



# Project Idea: Make a Wallet

## Recommended for Step 3: Create for good, Choice 1: Make for yourself

**Setup:** If you go to the store, where do you keep your money? If you go to the library, where do you keep your library card? A wallet is a handy folding case that can hold money or other important items. For a wallet to function and do its job, it needs a design where nothing falls out.

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### Materials needed:

- 8.5" x 11" card stock
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Small velcro piece
- Safety scissors
- Glue
- Stickers
- Markers
- Ruler
- Pencil

**More to explore:** Different materials can help the wallet to work in different ways. Adding duct or packing tape can make it more durable or waterproof. Making a fabric wallet lets you practice your sewing skills.

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### Activity:

1. Measure 2 ¼ inches down from the top of the card stock. Draw a line across and fold the top down at that line. Then fold the bottom edge to the 2 ¼-inch line, making an envelope shape for the outer body of your wallet.
2. Cut the paper into three equal sections (3 ⅔ x 8 ½-inch each) by folding the bottom up and the top down and cutting along the fold lines, creating three smaller paper rectangles.
3. Fold two of the paper rectangles in accordion-like or zig zag folds to make the expanding sides for the wallet.
4. Put glue on the end folds (top and bottom) of each little accordion and glue them on the inside edges of the wallet. Let the sides dry.
5. Attach or glue the velcro to the inside of the flap and to the wallet body, so the two parts match up.
6. Decorate the wallet with stickers and markers.