

FABRIC CARDS

There are as many ways to make fabric cards as there are people in the world. I will be showing you the way that I make them. Use this as a springboard to make your own.

A fabric card consists of three layers. The inner stiffener, in this case Peletex, a front design and a piece of fabric covering the back. Everything will be held in place with a fusible, WonderUnder.

The first decision one needs to make is what fabric to use as the background of the front design. I have found that it is far easier to make the cards when the background is fused to the Peletex. This give one a stiff surface to build a design on and makes it much easier to move everything back and forth to the ironing board.

Step 1:

Iron the background fabric onto the Peletex. (I have learned that doing this between Parchment paper saves much time that would otherwise be spent cleaning the fusible off the bottom of ones iron.)

Step 2:

Create a design/picture/image on the background fabric.

Step 3:

Fuse all the layers together, using your parchment paper. *

Step 4:

Decide on a fabric for the back of the card and fuse it on.

Step 5:

Finishing- Again, there are many ways to finish. One could zig-zag stitch around the edges, one could top stitch around the edges, a sewn on binding could be added or a fused binding could be added. I tend to do two rows of top stitching to finish my cards.

*Embellishments, quilting and other additions.

If one decides that quilting would be a wonderful addition to the card or if beads, yarn, or whatever would make great embellishments, the time to do this step is now, after the design has been fused. Everything is all stuck together and it is easy to run it under the sewing machine or do hand stitching. When all the embellishments have been added, then fuse the back fabric onto the back. This way all the stitching will be hidden and the back will be a clean surface.