



Class: Playful Postcard Quilts

Instructor: Kathleen McDonald

Class Fee: \$45

Description:

Postcard quilts are small art quilts created on postcard-size (4 x6 in) stiff interfacing with fabric scraps, machine quilting, and edges finished with satin stitch by machine. The subject of your quilted postcard is completely up to you – a landscape, a collage, a pattern, a personal symbol or saying are all possibilities. If you think “Art quilt? But I’m not artistic!” you will be very surprised at what you can do.

This class is suitable for quilters of all skill levels, including beginner quilters who have basic machine sewing skills. There’s no pattern to follow, and you decide how simple or elaborate you want your quilt to be. Leave the Quilt Police behind, and join us to experiment with new techniques, and simply play with fabrics to bring your ideas to life.

Supply List

Necessary Supplies: Sewing machine in good working order, with extra bobbins and user manual
Presser foot and stitch plate that allow you to use zigzag and decorative stitches
Size 90 topstitch needles
Small (4”) sharp scissors, e.g. Karen Kay Buckley Perfect Small Scissors
Rotary cutter with new blade, 4 x 14” ruler (or similar size), and cutting mat
Small bottle of fabric glue (not a glue stick), e.g. Roxanne Dip and Dab
1/4 yard Pellon Peltex (71F) single-sided fusible stabilizer
1/4 yard Pellon Wonder-Under (805) paper-backed fusible web
Teflon applique pressing sheet
A selection of threads for stitching, quilting, and binding

Optional Supplies: Seam ripper
Stiletto
Overlock presser foot, open toe embroidery foot, free motion quilting foot, cording foot, walking foot (great if you have them, fine if you don’t)
Small pieces of lightweight batting (5 x 7 inches)

Necessary Fabric: A variety of small fabric scraps for the postcard front and back (fabric for back needs to be at least 4x6 inches) stored in a small container, such as a shoe box
Note: If you’re buying fabric, a 1/8 yard of each fabric is plenty

Optional Materials: Funky fabrics, ribbons, yarn, threads, and embellishments to share with other participants

Class Prep: Do a little thinking about what you’d put on a postcard you sent to yourself. This will help you choose fabrics from your stash or find new ones. Children’s fabrics and novelty prints are a good fabric source of animals, faces, symbols, and everyday objects small enough to fit on a postcard.

**Note: All materials purchased *for class* receive a 15% discount.
This discount expires on the last day of the class.**

Class Policies & Courtesies

Registration:

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Class fees must be paid in full at time of registration in person, by mail, or phone. Students may be kept on a waiting list until time of payment or a space becomes available. QT will do our best to notify you when openings or class additions are made available and will accept registrations on a first come, first served basis.

Supplies & Discounts:

Class supply lists are available at QT. On the day you register and through the duration of your class, we offer an ongoing 15% discount on all supplies for your class project. Please note that the 15% discount will not be honored after the last class session for “finishing” supplies (batting, backing, binding, etc.) – please plan ahead.

Cancellations:

Please make every effort to attend classes. Our teachers commit to us well in advance with fees based on a minimum number of students. We appreciate your understanding of the relationship between teacher contracts and the following cancellation policy:

Student Cancellation:

- ❑ QT offers no refunds for “no shows” or cancellations made less than 10 days before the class start date.
- ❑ If for any reason you need to cancel your class more than 10 days before the class start date, QT will issue a refund in the form of store credit minus a \$20 cancellation fee.

QT Cancellation:

- ❑ In the event of inclement weather or low enrollment (minimum of 3 students, 3 days before the class start date) QT will notify students of class cancellation or re-scheduling. QT will issue a full refund of your class fee in the form of the original payment or store credit.

Courtesies:

Feel free to bring snacks, lunches, or dinners. We will allot time for breaks during our full day classes, but you certainly may stop during any class to refuel!

Please make other arrangements for babies/children and visitors.

We respectfully request you refrain from wearing fragrances or smoking immediately before or during classes. Some of our students are allergic to scents or smoke which become magnified in close quarters.

Please arrive 10 to 15 minutes before class begins to set up your sewing machine and work area to help class begin promptly.

Bring a sewing machine you are comfortable with and that is in good working order, with accessories, foot controls, power cord, and manuals. Please familiarize yourself with threading, winding bobbins, selecting stitches, changing needles and accessories, and adjusting tension, stitch length and width. If you need assistance with your machine, please come to QT in advance of your class so we may assist you or point you to someone who can help.

Please limit the use of cell phones & pagers.

Please purchase fabric ahead of time for pre-washing, pressing, and pre-cutting.

When classes are taught from books, patterns, or magazines, each student must purchase their own to avoid copyright violation. Let's support our talented pattern makers! Please do not photocopy class handouts.

Thank you for choosing our classes! Enjoy!