

HOW TO MAKE FABRIC POSTCARDS: A QUICK TUTORIAL

INTRO

Fabric postcards are fun to make and lovely to receive. You are creating a miniature work of fiber art, using up scraps, and trying out new techniques and embellishments. You can make them quickly, and the creative satisfaction is addictive. They are a treasured part of the East Cobb Quilters' Guild show GEORGIA CELEBRATES QUILTS®. Thank you for making and donating them to sell at our show.

SUPPLIES

Fabric scraps, including old blocks, applique samples, embroidery or collage, etc.

batting scraps	scissors	sewing machine
rulers	iron	various threads
fabric glue	spray adhesive	rotary cutter
rulers	pencil	

Buttons, ribbons, rickrack, cording, and other embellishments

The postcard design is attached, to print two 4" x 6" cards on your home printer. Medium card stock (65 lb.) is suggested. These can be added later. We will print a supply of these, and let you know how to obtain them.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do a Pinterest search for Fabric Postcards and get lots of ideas and inspiration.
2. Cut batting into 4 ½" x 6 ½" pieces.
3. Create the 4 ½" x 6 ½" fabric "top" using a combination of fabrics, applique, etc. Add decorative stitching, thread painting, etc. Your design can be vertical or horizontal. Press it. (We make the top slightly larger than the 4" x 6" postcard size, in case the construction and/or quilting causes it to shrink slightly).
4. Using spray adhesive or fabric glue, spray the batting and attach the fabric top. You can add a fabric layer to the back of the batting, but it is not necessary.
5. Quilt as desired.
6. Add embellishments after quilting is done.

If you have the printed cardboard, center and attach it to the back/batting side with spray adhesive or fabric glue. Carefully trim around the edges of the card to remove the excess fabric and batting. Stitch around the card with buttonhole, zig zag, or satin stitch, or add a narrow ribbon or cording with a straight stitch. Use a heavy duty needle to stitch through the cardboard and layers (a Jeans needle will work, or try others) Your postcard is done!

Don't worry if you don't have the cardboard – we will provide that. We plan to have postcard workshops for guild members when we can hold meetings. Watch for announcements on these fun times to create postcards together. We will teach some additional techniques at these workshops.