

A free project, compliments of...

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Fiber Collage Art Cards

These fiber collages are fast, fun and easy to make and they are a great way to use up leftover bits of fabric, threads, ribbons, lace, novelty yarns, papers, silk or paper flowers. I've even used torn pages from old books, tea bag and candy wrappers! You can use anything in these collages that can withstand the heat of the iron.

NOTE: It's important to use Mistyfuse fusible web for this because it fuses sheer which is important since you'll be using it on top of the project. Using Mistyfuse with parchment paper as the press cloth insures that you will not get that shine on your surface that you get with some fusible webs. If you choose to use a silicone pressing sheet in place of the parchment paper, then the Mistyfuse will fuse with a shine.

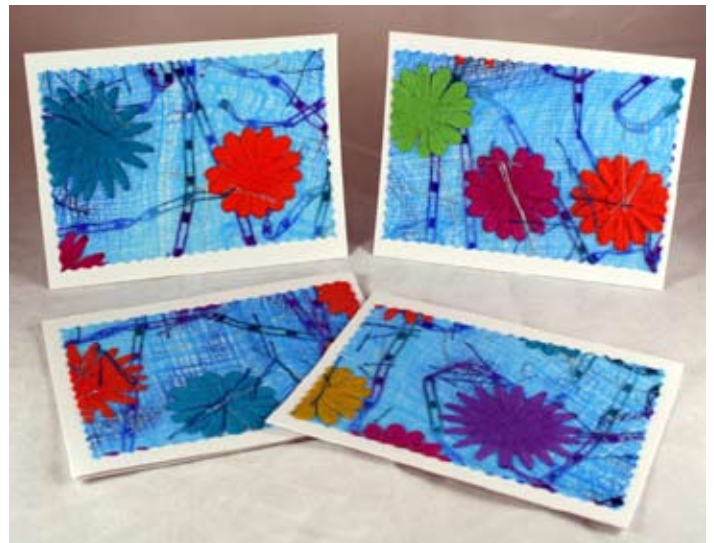
Start by placing a piece of parchment paper on your ironing surface and then put a piece of Mistyfuse on top.

Now you will start building your fiber collage. I like to start with some hand dyed cheesecloth, but you could use torn fabric, tulle, sheer organza fabric or whatever you have on hand.



You can see that I've just randomly cut and placed the cheesecloth on the Mistyfuse and I'm not being very neat about it.

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Supplies

Mistyfuse fusible web
Reynolds baking parchment paper
Collage materials: Scraps of fabric, novelty yarns, paper flowers, ribbons, etc.
Tulle
Blank greeting cards or card stock to make your own

Cover the collage with a piece of parchment paper and press it well with a hot iron.



Remove the parchment paper and place another piece of Mistyfuse right on top of the cheesecloth.

Now you can begin to add other collage elements. I've added some novelty yarns first.



On top of the novelty yarns, I've placed some paper flowers.



Cover the entire piece with some parchment paper and press it well with a hot iron.

Continue alternating layers of Mistyfuse and collage elements until you are happy with the composition. When you are happy with the collage you've created put a final layer of Mistyfuse on top, cover it with a piece of parchment paper and iron it well with a hot iron. Remove the parchment paper and finish your collage by putting a layer of tulle over the top as the final layer. Cover the collage again with parchment and give it a final press with a hot iron.

Leave the collage on the parchment paper. This makes it easier to cut out your shapes. I like to use a decorative edge rotary cutter to cut out my shapes but you could use a straight edge rotary blade, a pair of sharp scissors or pinking sheers, if you like. Cut your shapes out a bit smaller than the dimensions of the front of your card.



Peel the parchment paper off the back of the shape and place it on the front of your card. Cover it with a piece of parchment and press it with a hot iron to fuse it to the card.



That's it, you're done! Your card is now ready for you to add a personal note on the inside and be mailed to some lucky recipient.

For this next set of cards I created a collage surface with tea bag wrappers, cheesecloth, paper flowers and metallic novelty thread.



A set of these fiber collage cards, along with some stamps, wrapped up in some pretty tissue or paper and tied with a bright ribbon makes a lovely gift.