

Quilted Postcard or Notecard

Quilted cards are tiny little quilts! They're great for using up scraps or orphan blocks, and you're not limited to quilting cottons. Try a new technique without committing to a major project. They are customizable for any message or occasion like holidays or birthdays or just to say hi. Depending on how you mail the cards, they can be embellished and decorated. You are only limited by your imagination!

Materials to make a 4"x6" quilted postcard

Fabric to create a 4 1/2"x6 1/2" top, pieced or whole cloth.or

Batting a 4 1/2"x6 1/2" scrap of any type of batting

Stabilizer cut to 4 1/2"x6 1/2", preferably a fusible product like Peltex 72F, or other brand of a very firm product that can be fused on both sides.

Cardstock or fabric 4 1/2"x6 1/2" for backing

Binding fabric if you decide to bind 2"x24"

Fusible webbing if you want to include appliqué in your design

Fabric paint or embellishments if you want to include

Make the top

Choose a favorite whole cloth design, do some fussy cutting, use part of a leftover block, try some paper piecing, sashiko or appliqué. Hand quilt or machine quilt with free motion or a straight stitch as desired. Keep in mind that you will be cutting the quilt down to 4"x6", so keep your focal point contained within that space.

Make a quilt sandwich

Layer the quilted top, the stabilizer and the card stock (or backing fabric). If using Peltex 72 F as your stabilizer, press from the quilt side for 8-10 seconds, then turn over and press for another couple of seconds until the quilt sandwich is fused.

Trim the card

Use rotary cutter and a ruler to trim the card to 4"x6".

Finish

You can either sew on a binding or zigzag/satin stitch around the card to finish it.

If binding, cut a 2"x24" strip and press into a binding. Go ahead and sew the ends together before you attach to the card. Sew the binding to the cardstock side of the card and then flip to finish by hand.

If using a zigzag stitch, choose a relatively tight stitch width. You may want to go around the card twice for a fuller look.

Mail

It's possible to add a mailing address, add postage and mail the quilted postcard as is, as long as it is not more than 1/4" thick. If you choose to mail it this way, you may want to ask USPS to hand cancel the card, to avoid possible damage as it is processed.

If you decide to mail the card in an envelope, consider a glassine one so that the card shows through.

Resources:

saroy.net Tutorial: How to Make Quilted Fabric Postcard

suzyquilts.com: Handmade Quilted Postcard Tutorial

thesprucecrafts.com 6 Ways to Make Easy Fabric Postcards