



## Note Worthy Fabrications

Stationery and Cards with Fabric Decorations

1-2 Hours

**What will you learn?**

**How to:**

Pre-wash fabrics before using them  
Use an iron and fusible web for iron-on  
appliqués (decorative fabric shapes)

**What will you need?**

Appliqué pattern sheet, cookie cutters and/or stencils  
Pinking and/or scalloping shears for cutting fancy edges on fabric  
Small sharp scissors for cutting fabric

Scraps of quilting weight cotton fabric; look for fabric with pictures and themes for seasonal cards

Buttons, sequins, ribbons, lace, and other flat trims (optional)

Thick craft glue

A paper-backed fusible web like [HeatnBond® Lite by Therm O Web\\*](#) (an iron-on, paper-backed fusible web or adhesive, this product may be cheaper by the roll in the plastic bag than by the yard on the bolt, it is a relatively low-temperature bonding film that requires no steam to activate the glue)

Card stock or heavy 24 weight bond paper (8 1/2" x 11") in a selection of colors

Size 5 1/2 envelopes (these measure 4 3/8" by 5 3/4") for small cards made from a half sheet of paper folded in half and/or size CO298 envelopes (these measure 5 3/4" X 8 3/4") for large cards made from a sheet of paper or card stock that has been folded in half (see [US Postal Service link\\*\\*](#) for mailing information)

Iron and ironing board or pressing mat

A collection of fancy paper cutting scissors (scrapbook scissors) for cutting fancy edges and corners on the cards

Old greeting cards for ideas and sayings

Corner cutting punches (these may stick and work best on the paper but not the card stock)

Nails or large pins to score the paper backing on the fusible web

Muslin (plain off-white fabric), a piece just large enough to cover your card to use as a pressing cloth when fusing the fabric pictures in place

### Directions to make this project:

1. You will need to pre-wash your fabrics without fabric softener. The chemicals left in by the manufacturer and those in fabric softener may prevent the paper-backed fusible web from sticking to your fabric. Pre-wash all your fabrics in warm water on a gentle cycle with laundry detergent, rinse with cold water, and dry on warm until dry. High heat and over-drying your fabrics will cause wrinkles to form that will be difficult to remove.
2. Trace shapes on the paper side of the fusible web or select pictures from printed fabric. Fuse the paper backed fusible web to the wrong side of your fabric.
3. Cut out the pictures and traced designs ***before*** removing the paper. You will need to use fabric cutting scissors and shears to cut through the fabric and paper. Scrapbook scissors will shred the fabric.



4. Plan the arrangement of your fabric pictures and the greeting on your card. You can use a computer to print greetings on the card stock and/or heavy paper. Greeting card software will make it easy to plan the layout of a card but you can use word processors and art programs, too. Look at old greeting cards for ideas or look on the internet at e-card sites for sayings and greetings.

5. If you need to cut your card stock or paper, use a paper cutter or rotary cutter with a mat and ruler. One sheet of paper folded in half makes a large card. You can get two small note cards if you cut the paper in half (5 ½" by 8 ½").



6. Score the paper on the back of your appliqué to make it easier to remove. You might make the fabric fray if you peel off the paper backing from the edge.

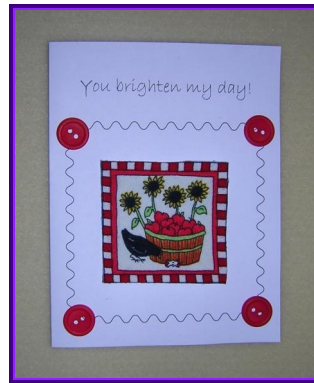


7. Place the fabric designs on your card and carefully place the small piece of muslin over them. Set the iron on the muslin and fuse according to the manufacturer's instructions. Don't wiggle or move the iron and don't press too long. If you press too long and use too much heat, you may ruin the glue on the fusible web. Lift the iron and let your card cool.

8. Use the scrap book scissors and punches to decorate the edges and corners of your card, if desired.



9. Attach other flat decorations on your card as desired with the craft glue or use strips of fusible web on ribbon, rick-rack, etc.



Buttons



Ribbon

10. If you are giving a set of note cards as a gift, include some envelopes and tie them in a bundle with a pretty ribbon.



11. You can re-cycle the old greeting cards by gluing them on gift sacks. Add additional fabric decorations, ribbons, and buttons as desired.

### Notes:

Pre-washing your fabric will take out chemicals left from manufacturing, remove excess dyes, and shrink the fabric.

\* For manufacturer information: <http://www.thermoweb.com/cpd-lite.html>

\*\* Information on envelope sizes and mailing restrictions: <http://postcalc.usps.gov/mailpiecedimensions.asp>