

# Duct Tape Wallet

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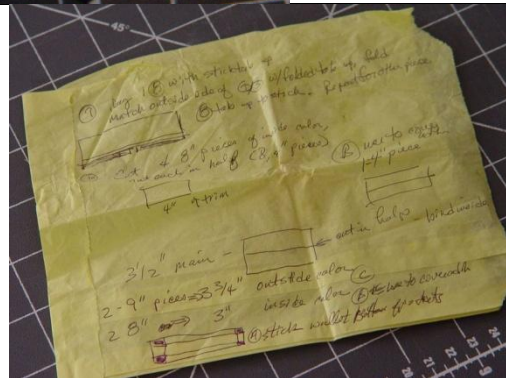
## Duct Tape Wallet Instructions

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These instructions are created from notes taken during an 8/14/2013 class.

For these instructions, the "outside color" is the blue/white chevron pattern, the "inside color" is the white.



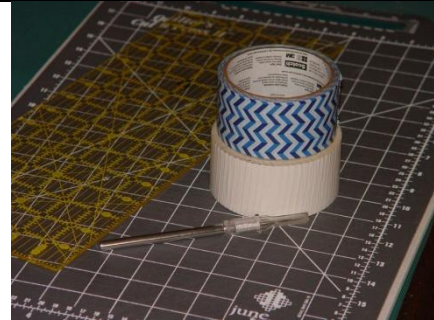
The original hastily scribbled set of instructions

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## Creating the Inside of the Wallet

1. Gather your materials:
  - Duct tape (these instructions assume two colors)
  - Cutting mat (or cardboard in a pinch)
  - Ruler (acrylic works great)
  - X-Acto or other cutting device



Step 1: Materials

2. Cut two 8-1/2" pieces of OUTSIDE color. Overlap these to make an 8-1/2" x 3-1/4" piece. Set aside

*Note: As you're cutting your pieces, you may want to allow for pattern matching depending on the duct tape you've chosen – The X-Acto and pen mark where I will cut, I used extra length to help pattern match*



Step 2: Measuring and matching pattern



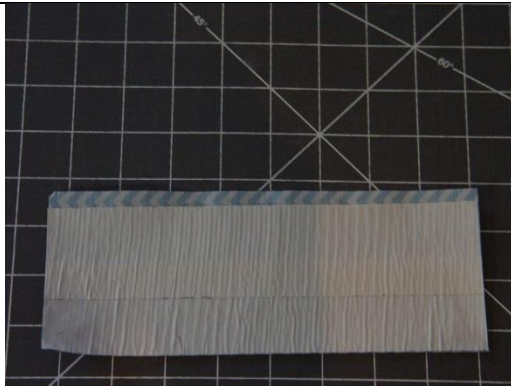
Step 2: Trimmed to length

3. Cut two 8-1/2" pieces of INSIDE color. Overlap these to make an 8-1/2" x 3" piece. Set aside

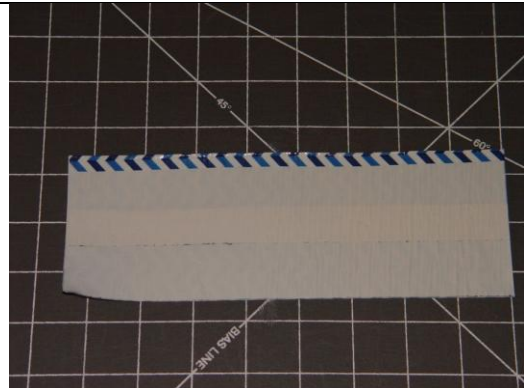
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4. Stick pieces 1 and 2 sticky sides together, matching 3 sides. Fold over the remaining 1/4" sticky flap



Step 4: Sticky flap still showing

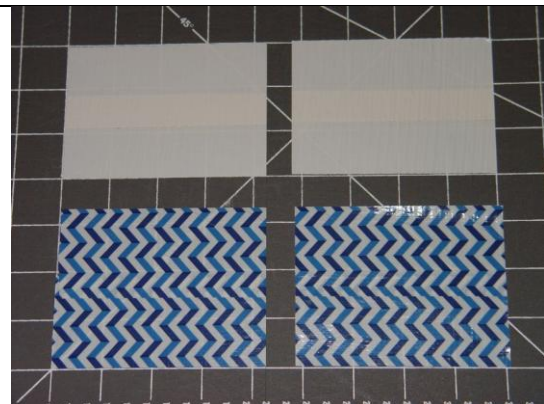


Step 4: Sticky flap folded over

5. Cut two 8-1/2" pieces of OUTSIDE color. Overlap these to make an 8-1/2" x 3-1/4" piece. Set aside

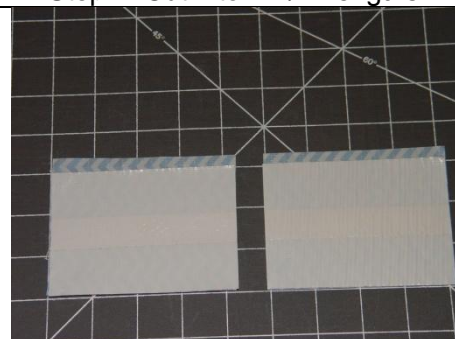
6. Cut two 8-1/2" pieces of INSIDE color. Overlap these to make an 8-1/2" x 3" piece. Set aside

7. Cut pieces from steps 5 and 6 into 4-1/4" lengths



Step 7: Cut into 4-1/4" lengths

8. Stick pieces from Step 7 sticky sides together (as in Step 4), matching 3 sides, but DO NOT fold over the 1/4" sticky flap



Step 8: pieces from Step 7 stuck together, but sticky flap NOT folded over

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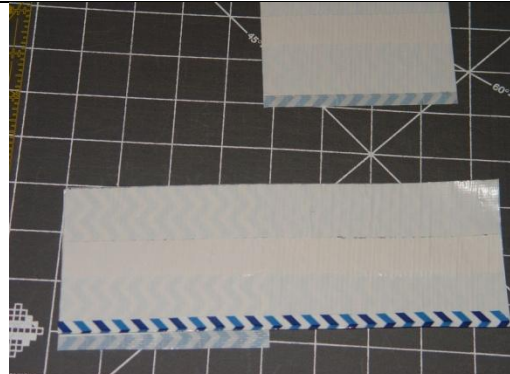
9. Trim ~1/8" from each side of the Step 8 pieces (trim perpendicular to the remaining 1/4" sticky tab) – this will tidy up the edges as well as take a bit of width off of the resulting piece

*Note: You may trim either 1/8" from each side, or if your edges lined up neatly you may trim 1/4" from only one side – it's up to you*

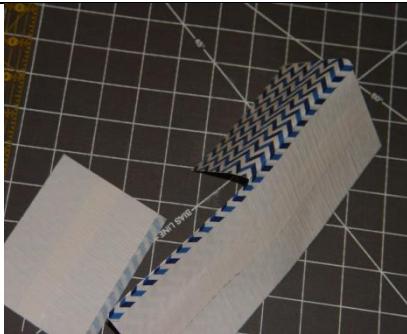


Step 9: Trimming edge(s) of Step 8 pieces – the sticky flap is still unfolded

10. Lay one of the Step 9 pieces with the sticky tab facing up at bottom. Lay piece from Step 4 with its folded over tab facing up at bottom - **align outside edge of Step 9 piece and Step 4 piece**. Fold the Step 9 sticky tab up (it will cover the Step 4 folded over tab). Repeat for other Step 9 piece, again aligning outside edge



Step 10: Lining up the Step 9 piece under the Step 4 piece – sticky flap at bottom left



Step 10: One of the Step 4 pieces positioned on the Step 9 piece



Step 10: Both Step 4 pieces positioned on the Step 9 piece

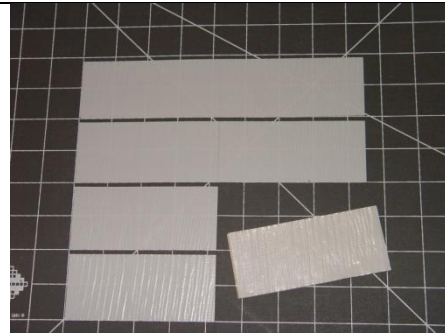


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## Creating the card pockets

11. Cut four 8-1/2" pieces of INSIDE color. Cut each of these in half so you end up with eight 4-1/4" pieces. Stick these pieces together in pairs so you end up with four 4-1/4" pieces with no sticky showing. Trim ~1/8" from each side of these pieces - this will tidy up the edges as well as take a bit of width off of the resulting piece (they should be the same width as the Step 9 pieces)



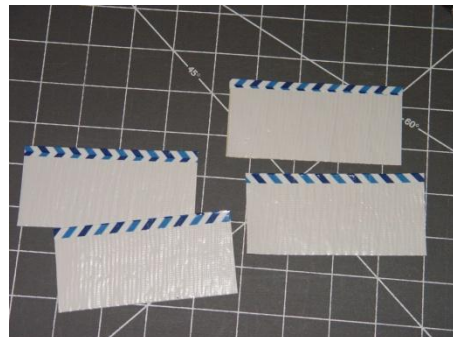
Step 11: Creating pockets

12. OPTIONAL: Cut 1 4-1/2" piece of OUTSIDE color. Cut this piece in into quarters lengthwise so that you end up with four 4-1/2" skinny strips. Use these strips to cover each of the Step 10 pieces on one long edge overlapping the strip onto front and back (bind that one edge). Trim excess

*Note: You could also bind your pockets in the same color as the pocket if you prefer*



Step 12: Stages of binding top edge of pockets



Step 12: all 4 pockets – top edges bound and trimmed

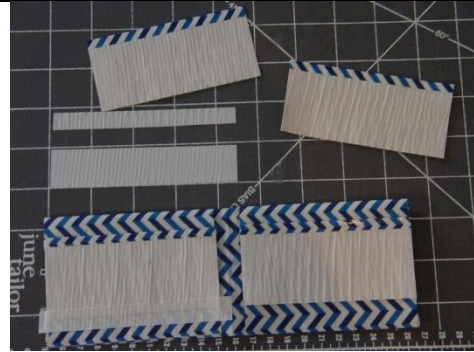
13. Cut one 4-1/2" piece of OUTSIDE (or could be INSIDE) color. Cut this piece in into quarters lengthwise so that you end up with four 4-1/2" skinny strips. These pieces will be used to stick down the card pockets and will only be visible if you pry the card pockets open to peek inside.

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## Placing the card pockets

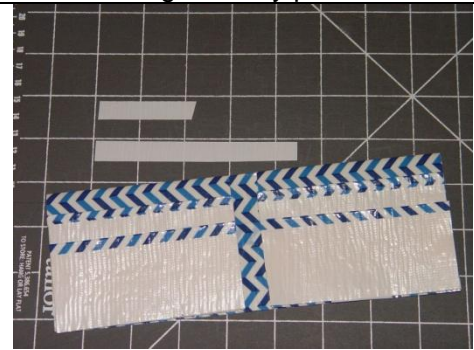
14. Position the Step 10 piece so that the flaps hinge at the top (bottom part is open). Position one of the Step 11/12 pieces so that it is about 3/4 of the way up and aligned on top of the flap. Use one of the skinny Step 13 pieces to neatly stick it down (at the bottom of the Step 11/12 piece) to the flap. Trim the overlap from sides of skinny piece. Repeat for the other flap and another Step 11/12 piece



Step 14: Placing the pockets - first pocket on left is taped down, pocket on right is only placed

15. With the Step 14 piece still in the same position, place another Step 11/12 on top of the flap, aligning the bottom edges. Use a small scrap of tape to hold in place, taping to only the flap. Repeat for the other Step 11/12 piece and flap

*Note: The small scrap of tape used to secure the pockets can optionally be removed in the next step, so don't fuss too much over it if you plan to remove it*



Step 15: Creating pockets

16. Cut one 3-1/2" piece of OUTSIDE color. Cut in half lengthwise. Use this to bind the inside edges of the flaps/pockets created in Step 15 – place so that half the width of the strip covers the front of pockets, lining up at top edge of pockets/flap, and fold front to back. Trim off excess binding strip at bottom of pockets

Optional: Remove the scrap of tape that was holding the bottom pocket in place



Step 16: Binding inside edge of pockets

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## Creating the Outside of the Wallet

17. Cut two 9-1/2" pieces of OUTSIDE color. Overlap these to make a 9-1/2" x 3-3/4" piece. Set aside. This will be the outside of your wallet so you may want to take extra care to line up patterned tape

*Note: There's not a lot of overlap for the two strips, and some duct tape brands are so narrow that you may need to use 3 strips rather than 2 in order to comfortably get to the 3-3/4" height*



Step 17: pattern matching for outside of wallet

18. Cut two 8-1/2" pieces of INSIDE color. Overlap these to make an 8-1/2" x 3" piece. Set aside

19. Place the Step 17 piece sticky side up on work surface. If your duct tape is directional, make sure that this piece has the "top" of the pattern place so that it is at the top. Center the Step 18 piece sticky side down so that there is a sticky border all the way around - **be careful - you only get one shot at this!** Cut out a square at the corners of the sticky side up tape (so there will be no overlap when you fold these sticky sides/top/bottom over the edges of the wallet)



Step 19: Outside of wallet – corners have not yet been cut out of the Step 19 piece

## Putting it all together

20. Lay the Step 19 piece horizontally on work surface with sticky edges up. If your duct tape is directional, make sure that this piece has the "top" of the pattern place so that it is at the top. Position the Step 16 piece - centered and with pockets opening to the top on top - on top of the Step 19 piece.



Step 20: Inside of wallet placed on top of outside of wallet. Also, corners have now been cut out



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21. Fold the bottom sticky edge up - press firmly to secure



Step 21: Bottom edge folded up

22. Gently fold down one layer of the Step 16 piece. Fold the top sticky edge of the Step 19 piece down, covering the remaining layer of the Step 16 piece



Step 22. One layer of wallet folded down.  
You can see a sticky line down center of wallet horizontally



Step 22: Top sticky edge folded down  
You can see a sticky line down center of wallet horizontally

23. Cut one 4-1/2" piece of INSIDE color. Cut in half lengthwise to create two 4-1/2" pieces. Use these pieces end to end to cover the adhesive at the center crease between the Step 16 and Step 19 piece. Fold the Step 16 piece back up



Step 23: Sticky line at center of wallet covered



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24. Fold in each side of sticky edge to join the outside edges of the wallet.



Step 24: Side sticky flaps folded in – and a credit card fits!

25. That's it - Step back and admire your work!



Step 25: Your duct tape wallet is complete!

Once you've made one wallet and see how the pattern goes, you can play with all sorts of color combinations and placements to create a wallet personalized for yourself and family and friends. Try more than two colors, add embellishments – the possibilities are only limited by your imagination!

Enjoy!