

FOLD A WONDER WALLET

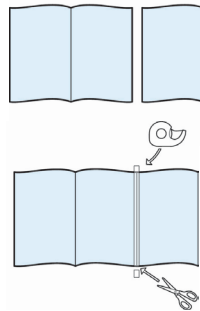
With her new book, *Simply Sublime Gifts*, Jodi Kahn transforms household castoffs into brilliant giftables. Here, she shows us how to make a new wallet—to help you stay organized and on budget with a streamlined place to stash your cash—out of a laminated comic book page. —Amy Palanjan

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
8 $\frac{1}{8}$ × 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ INCHES

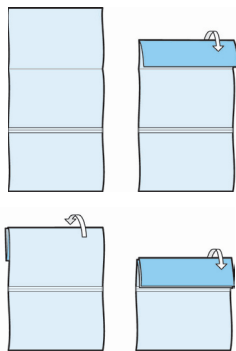
Materials

1 STANDARD COMIC BOOK (ABOUT 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ × 10 $\frac{1}{8}$ INCHES)
STAPLE REMOVER
CLEAR CELLOPHANE TAPE
SCISSORS (OR A ROTARY CUTTER OR STRAIGHTEDGE AND SELF-HEALING MAT)
1 PACKAGE 17 INCHES × 2-YARD IRON-ON VINYL (AVAILABLE AT THERMOWEB.COM)
IRON AND IRONING BOARD
PENCIL
COFFEE MUG OR CAN, APPROXIMATELY 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ INCHES IN DIAMETER
SEWING MACHINE
THREAD

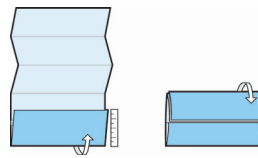
1. Take the staples out of the center of the comic book; separate the pages without tearing them.
2. Select one two-page spread plus one additional single page with which to make your “material.” Turn the pages right side down, then use a strip of cellophane tape to connect the two-page section to the single page, lining up the edges so they are flush. Trim off any extra tape. You will have made a rectangle that is approximately 20 x 10 inches.



3. Turn the material so it's vertical, with the two-page spread section at the top. On the two-page section only, fold the material forward and back to make a four-section accordion pleat.



4. Open the pleat. At the bottom end, fold up a 4-inch flap, then fold the accordion pleat back down. (It will cover part of the flap.)

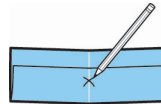


5. Fold this bottom section up to make a 2½-inch flap, as shown. Make sure all creases are crisp.

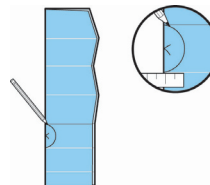


6. Fold the wallet in half widthwise and crease. Unfold the wallet completely. Laminate the right side of the material with iron-on vinyl, following package instructions. When done, fold the wallet back up as it was before.

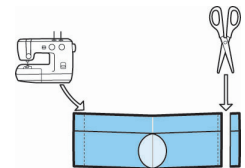
7. Make a cutout for credit cards: Mark an X in the center of the inside flap.



Open the material completely again, and fold it in half lengthwise. On the section where you've marked the X, use a curved edge, such as the bottom of a coffee mug, to draw an arc 1 1/8 inch from the fold. With material still folded, cut out the credit card opening.



8. Fold the wallet back up, following the folds and creases. Once the wallet is folded back up, stitch the side seams closed using a 1-inch seam allowance, backstitching at the beginning and end. Trim extra fabric on each side close to the stitching, and trim all threads.



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