

Fabric Postcards

Creating postcards gives you the opportunity to use up small scraps, try new techniques and indulge your quilting passion. Your friends and family will love receiving these unique keepsake cards.

A typical postcard, sent through the mail system, is 4"x 6" and not more than 1/8" thick. **I make mine 5"x7" and mail them in an envelope. This keeps them cleaner and less risk of damage.** If mailing without an envelope, the US post office requires "Postcard" written on the back. It can be handwritten or stamped with a rubber stamp like my samples show. To send fabric postcards **without an envelope** through the postal system, they must measure at least 3.5" x 5".

Materials needed

- Fabric for the front of the postcard
- Thin batting, cotton or 80/20 poly cotton
- Décor Bond to add body for quilting
- Fusible Peltex or non-fusible Timtex for stability
- Backing fabric

Cut the fabric for the card front approximately 1 inch bigger than the desired finished size. Create the postcard front by using embellishments such as applique, fusible fabrics, beads, embroidery, stencils, stamps, markers or paint. Prior to quilting the front of the postcard, cut a piece of batting and Décor Bond approximately the same size as the unfinished postcard front. Layer the batting to the wrong side of the postcard front and then add the Décor Bond. Quilt the front as desired and trim the quilted postcard to the desired finished size.

For the back, stamp the backing fabric with a postcard stamp prior to cutting to the finished size. Cut a piece of Peltex or Timtex the same size as the backing fabric. Fuse or lightly spray glue the Peltex or Timtex to the wrong side of the backing fabric. Spray glue or pin the finished quilted front to the back, wrong sides together. To finish the edges of your postcard, set your sewing machine to a satin stitch, using black thread, satin stitch around the card twice covering the raw edge. The right zig zag motion of the needle should just barely fall at the edge of the postcard. I set my zig zag stitch on 3.5 width and .05 length. If edges still show, use a black permanent marker to conceal.

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