

How to Make a Postcard

Fusible *Stitch n Shape* 4" x 6" (*Temtex*, *Shapeflex*, or other firm foundations.)

I prefer the double sided fusible, but the single will work well also.

Background Fabric: approx. 5" x 7"



Center & fuse fabric to fusible side of *Stitch n Shape*.

Use a Teflon sheet to protect iron, and board.

Using a 6" x 12" ruler, mark the centers on the outer edges on the Right side of your fabric. Be sure your marked lines in the seam allowance go to the edges of the fabric. (these edges will be turned under when completing the card, but will help you position the card squarely in the center of the hoop.) I also place a small dot in the exact center of the card.

Hoop a piece of sticky stabilizer in the 5x7 hoop. Carefully score the paper and remove, the covering from the sticky.

I like to place the hooped sticky on top of my cutting mat, lining up the centers of the hoop with the lines on the board. I then draw straight pencil lines on the sticky about 1" in from each hoop center edge.

Carefully position the marked fabric, Right side up, so that the marked centering lines line up with the center marks on your hoop, top, sides, and bottom. Press firmly onto the sticky.

Place the hoop on your machine, I also make any adjustments necessary to be sure that the needle center will start in the center of my card. I always do a test run to be sure that the design fits with-in the parameters of the postcard size, and begin sewing.

My postcard designs have been sized to fit with-in a 5 1/2" x 3 1/2" area thus allowing 1/4" space around the design for the final stitching of the postcard.

When finished sewing the design, gently remove the card from the sticky, peel away as much paper as will easily come loose. (the back of the card will never show so don't worry about how it looks.) I also am careful not to rip the card from the stabilizer as I can patch and re-use the hooped sticky for several more cards.

Measure from all edges of the "card" and trim, leaving a shy 1/2" seam allowance. After trimming, using the **Hera Marker**, score the fabric along the edges of the card. (this will help turn a sharp edge over the card to the wrong side.)

If your *Stitch n Shape* does not have a double sided fuse, using a mini glue dispenser, (with Elmer's School Glue) place a thin bead of glue along the top edge of the wrong side of the card, (not necessary with double sided fuse) carefully press seam allowance to wrong side, repeat for top, bottom, and sides. Do not worry about the corners at this time. When all sides are intact, carefully fold the corners over so that they do not overlap the edges of the card. I use a dot of glue inside and outside of the double fold of the corners and press. Re-position if necessary until corners are smooth with no hangover showing on your right side.

Remember the back of the card will not show, but you do not want lumps in your corners.

Next place the 4 x 6 index card onto the wrong side, sometimes a bit of glue stick will help hold the card in position until you get your machine set-up for sewing. (Some people buy US Postal cards for this, and there is currently a rubber stamp available.

I have created a downloadable PDF file that I can edit and personalize for you when you purchase the Post Card collection. Just send me a note thru "Contact Us" http://www.heirloomstitches.net/contact_us.html

I can add your name to the legend: "This card was handmade especially for you by....." And e-mail you the printable pdf file. The doc. will print on a 4x6 index card ready to address.

To attach the address card to the back of your design, choose a simple zig-zag utility stitch, length 3.0 and width 3.0 to 4.0. I like my zig on the card and the zag over the edge. Needle down. I usually sew from the right side, I may have to fudge my last stitch before pivoting, and when I connect to my start I try to go back into the same holes for 4 or 5 stitches, again fudging so that the needle holes line up.

Your card is ready for your personal message an address, and will mail with a postcard stamp.

I usually ask the clerk to hand cancel the stamp.

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