

# Wool Folk Art Postcard

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# Materials

Finished size 4" x 6"

- Template, provided
- Paper-backed fusible web (I used Shades SoftFuse Premium™.)
- Scraps of National Nonwovens wool felt, in colors Pea Soup, Native Maize, Black, Hay Bale, Mustard Seed, Peat Moss, Chestnut, Sandstone, Babbling Brook, plus a 4" x 6" piece of White
- Scrap of polka dot cotton fabric for the wings
- Valdani 3-strand embroidery floss, in colors O531 and O510
- Size 7 embroidery needle
- Water soluble pen
- 5 small beads for flower centers
- Postcard back: 4" x 6" piece of muslin, linen, or cream fabric
- Fabric glue stick
- 3¾" x 5¾" piece of cardstock
- Fine Sharpie<sup>®</sup> marker or Pigma<sup>®</sup> pen
- Optional
- Clear plastic bag for mailing, 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"



# INSTRUCTIONS

- Trace the template pieces onto the paper side of fusible web. The pieces have already been reversed for you. Be sure to trace on the dotted lines, which indicate that the piece is under the other piece.
- 2. Cut out the pieces slightly beyond the pencil lines.
- 3. Iron the template pieces onto the coordinating wool felt.
- 4. Cut pieces out on the pencil lines.
- **5.** Remove the paper backing from all the pieces.
- 6. Using the photo as a guide, arrange the pattern pieces onto the 4" x 6" piece of White wool felt, fusible side down.
- **7.** To fuse, press the pieces in place for approximately 10 seconds.

# Stitch the appliqué

 Using the photo as a guide, appliqué the pattern pieces to the White wool background with a "primitive style" running stitch and floss color O531. Also stitch a swirly line from the skep to the bee. Use the water soluble pen to draw this swirly line, if needed.

- Using a lazy daisy stitch and floss color O510, stitch five flowers onto the Pea Soup wool. Sew beads into the center of the flowers.
- Using a back stitch and floss color O510, stitch the word honey onto the pot. Use a water erasable pen to write the word, if needed.

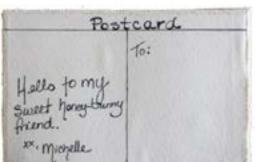
# Assemble the postcard

- 1. Cut a 4" x 6" rectangle from the cream fabric.
- Using the fabric glue stick, apply glue to one side of the 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" piece of cardstock.
- **3.** Place the piece of cardstock onto the wrong side of the cream fabric.
- 4. Apply glue to the other side of the cardstock.



- 5. Place the wool postcard on top.
- Using your sewing machine and black thread, satin stitch around the entire postcard twice to secure all 3 layers.
- 7. Measure down <sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>2</sub>" from the top edge of the postcard and draw a horizontal line with the fine black Pigma pen or Sharpie marker. Then measure over approximately 3" to the center of the postcard and draw a vertical line.
- 8. Write your message and return address on the left side of the postcard. Write the recipient's address on the right side of the postcard.
- Place your postcard in a clear envelope, add postage, and mail it!

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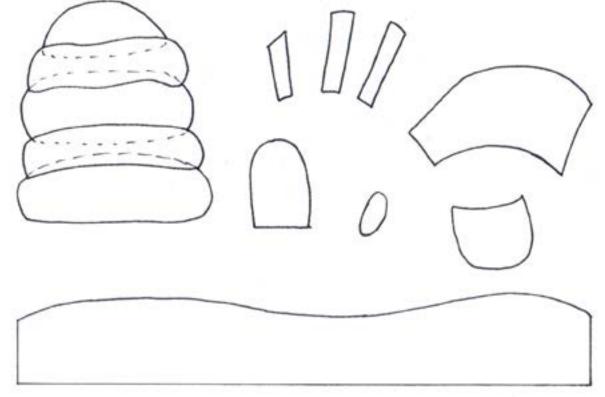




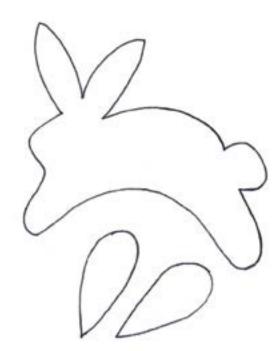
Honey Bun 4" x 6" Postcard



Dashed lines represent pattern pieces which are underneath other pattern pieces. Trace on the dashed lines.



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