

September Stir Crazy Silk Collage Greeting Cards

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In this day and age where people seem to be so far apart, picking up a pen and writing a note to someone on a beautiful piece of art that you have created can be so meaningful! With just a few items you have around the house, and a bit of creative fun, you can bring some joy into someone's day. Remember "Art is too important not to share." Romero Britto. After you've made your silk collage greeting cards, post a photo on Instagram and Facebook with [#stircrazyvam](#) and [#vamsilkcards](#).

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- Pieces of dyed silk fabric
- Blank note card, heavy card stock works best
- Matte medium (Modge Podge or Liquitex matte) or white glue diluted with water to make it easier to paint
- Sponge paint brush (regular brush if you don't mind using it with glue)
- Scissors
- Decorations (flat metal gears, jewels, sequins, small beads, buttons, ribbon, etc.)
- Strong glue (Gorilla glue, jewelry glue, or DAP) to secure beads or metallic pieces
- Black, metallic or colorful sharpie pens
- Decorative stamps and water resistant stamp pad
- Anything else that sparks your imagination



INSTRUCTIONS

- Choose pieces of silk and play with arrangement on your card.
- Place the fabric on the paper and paint a thin layer of the medium over the fabric to smooth out and secure it. **If using Modge Podge or matte medium**, wet the fabric with the medium and wring out well before placing. **If using glue**, paint a thin layer of glue on the paper and place dampened and wrung out fabric over the glue. Set aside to dry thoroughly.
- Once dry, have fun embellishing. Use the pens and stamps before gluing on the other decorations. Let dry thoroughly.
- Write a note to a special someone, and don't forget to sign your creation!



TIPS

- Modge Podge or matte medium works a bit more smoothly and dries faster, but glue works as a great substitute.
- When embellishing, keep in mind the weight, especially if you will be mailing it.
- Consider putting a small decoration on the inside of the card!
- You could also create this artwork on mixed media paper or a small canvas to make a wall hanging!
- This is a wonderful project to do with kids and grandkids! Make a stock of cards to have on hand for birthdays and other special celebrations!

