

Fabric Postcards with Carol Morrissey Supply List

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I'll share my favorite fusing techniques while we make colorful postcards using fused, raw edge appliqué. You can actually mail these postcards if you want, or use them as gifts, frame them, or swap with friends.

Each participant is required to purchase one of my postcard patterns (www.ocaroldesigns.com). Please notice that you have the option to order a pattern that includes four pieces of Peltex, or you may order the pattern only, and purchase your own Peltex. Please order well in advance of the class to allow adequate time for mail delivery.

Supplies:

1. Pencil and note paper
2. Wonder Under #805, or your preferred brand of paper backed fusible web. One yard is plenty.
3. A non-stick pressing sheet or a piece of parchment paper
4. A light box, or a bright window where you can trace
5. Scissors
6. Iron and ironing surface
7. Peltex 72F heavy duty interfacing or similar product (it's stiff, like a hat brim). Postcards measure 4" x 6", so you may purchase the amount of Peltex based on how many you wish to make. It should measure 20" wide on the bolt, which means that if you cut carefully, you can cut 15 pieces from half a yard. Some brands or types of heavy duty interfacing such as this have fusible web on one side, both sides, or none at all. It doesn't matter which type you get because you can add Wonder Under to your background fabric or to the interfacing. I like the 72F because it has fusible on both sides.
8. Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
9. Optional but useful: tweezers

Fabric:

Each postcard requires two 4" x 6" pieces of fabric, one for the front and one for the back. These can be the same, or two different fabrics. The pieces for the appliqué shapes are small, so gather your colorful scraps. Batiks are recommended because of their tight weave.

Sewing machine: A machine is not required for this class. However, you may choose to do some free-motion stitching on the appliqué later. I also zigzag or satin stitch around the outer edges of the cards when they're finished.

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