

## Post Card Class November 27, 2017

Yes, these can go through the mail as long as they meet postal regulations! Standard postcard size is 4"X6"; close to that is fine. They must be no more than ¼" thick, some newer websites say 1/8". You will need a first class stamp and some post offices will charge \$0 .22 for special handling. Plastic sleeves are nice but not required. Of course, you may slip the post card in an envelope but it's more fun to receive one as a post card and not a letter.

The front of the post card may be any design you wish. The back should have the word "Post Card" at the top and a vertical line separating the message side and the address side on the right. The 2 sides do not have to equal as long as the address is clearly legible.

Assemble the top first and do any machine or hand sewing after adding the filler but before adding the back. You do not want the back of the post card to show any stitching. When sewing through the filler, you need a jeans needle or other heavier needle on your machine. After adding the back, it is time to bind. I usually just do a simple zigzag stitch with a length of about .5 long and about 3.5 wide. I use a heavier weight thread, if I have one in the color I like, but you may still have to go around the post card twice. You will want your stitch to go over the edge of the postcard so none of the filler is showing. You may also make a small binding, fused binding or couch a cord around your post card.

There are several fillers that work for postcards. I usually use Fast 2 Fuse medium which is sold at Fields. Peltex is another product. It comes fused on one or two sided. I found the two sided at Hobby Lobby and the one sided at JoAnns. Timtex is another product that comes with no fusing. It was available at all three stores. A search online for postcard sleeves will give you many options for purchasing those. In 2008 I purchased 500 for \$15.00. There are also lots of sites for viewing postcards and getting new ideas.

