will Need:

- Worsted weight, 4-ply yarn-tan, brown and burgundy
- F crochet hook
- Scissors
- Yarn needle
- Ruler
- Sewing needle
- Black thread
- 8mm black beads, two
- Sticks
- Craft wire
- Wire cutters
- 3/8" jingle bell
- Homespun fabric scrap, green or red

Pouch Body

Worked in continuous rounds using tan worsted weight yarn.

Ch 20. Sl st to the first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Sc in each ch loop around.

Rnds 2-18: Sc in each st around. Sl st to the last stitch on rnd 18.

Finish off and weave in the ends.

*Turn the pouch wrong side out. Flatten the pouch. Using a yarn needle and the tan yarn, whip stitch the stitches on Rnd 1 together. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Turn the pouch right side out.



Ears

Make two using brown worsted weight yarn.

Ch 5. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook. Sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, 3 dc in last, turn and work on opposite side. 2 dc in first ch (same ch as last ch on opposite side), hdc in next, sc in next, sl in last ch. Sl st to beginning sl st. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Nose

Make one using burgundy worsted weight yarn.

Ch 5.

Row 1: Turn. Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across. (4 sc)

Row 2: Turn. Ch 1. Sc in each st across. (4 sc)

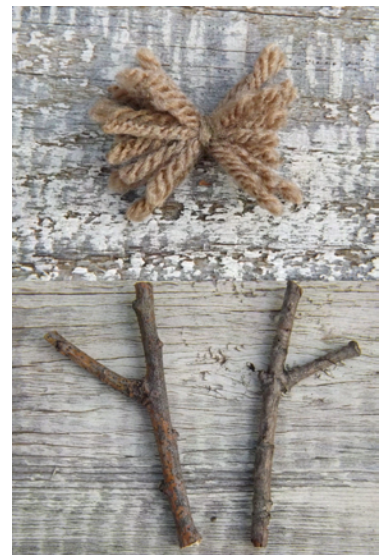
Row 3-4: Repeat Row 2.

Continue to sc around the nose. Do not make extra stitches in the corners. Sl st to the first st of the round. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.



Tassel

1. Cut a 4-inch piece of the tan worsted weight yarn and set aside.
2. Wrap more tan yarn around two fingers five times.
3. Slide the wrapped yarn off your fingers and pinch the center together.
4. Tie the 4-inch yarn piece around the center.
5. Cut open the loop ends to complete the tassel.



Antlers

1. Gather small sticks from your yard.
2. Using wire cutters, cut 2 1/2-inch "Y" shapes from two sticks.

Assembly:

1. Thread the yarn tail on the nose on a yarn needle. Center the nose on one side of the pouch and 1/2 inch from the bottom edge. Whip stitch the edges of the nose to the pouch being careful not to stitch to the back of the pouch. Fasten off and weave in the yarn end.
2. Using black thread and a sewing needle, stitch two 8mm black beads 1/4 inch above the nose and spaced 1/8 inch apart.
3. Place the ears on the pouch. Position them with the points sticking halfway over the outer edges and just below the top edge. Thread a yarn needle with brown yarn and tack a few stitches to secure the ears to the pouch.

4. Thread the yarn needle with tan yarn. Secure the tassel to the center top edge of the pouch. Before cutting the yarn, thread on a 3/8-inch jingle bell and stitch to the center of the tassel. Fasten off the yarn and weave in the end.
5. Cut two 4-inch pieces of craft wire. Fold one wire in half. Poke the ends through the pouch from the inside to the outside, through the center of one ear. Center one stick antler on the ear, between the wire ends. Twist the wire together to secure the antler. Clip off the excess wire.
6. Rip a 1-inch-wide by 10-inch-long strip of green or red homespun fabric. Insert the crochet from the outside to the inside, just below the top edge on one side edge. Hook one end of the fabric strip and pull it to the outside. Tie a knot 1 inch from the end. Repeat on the other side edge of the pouch.