Fabric Post Cards

Supplies:
- Timtex or stiff thick interfacing such as you might use for the base of the inside of a bag (4" by 6" for each post card). Note some Timtex has fusible on one or both sides. That is fine to use.
- Fabric scraps
(Could be parts of fabric blocks, scraps leftover from quilts, fat quarters, whatever you have, often would be fun to use novelty fabrics)
- Fusible web of any sort to adhere the index card to the Timtex if it doesn't have a fusible side.
- Optional: flat embellishments such as ribbons or rick rack (dimensional embellishments will not go through the mail)
- 4 by 6 index card with at least one unruled side

Directions:
(1) Cut Timtex to 4 inch by 6 inch rectangles.
(2) Decide what design you want for the front of your post card. It can be as simple as one 4" by 6" piece of novelty fabric or you can use part of an orphan block or fuse a design together on a 4 by 6 inch piece of fabric. You could also just start stitching fabric on and put another piece on right sides together in a quilt as you go style to sew and flip as you go across the surface of the 4 by 6 inch Timtex base.
(3) Once you have covered the front side of your 4 by 6 Timtex base, add any additional quilting/stitching design to secure the fabric.
(4) Iron flat. May need to use pressing sheet if your Timtex has fusible on it and trim off any extra fabric so it is squared up to 4 by 6.
(5) Flip over and put the index card on the other (back) side blank side of index card away from Timtex. You can fuse the index card to the Timtex. Flip back over so your design front side is up.
(6) Zigzag around the edge of the postcard. (Sometimes I just hold the index card in place while zigzagging around the edges.) The zigzag should be wide and close together, approaching, but not quite a satin stitch as that could perforate the index card too much and then it might fall off.
(7) Draw a line down the middle of the back of the card on the index card side and write "post card" along that line. You could consider adding made by you on it. So, "Post card created by Dorothy" is what I often write.
(8) Write "non-machineable" on the postcard under where the address will be added.

Note: The cost to mail it will be first class postage PLUS a non-machineable surcharge. It will be too thick to go through the automatic machines. Consider going into the post office to ensure they notice it should not go through the machines and to ensure that it is marked non-machineable..

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