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Mailable Art Creating Mailable Art Pieces

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Making and mailing fabric postcards has become very popular. Not only are these fun and easy to make and send to your friends but they are a true delight to receive. Why send a boring store bought birthday card when you can make a beautiful hand made postcard that the recipient is sure to treasure and will want to display long after the birthday party ends.

Supplies

Fast-2-fuse
Fabric
General sewing supplies

What you do

Cut a piece of fast-2-fuse 4"x6" and fuse a piece of solid material to one side. This is the side that you will write the address and message on. In the example for this card I am using pink tissue paper as my address side.



Alternatively you can use fabric or lightweight card-stock. As long as you can sew through it you can use it on your card. On the other side of the fast-2-fuse, fuse your fabric that you want to be on the front of the card. If you've used some dimensional items on your

fabric that you cannot or do not want to expose to heat use a little glue stick on the surface of the fast-2-fuse to adhere it. This will keep it from shifting as you sew along the edges.

Now all you have to do is set up your sewing machine for a wide zigzag or satin stitch and sew around all the edges of the card.



I like to use rayon 40wt thread for this step. I usually go around the edges at least twice and sometimes three times rather than using a dense stitch the first time around. I think I get better results by building layers of the stitching, but experiment and see which way works best for you.

Now your postcard is ready to address and mail. I like to print off a label and note onto clear address labels and then stick them right on the back. In the US just add a first class postage stamp and drop it in the mail!

TIP

Make sure any items you add such as beads, buttons etc are securely attached to the surface of the card or they may get torn off as they move through the mail system.

You can also place your postcard in a clear mailing sleeve to mail it if you want to protect the surface from scrapes and bumps. Put the postage on the outside of the envelope though so that the post office doesn't have to open it to cancel the stamps.

If you choose to write your address on the back be sure to use a permanent marker or pen!

