

Fabric Postcards

You can mail these!

Materials

- Fabric for postcard front
- Fabric for postcard back
- Decorations (fabric, beads, ribbon, etc)
- Optional: Sewing machine & thread
- Optional: Pellon Peltex 70 Interfacing
- Optional: Heat n Bond Lite adhesive

Postage (as of 1/16/2022)

SAFEST: 88¢ = 58¢ First Class Letter + 30¢ non-machinable charge.

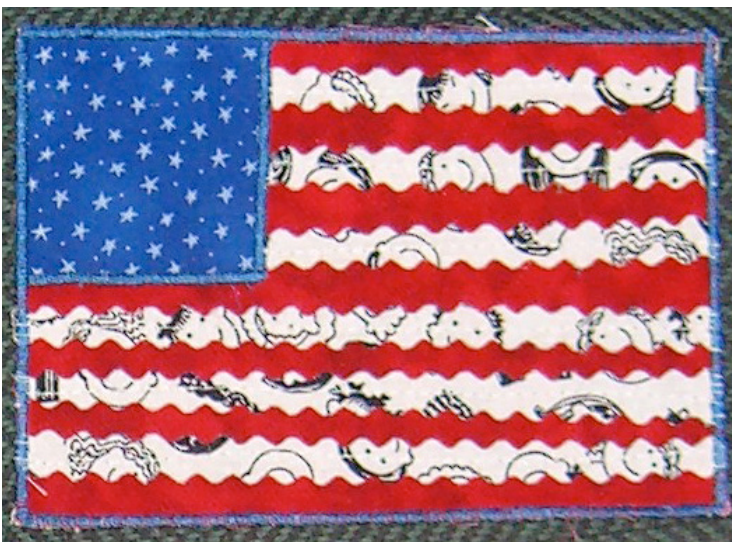
EASIEST: \$1.16 = two First Class stamps

BRAVE: 58¢ First Class Letter

GUTSY: 40¢ Postcard Rate

Basic Instructions

1. Prepare decorative front.
2. Use iron-on adhesive to attach decorated front to fabric back. NOTE: you may include Pellon Peltex interfacing in the center or use canvas or other thick fabric on the back to add heft to the postcard.
3. Trim and finish edges.
4. To mail, address with a permanent marker. Extra postage is usually required; bring to post office to determine exact amount due, or see info to the left.



Detailed Postcard Making Instructions

1. MAKE FRONT OF POSTCARD

Prepare decorative front. Front should measure just over 4" x 6", with some extra near the edges to allow postcard to be trimmed later. Decorations which cannot be ironed or which are particularly thick should be attached after fusing the front to the back (or before attaching to a Peltex interfacing center, if using, see Step 2).

Decorating options include but are not limited to:

- a. Fabric flowers
- b. Quilt blocks
- c. Decorative stitching or embroidery
- d. Ribbons and other fibers
- e. Small charms or buttons
- f. Beads
- g. Permanent marker
- h. Fabric paint

2. OPTIONAL: ADD INTERFACING TO CENTER OF POSTCARD

- a. Use iron-on adhesive to attach decorated front to Pellon Peltex 70 (stiff interfacing). See instructions below for Heat n Bond Lite.

3. ATTACH FRONT OF POSTCARD TO BACK OF POSTCARD

Use iron-on adhesive to attach decorated front (with or without Peltex – see step 2) to fabric back. See instructions below for Heat n Bond Lite. If not using a stiff Peltex center, use a heavier fabric such as canvas for the postcard backside.

4. TRIM AND FINISH THE EDGES

Trim edges to make the front and back even. Finish edges as desired. The iron-on adhesive may not hold, so consider stitching around the edges of your postcard.

Edge finishing options include but are not limited to:

- a. Pinking shears or other decorative cutting
- b. Machine satin stitching
- c. Embroidery or other decorative stitching
- d. Ribbon or decorative trim
- e. Quilt-style binding
- f. Fabric binding with fusible bonding web (see Stitch Witchery below)

Optional Instructions for Heat n Bond Lite Iron-on adhesive

1. PRESS

Place adhesive side of Heat n Bond Lite against wrong side of fabric. Paper should be facing up toward the iron. Press for 2 seconds with hot, dry iron. Let cool.

2. PEEL AND FUSE

Gently peel off paper backing. Position adhesive against the wrong side of the second fabric. Press **FIRMLY** for 8-10 seconds (heavier fabrics = more time). Repeat, lifting and overlapping iron until all fabric is bonded.

3. TRIM

Trim fused fabrics to desired size and shape.

Optional Instructions for Stitch Witchery Fusible Bonding Web

Another option instead of sewing. Use this for attaching fabric or ribbon.

1. Place Stitch Witchery between fabric layers.

2. Cover with damp press cloth. Set steam iron on "Wool" and press for 10 seconds on each side. Do not slide iron.

3. Allow to cool. Check if bond is secure. Press again, if necessary.

NOTE ABOUT POSTCARD DIMENSIONS

Since the post office usually requires the first class letter rate PLUS the non-machinable charge to send these cards, the size of your "postcard" can be up to 6.125 inches by 11.5 inches!!

GALLERY



- Green background fabric
- Flip flops accent fabric
- Satin stitch around flip-flops
- Fancy stitch around edges
- Pinking cut the edges



- Red background fabric
- White "snow" accent fabric
- XMAS tree decoration
- Sheer fabric top with sequins
- Fancy stitch around edge
- Pinking cut the edges



- Quilt block top
- Edges cut straight
- Satin/Buttonhole stitch edges
- Eyelet added for hanging



- Red background fabric
- Blue stars accent fabric
- White stripes accent fabric
- Sew to anchor accent fabrics
- Edges cut straight
- Satin/Buttonhole stitch edges



- White background fabric
- Fish accent fabric
- Embroidered postal words
- Satin/buttonhole stitch around fish accent fabric
- Pinking cut the edges



- Hello Kitty background fabric
- Fancy stitch around edges
- Pinking cut the edges