

QuiltWorks Northwest and Beads & Beyond

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2011 – Holiday Inspiration – Day 20

Gift Cards are NOT boring!



...Especially when they are cozy in a cute case. Take a 4 ½" x 7" piece of wool and whipstitch a motif 2" above the bottom edge. Embellish with beads and stitches. Fold the bottom edge up and straight stitch in place to form the pocket, leaving a ¼" at the fold unstitched so it forms a natural gusset. To make the flap stay down, also straight stitch along the top of the card case through both layers of wool (optional.)

New *Twist* on a Charm Necklace



Gather beads or charms based on a theme: favorite color scheme, trip memories, symbols of accomplishments... Take a thick cord (such as rattail) twice the desired length of the necklace (or bracelet) and tape the loop end to a surface (or get your friend to hold it for you...), then roll both ends the same direction to form a "rope". Tie an overhand knot at the end to secure. Slip the knotted end into a lanyard clip and pass the free end between the two strands next to the knot end. Load beads or charms from the looped end and clip closed.