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1st Class
Stamp

Wild & Crazy Quilted Postcard

This project is a great way for tweens and teens to get comfortable with the sewing machine and to try out decorative stitches with different kinds of thread—multi-colors, neons, metallics and more!

Skill Level: Easy. Requires use of a sewing machine.

Age Level: 12 to teen

Supplies

Dual Duty Plus Neon Brights

Coats Metallic Embroidery Thread

Coats Cotton Multi-color Machine Quilting thread

Solid colored fabric- enough to cut two 4" x 6" rectangles

Print fabric*--scraps

Cotton Batting- enough to cut a 4" x 6" rectangle

Card stock - enough to cut a 4" x 6" rectangle

Scissors

Glue-stick

Pencil or fabric marking pen

Sewing Machine

* Fabric by Terrie Mangat for FreeSpirit, Westminster Fibers was used in our example.

Steps

1. Cut a 4" x 6" rectangle of cardstock. This will be your pattern and the back of the postcard.
2. Place a piece of solid fabric slightly larger than 4 x 6 on a table with the right side facing you and trace the 4 x 6 rectangle. Do NOT cut out.
3. Cut strips of the print fabric and arrange on rectangle (Picture 1). Lightly dab with glue stick on the wrong side of the fabric to hold it in place.
4. Wind the bobbin with one of the threads you will be using. (You can use this bobbin for all stitching—the back will not show.) On a fabric scrap try out several of the decorative stitch patterns on your sewing machine with different threads and select the ones you like.
5. Place another piece of the solid fabric on a table. Lay batting (also cut slightly larger than 4 x 6) on top of fabric. Place fabric with strips, strips facing you, on top of batting. Place a few pins through all layers to hold together. Sew rows of decorative stitching across the post card area, changing stitches and threads with each row of stitching. Make

the rows straight or curved and overlapping. How many depends on your design, but be sure to sew enough rows to hold fabric strips in place.

6. Place card stock rectangle back over original lines and trace. Cut out quilted postcard.

7. Place Quilted piece on top of card stock and zig zag around the edges. Backstitch to secure thread.

Your postcard is ready to mail! It will require a first class postage stamp and the card must not be over 1/8" thick. (Picture 2)