



Be sure to take a photo of your Artist Trading Cards and post on Facebook and Instagram using [#stircrazyvam](#) and [#vamtradingcards](#).

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- Sewing machine, rotary cutter and mat, ruler, scissors, pins, glue stick
- Thread, denim needle size 90
- Pellon Timtex or Pellon Peltex Ultra Firm
- Black gel pen or black fine point sharpie

SUGGESTED EMBELLISHMENTS

- Fabric scraps, wool scraps, beads, buttons, lace, yarn, charms, ribbons, watercolor pencils, fabric paints, etc.

INSTRUCTIONS ATC's are made in three layers before sewing the layers together: Top, Middle, and Bottom Layers.

Finished size is 2 ½ x 3 ½ inches.



- *Top Layer* is the background fabric to decorate with any of the items from the suggested embellishment list. Fuse, glue, or pin those items to the Top Layer to create the design you choose. Use items such as beads, buttons, or charms to enhance your fabric with a favorite print/design or just use the undecorated favorite print.
- *Middle Layer* is the firm interfacing such as the Pellon Timtex or Pellon Peltex. This layer makes your card stable and helps in giving it a quilted look when you sew through it.
- *Bottom Layer* is used as your label. If using a solid fabric, write your name, date, city/state, and your signature directly on the back of the bottom layer. If using a non-solid or favorite print fabric, make a label with this info and attach the label by hand sewing it to the bottom layer.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

- Once you finished decorating the Top Layer of your card, glue or pin the Top Layer to the Middle and Bottom Layers. If needed, use your rotary mat, rotary cutter and ruler to trim the four edges/sides to the finished size of 2 ½ x 3 ½ inches.
- Set the stitch width to 2.2 to 2 and sew a zig zag stitch down the first edge of your card to the first corner and stop. With your needle down, turn the card and continue to sew down the edge to the second corner. Repeat to finish the third and fourth corners until you have stitched around the four edges of your card. Any of the decorative stitches on your sewing machine may be used to finish the edges. You can also finish the edges by hand sewing them with a buttonhole stitch and embroidery floss.

That's it! You have completed your first Artist Trading Card. Don't forget to sign it. Enjoy making, giving, and trading them with your family and friends.