

# Postcard Quilts!!!

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## Materials for each postcard quilt—

Solid fabrics for postcard front & back - cut slightly larger than 4" x 6" each  
Fabric scraps for appliques  
Paper backed fusible web - 2 pieces a little larger than 4" x 6" each for front and back, and extra for appliques  
Timtex - cut slightly larger than 4" x 6"  
Threads for applique and quilting

## Step 1

Using permanent marker or pencil trace applique shapes onto the paper side of the **extra** piece of fusible web. Leave about 1/2" between shapes when tracing. Cut out shapes about 1/4" **outside** of drawn lines.

## Step 2

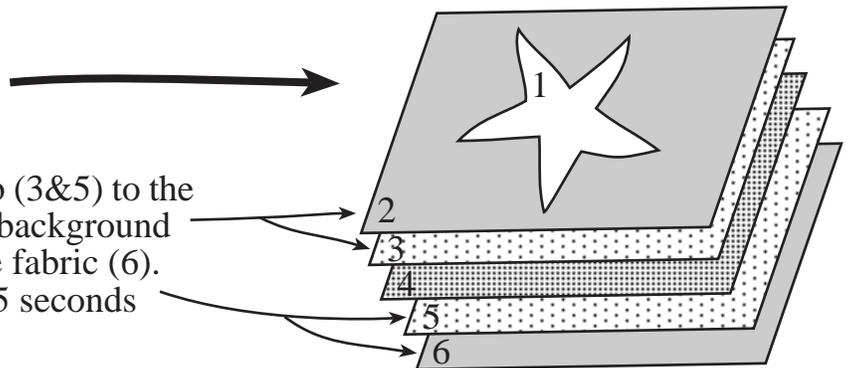
With dry iron, fuse web to the wrong side of appropriate fabrics. **Make sure you are ironing on the paper side of the fusible so you don't fuse it to your iron!** Press about 5 seconds. Cut out shapes on the drawn lines.

The finished postcard is made of these layers:  
1-appliques (with fusible web on back)  
2-fabric background - postcard "pretty" side  
3-paper backed fusible web  
4-timtex  
5-paper backed fusible web  
6-fabric - postcard address side

(If you don't have Timtex, you can substitute a layer of felt fused to craft weight interfacing.)

## Step 3

Fuse paper backed fusible web (3&5) to the wrong sides of both the front background fabric (2) and the address side fabric (6). Press with dry iron for about 5 seconds



## Step 4

Fuse appliques onto front background fabric and then fuse that unit to the Timtex. Stitch around appliques & quilt as desired. Fuse to back fabric; trim to 4" x 6" and satin stitch around edges — stitch around **TWICE**. (I use a stitch width of about 4 mm and a stitch length about .5 or smaller.) Use matching thread in the bobbin. (Optional — you can apply a fused binding to the raw edges if you prefer.)

## Step 5

Using permanent fabric pen, write **POSTCARD** at top of center back. Draw a line down center (or write something clever). Address and write message and take to the post office. It must be hand cancelled.

And then you must **WAIT** until you hear from the happy recipient!