# Postcard Workshop

Coastal Quilters of Santa Barbara & Goleta

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### **Fabric Postcards: Supplies**

- Peltex 72F— double sided fusible stiffener supplied by Guild
- Fabric scraps. Novelty prints work well, especially dogs, cats, and other animals; fabrics with words, calligraphy, witty sayings; food images; prints depicting holiday themes or hobbies.
- Silicone pressing sheet or parchment paper,
- Sewing machine, preferably with decorative stitches or zigzag,
- Assorted threads,
- WonderUnder or similar products for fusing small fabric pieces. No batting!
- Time and creativity! Your cards can be funny, pictorial, Santa Barbara-ish, pieced using leftovers, miniature works of art ... anything you like.

### **Fabric Postcards: 4 Easy Styles**

- 1. 2 Fabrics / 2 Fabulous cards at one time -
- 2. Fuse & Quilt as You Go -
- 3. Blocks -
- 4. Build a Small Art / Improv piece -

### Fabric Postcards: 5 Easy Steps

- 1. Fuse your fabric top to one side of Peltex 72F fusible stiffener.
  - Be sure to use silicon pressing sheet or parchment paper to protect your iron and ironing board surface.
- 2. Stitch over all the raw edges of any fused-on pieces of fabric with a zigzag, free-motion stitch, or any decorative stitch you like.
- 3. Trim fabric even with the edge of 4"x6" Peltex 72F fusible stiffener.
- 4. Finish the outside 4"x6" edge using an overcast, zigzag, making sure it is secure and appears finished.
- 5. Attach the heavy (Guild logo) cardstock with straight stitch.

### **Style 1: 2 Fabulous Fabrics / 2 Fabulous Cards**





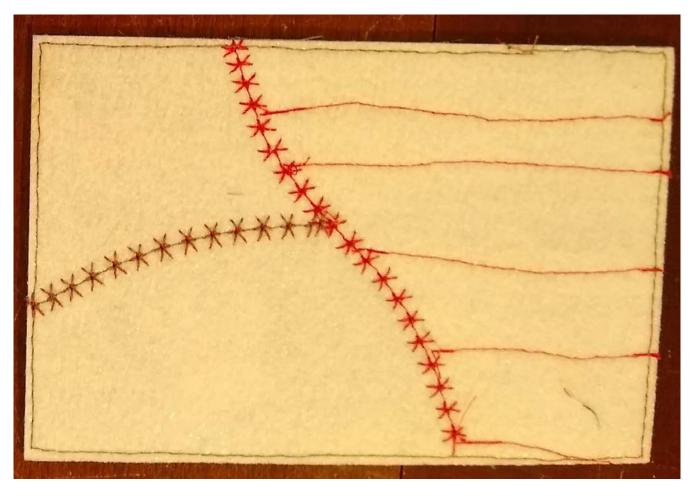
# **Step 1-Fuse Fabrics:** Larger fabric easier to cover fusible stiffener base

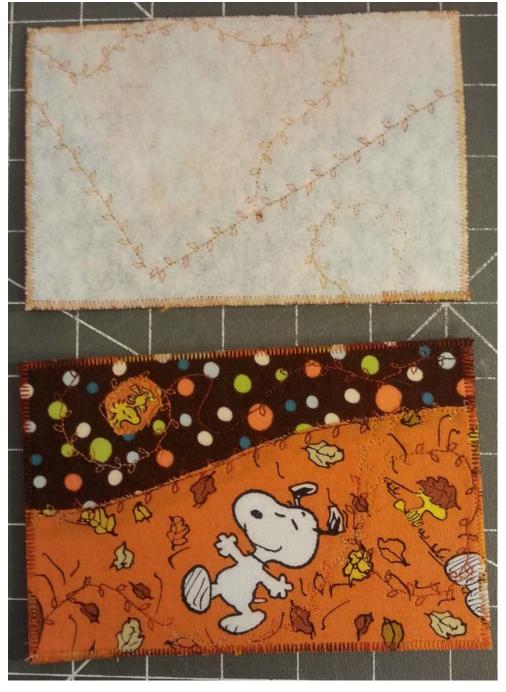




## **Step-2 Decorative Stitch**

All raw edges on top + More





### Step 3 & 4: Trim & Finish Edges

Overcast / Zigzag before attaching card stock to back



Try -

- Variety decorative stitches.
  - Add decorative stitches beyond raw edges.
- Different edge threads (tight zigzag)
   variegated, rayon for sheen, etc.

# Style 2: Fuse & Quilt As You Go





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Some fabrics just scream to be made into postcards





# **Step 1–4:** Use whole cloth or start with thematic image and 'build'









Step 2-4
Decorative stitch
'as you go'

*Try different threads* 



### Step 5:

Attach card stock
AFTER
outside edges are
finished/overcased.

...Press to fuse backingthen straight stitch. ...Match top thread, white on back

Fini!



# Style 2:

Fuse & Quilt As You Go





# Style 3: Use a Block



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## **Style: 4 Small Art Quilt**







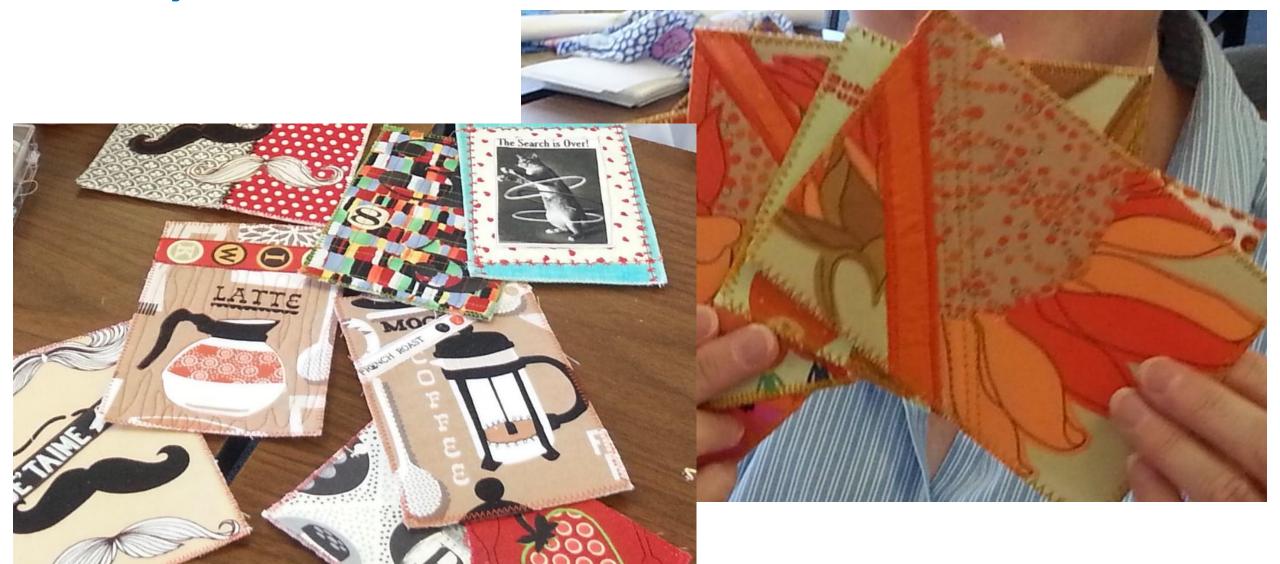
### **Great Fabric**



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### Thematic....



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### **Resources & Inspiration**

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