

## Fabric Collage Postcards Workshop Instructions

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In class, you can create any scene you like. These instructions are for an easy and fast flower vase still-life:

1. Grab a Peltex (with fusible side) or Timtex postcard (6" x 4") blank.
2. Layout your background fabric on your work surface, how about a table at the bottom and a wall behind on top?
3. Create vase: fold vase fabric in half and then cut out profile of vase on non-fold side, then open and voila! You have a vase!
4. Place vase on your background as you want it. Try it slightly off center! Try adding a surface for the vase to rest on (optional).
5. Next, start building up your flower bouquet: start with green stems of all shapes and colors coming out of vase in all directions.
6. Then put flower blooms of all shapes and colors on top of green stems (remember, they can be imaginary flowers, no need for them to be real flowers, just improvise).

7. Scatter buds lower down the stems of the composition.
8. Don't forget to 'drop' some buds on the bottom of the composition .
9. Tweak: get up and look at it from afar, change things, add things, take things away, ask for opinions.
10. Fill the space with your composition, feel free to draw on top of your piece to add details, shading, or even to look like quilting/sewing lines
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13. Press on postcard backing or frame your work. This piece can also be made into a Christmas tree ornament. Backing: print postcard backing image onto InkJet Fabric Sheets, cut out and fuse to glue side of your Peltex postcard. If using Timtex, you will have to first prepare the postcard backing with fusible web, then iron on.

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My inspiration: Cindy Walters, Snippet Sensations, Krause Publications, 1999.

*\*All necessary supplies can be purchased at class. Fusible web kits will be available at \$3, fusible-web prepared fabric kits will be available for \$10, and some 8" x 10" shadow box frames will be available for \$10.*

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