

Applique Note Cards - Supplies & Background Instructions

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Supplies:

- 5 x 7 inch blank note cards with envelopes
- Burlap (optional)
- 3 coordinating fabrics for background (1 focus fabric, others coordinating - 6 inch charm squares works well).
- Fabric for birds (can be realistic or fanciful, small amounts needed)
- Stabilizer - tear away firm embroidery stabilizer
- Temporary spray adhesive for fabric
- Fabric glue (Roxanne Glue-Baste-It with fine tip applicator)
- Embroidery floss for embellishment
- All the necessary quilting supplies you already have- marking pens/pencils, rotary cutters (pinking, straight), rulers, light box, sewing machine, coordinating threads, iron, scissors

Steps:

1. Cut burlap rectangle approx. 4.5 x 6.5 inches, pull some threads on edges to make fringe. Trim down to fit the front of note card.
2. Use spray adhesive to attach burlap to note card (spray on burlap not the card).
3. Cut 2.5 x 6.5 inch strip of focus background fabric, cut one 2.5 x 2.5 inch square and one 2.5 x 4.5 inch rectangle from the other two coordinating fabrics. Sizes are approximate, you are building a rectangle that will be cut down to fit within the burlap rectangle.
4. Sew the 2.5 x 2.5 and the 2.5 x 4.5 inch pieces together on short side.
5. Sew the two fabric pieces (focus fabric, pieced fabric) together on long side, iron and trim down with pinking blade to fit within burlap rectangle.
6. Use spray adhesive to attach fabric rectangle (spray on back of pieced fabric block not directly onto the card).
7. Sew around edges (straight or zigzag stitch) of rectangle to firmly attach background to note card.