

# Fabric Selvage Postcard Tutorial

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## Supplies --



- one 4 1/2" x 6 1/2" piece of white/cream fabric for the back of the postcard
- one 4 1/2" x 6 1/2" piece of fusible fleece (fusible on one side only)
- one 4 1/4" x 6 1/4" piece of fusible web (I used Heat 'n Bond Lite)
- thread (at first I thought I'd use red, but changed my mind to pink after I had the selvages arranged)
- permanent fabric marker
- fabric selvages



1. Center the fusible web on the wrong side of the white fabric and iron on. When cool, remove the paper backing. Set aside.



2. On the fusible fleece (fusible side up,) arrange the selvages the way you like, making sure to overlap the finished edge of a selvage on top of the unfinished edge of the previous selvage. Once you have decided on a design, with the iron gently fuse the selvages onto the fleece. This will help keep the selvages on while you sew them on the machine.

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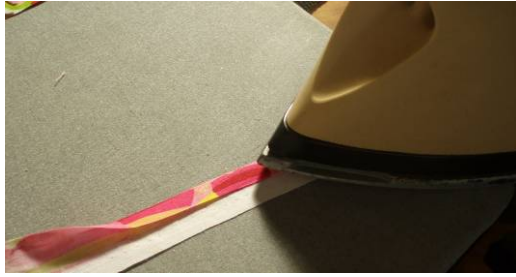
3. Sew the selvages onto the fusible fleece, sewing very close to the finished edge of each selvage strip. In this sample I used a straight stitch, but I've also used a small zigzag stitch at times.

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4. Trim the selvages to about 1/4" all the way around the fusible fleece. Discard the trimmed off pieces of selvage (unless they're long enough to be used in a future project).

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5. If your sewing machine has an alphabet stitch and you choose to embroider a message across the front of the postcard, press the unfinished edge of another selvage piece (wrong sides together) under 1/4" or so.

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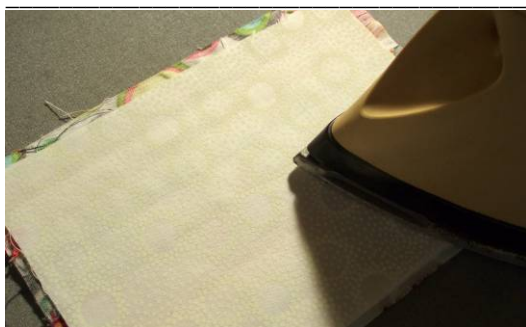
6. Sew this selvage strip on, sewing very close to the pressed edge. Here I've used a straight stitch, but a fancy stitch would look nice, too.

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7. Stitch your message on this strip, making sure you don't start or finish too close to the edge (the card will be trimmed a bit later). You could also just stitch the message on one of the selvages already on the card if there is enough white space.

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8. Center the fabric on the unfusable side of the fleece and fuse the pieces together. Let it cool.



9. Trim the card to 4" x 6".

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10. Satin stitch all the way around the edges of the card.

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11. Using a permanent fabric marker, write "POSTCARD" on the top of the back side. Write your message and heat set the writing. (I usually add my personal label before I satin stitch around the edges).

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12. Add a FIRST CLASS STAMP (not a postcard stamp) and take it to the post office to be hand-cancelled. Don't let the clerk tell you it needs additional postage! I've sent these (from at least 3 different post offices) to Oregon, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, North Carolina, and a number of other states, as well as locally with no problem at all.

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