

# **ORIGAMI Purse Gift Card Holder**

Here is a cute little purse to give girls a gift card or cash for the holidays.



## STEP 1:

You will need an 8" square piece of origami paper, gift wrap, or construction paper. First, if your paper has a design, fold the top half down to make sure your design is not upside down. The top will fold over to create the flap of your purse.



## STEP 2:

Fold your paper in half left to right. Flatten the fold on the left side of your rectangle. Open your paper to a square and fold both sides in to meet the center fold line. Flatten both outer edges. Open to a square again.



## STEP 3:

Fold paper from bottom edge to top edge and flatten the bottom fold. At the bottom edge of the rectangle, fold up  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Next, place your finger on the fold line  $\frac{1}{4}$  in from the left side. Fold the bottom left corner up forming a triangle and the right side of the triangle meets the fold line near your finger. Repeat on the other side. Unfold to original square.



## STEP 4:

Take the bottom left corner and fold it over so the outer edge aligns with the center fold and the bottom edges are even. Do the same for the right side. Above the two folds you just made, press the upper triangles flat. Take the bottom flap and fold up at the base of the triangles and press flat covering the triangles. Flatten your fold.



## STEP 5:

Flip your paper around so the fold just completed is upright in front of you and you are ready to work on the opposite side. Fold in the left edge so it meets the center fold and the bottom edges align. Repeat on the right side.



## STEP 6:

On the bottom edge, fold in both corners to create small triangles. Open by inserting finger into triangle at corner. Fold inward so triangle is inside the flap to create corners of purse. Repeat on the other side.



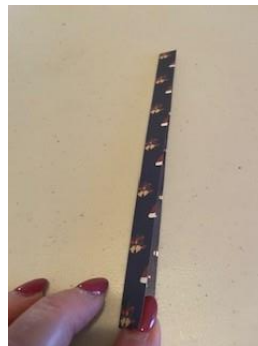
## STEP 7:

Glue down the back triangle of the purse on each side. On the bottom edge (top of purse flap), glue the two layers together. Now that your purse is glued together, press the sides of your purse pocket inwards.



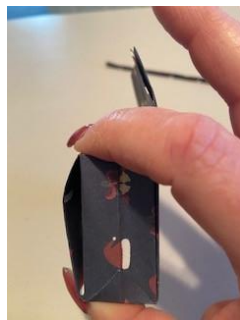
## STEP 8:

You are almost done! Next, cut two 1" strips from matching paper. Fold each in half, lengthwise. Unfold, and fold the outer edge to the center line on both sides. Keeping those folds in place, fold in half again to create a thin strip. One will be the handle of the purse and one will be the strap to hold your purse closed.



## STEP 9:

Cut 2 ½" from one of the strips. Looking at the side of your purse, there is a fold on the front side of your purse. Fold the strip ½" in from each end. The straps will need a hot glue gun to hold in place. With glue, slide the ½" strip in between the 2 front flaps. Press to adhere. Repeat on the opposite side of the purse.



## STEP 10:

Next is the strap to the purse. Fold in ½" on each end of remaining strip. Glue one end to the top flap of your purse just above the pocket. Repeat on the other side. Tuck your flap in the front of the purse and you are done!



## STEP 11:

You can decorate your purse with ribbon, charms, or bows if you wish. Your purse is now ready for gift giving!

