

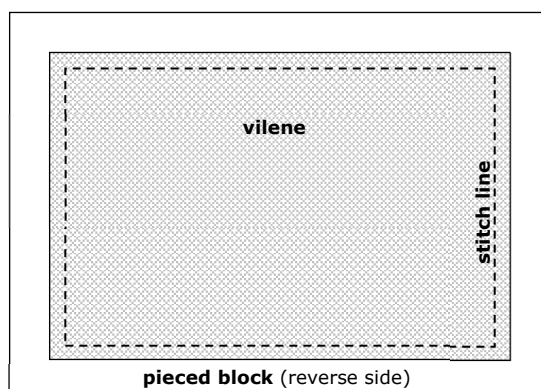
Instructions for making FABRIC POSTCARDS by AitchBee

Stiffened with a heavy, sew-in, craft-weight Vilene (S80) and backed with calico, fabric postcards travel well through the post. Great for posting to sewing friends or join a postcard swap group.

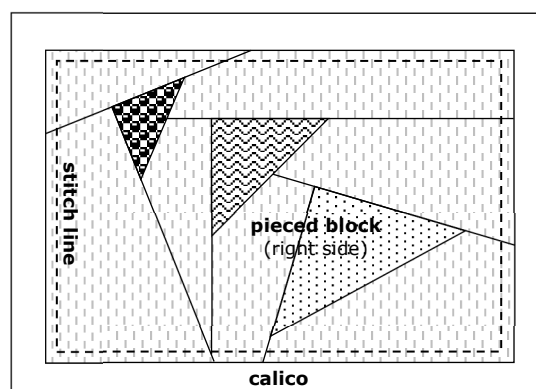
You can stitch pretty much anything you like to your postcard by hand or machine; fabric, paper, lace, ribbon, photos, beads, buttons – found objects of all descriptions – but make sure they are securely attached! When sending these through the post remember to use a LARGE LETTER stamp if you have attached anything thicker than 5mm.

Standard postcard size is 4 x 6 inches – cut a piece of Vilene to this size and use it as the basis for your postcard. Stitch directly onto the Vilene or make a separate piece of patchwork to cover it. Cut a piece of calico (or any plain, pale cotton fabric) 4½ x 6½ inches for the back.

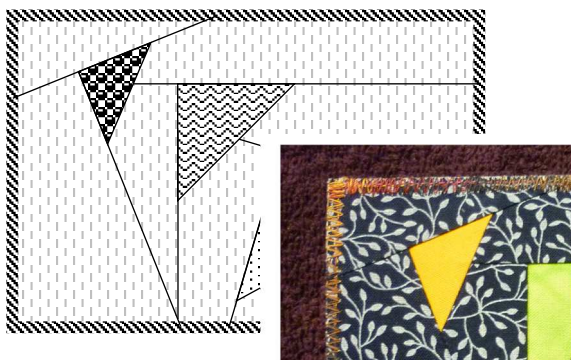
I like to make my postcards in patchwork, so I make rectangular blocks to suit. Press your finished block – DO NOT PRESS THE VILENE – then layer the block with a piece of thin batting or synthetic felt and quilt it directly onto the Vilene. Then stitch round the edge of the Vilene & continue to **step 2**



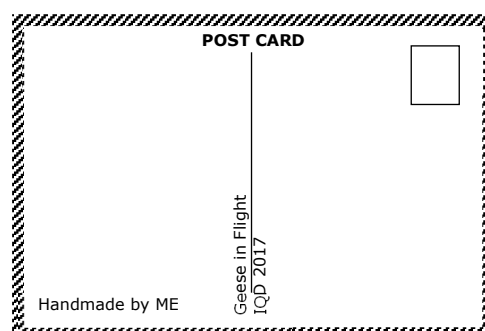
Step 1: Lay a piece of Vilene centred on the reverse side of your pieced block and stitch in place close to the edge. If you are adding buttons etc... sew them on at this stage stitching through all layers.



Step 2: Trim the pieced block to the same size as the Vilene then lay it Vilene side down on the pressed calico. Again stitch in place close to the edge.



Step 3: Trim the calico to the size of the postcard and zig-zag stitch over the edge of the trimmed postcard going all round twice.



Step 4: Write on the calico side with a fine permanent marker – include your details & information about the design plus the usual POSTCARD stuff.