

Christmas Card Collection

20 Designs
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For this project you will need:

Plain white paper
Cut-away stabilizer
Fabric – 1 yd (45" wide fabric will have room for 72 small designs or 45 large designs. This will allow a 2" space between embroidered designs.)
Card stock or precut cards
Envelopes
Embellishments

1. Cut 3.5" x 4" and 4" x 6" paper templates (computer paper will work for the templates). Mark the center on the templates. Lay the template on the fabric. Mark the center and edges on the fabric. Do not cut the fabric until the embroidery is complete.
2. Hoop fabric with two pieces of cut-away stabilizer.
3. Embroider design. Repeat until you have embroidered the number of pieces needed for the cards.
4. Use a fray inhibitor around the outside column of each embroidered design. Let dry before next step.
5. Cut the fabric close to the embroidered (column) edge of the designs. Be careful so you do not cut the thread.
6. Cut card stock if needed.
7. Place or print Christmas greeting on inside of card if desired.
8. Mark the area on the top layer of card stock where the embroidered piece will be adhered. Add embellishments if desired.
9. Adhere top layer of card stock with embellishments to the front of the card.
10. Adhere embroidered piece to the front of the card.

Use a foam brush to lightly apply the glue to the back of the embroidered piece or card stock.

- Hint: Double-sided tape for scrap booking works to adhere the card stock. You will need to use craft glue or a stronger double-sided tape to adhere the embroidered piece to the card stock.
- Rather than printing a Christmas greeting inside the card you can use stamps, stickers or rub-on letters or greetings.
- Embellishment ideas – Ribbon, buttons, jewels, stickers, coordinating stamp images, stamp ink, embossing ink, Christmas patterned paper to layer on the card, embroidery floss and lace.
- Postage may be a little more if you add more than the embroidered piece.
- Cut envelopes from lightweight card stock with or without Christmas pattern. Envelope templates come in a variety of sizes.
- Card stock and envelopes are available at most craft stores. Card stock may be available at your local print shop.

Cutting Card Stock

8.5" x 11" card stock cut to 8.5" x 5.5" scored to fold to 4.25" x 5.5". 12" x 12" card stock cut to 12" x 6" scored to fold to 6" x 6" Envelopes to fit the cards listed above are available at most craft stores. 5" x 7" cards need to be purchased precut unless you order from a print shop.

Guideline for layering card stock is .25" when cutting the card stock

Embroidery Ideas

- Embroider a design on the front of a wine bag. Close the top of the bag with ribbon, pinecones or an ornament.
- Embroider a design on a gift bag. Accent the bag's handle with a coordinating accessory that will work with the gift.
- Add embroidered pieces to scrap book pages.
- Make a quilted Christmas wall hanging.
- The smaller designs work great as coasters. The small rectangle is easy to fringe, leave ½ to ¾ inch of fabric from the embroidered edge.