

Christmas Card Holder

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This card holder is made any size Christmas card and would be a great alternative to hanging your cards all spread out on your wall. Just tuck your cards into the pocket as you get them and enjoy them. Also putting them into this pocket, will also keep the cards in good condition since you do not need to put tape on them.

Materials Needed

1 3.5 oz skein white Worsted Weight acrylic yarn. Red Heart was used in the exampleRed Heart Christmas yarn about 2 oz.2 sheets plastic canvas 7 count meshSize H8 aluminum crochet hookYarn Needle



Yarn Thickness 4mm Gauge: 4dc=1" Finished Size: 10"x9½" Skill Level: Intermediate

Popcorn (pop)

5 dc in same stitch, take hook out of loop of 5th dc made, insert it into the first dc then pull the dropped loop through this first dc to complete the popcorn. Ch1.

Instructions

Pocket Front This section includes popcorns. **ROW 1:** Ch31. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch3, turn.

ROW 2: Sk first sc. Dc in each of the next 2 sc. [Start a dc in next stitch but drop white yarn (but do not cut), before you pull your yarn through the last 2 loops on hook, instead pick up & pull Christmas yarn through the last 2 loops on hook to complete the stitch. Pop in next stitch. Cut Christmas with a 6" length. Pick up white.] Dc in each of the next 3dc. Rep bet [] once. Dc in each of the next 9 sc. Rep bet [] once. Dc in each of the next 3 sc. Rep bet [] once. Dc in each of the last 4 sts. Ch1, turn.

NOTE: when ever you see (Pop in next stitch.), from here on out, work the instructions bet [] in ROW 2 including the yarn change.

ROW 3: Sc in each st across. Ch3, turn.

ROW 4: Sk first sc. Dc in each of the next 3 sc. Pop in next stitch. Dc in each of the next 3 sc. Pop in next stitch. Dc in each of the next 7 sc. Pop in next stitch. Dc in each of the next 3 sc. Pop in next stitch. Dc in each of the last 5 sts. Ch1, turn.

ROW 5: Sc in each st across. Ch3, turn.

ROW 6: Sk first sc. Dc in each of the next 4 sc. Pop in next stitch. Dc in each of the next 3 sc. Pop in next stitch. dc in each of the next 5 sc. Pop in next stitch. Dc in each of the next 3 sc. Pop in next stitch. Dc in each of the last 6 sts. Ch1, turn.

ROW 7: Sc in each st across. Ch3, turn.

ROW 8: Sk first sc. Dc in each of the next 5 sc. Pop in next stitch. Dc in each of the next 3 sc. Pop in next sc. dc in each of the next 3 sc. Pop in next stitch. Dc in each of the next 3 sc. Pop in next stitch. Dc in each of the last 7 sts. Ch1, turn.

ROW 9: Sc in each st across. Ch3, turn.

ROW 10: Sk first sc. Dc in each of the next 6 sc. Pop next stitch. Dc in each of the next 3 sc. Pop in next sc. Dc in next sc. Pop in next stitch. Dc in each of the next 3 sc. Pop in next stitch. Dc in each of the last 8 sts. Ch1. turn.

ROW 11: Sc in each st across. Fasten off white.

ROW 12: Join yarn in first stitch on right side with the popcorns facing you. Sc in each st across. Fasten off and weave all ends into back of work. Set aside for now.

Back Panel

ROW 1: Ch31, Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch3, turn.

ROW 2: Sk first sc. Dc in each dc across. Ch1, turn.

ROW 3: Sc in each st across and in the top of ch3. Ch3, turn.

ROW 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14,16,18,20: Rep row 2.

ROW 5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,21: Rep row 3.

At the end of row 21, fasten off and weave ends into back of work. Perimeter Join Christmas yarn in any corner and work 1 sc in each st across the top and bottom and work 1 sc in each sc row and 2sc in each dc row up and down the left and right sides of the piece. In each corner stitch work 1sc, ch1, 1sc.

Plastic Canvas Pieces.

Cut one piece of plastic canvas so it is 60 x 28 holes. Cut one piece 60 x 60 holes

Assembly

Start with the smaller piece. Use white yarn to sew the pieces together.

1: Sew bottom of front pocket to the plastic canvas but let the first row over hang the edge of the canvas. In other words line up the edge of the canvas with the top of row one and tack into place on every other hole of the canvas. 2: Stitch the top of the pocket to the top side of the canvas lining up the top of the canvas to the bottom of the very last row of sc so that the final row over hangs the edge of the canvas as you did for the bottom. Set this aside.

NOTE: The short sides of the canvas will be unworked at this point.

3: Sew the canvas to the back side of the back crochet piece. Make sure that the canvas lines up with the bottom edge of the perimeter row so that the row over hangs the canvas.

4: Sew the front pocket to the bottom of the back piece starting on the top right corner and working your way around the bottom and up the left side of the front pocket. Line up the piece so that the outer perimeter of the back piece shows. Be sure to catch the sides of the pocket stitches and the canvas in each stitch you make down the right and up the left side.

5: Attach a hanger to the back side.

Hang up and use to keep your Christmas cards in as they arrive.

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