



DIY POSTCARDS

It's easy to make and decorate your own postcards with materials you already have around the house. Sending a postcard is a quick and easy way to show your friends you care—and a postcard stamp only costs 35¢!



A collaged postcard by Amanda.

Materials and Supplies

Making the postcard

- Ruler
- Scissors or X-acto knife
- Thick paper (index cards, card-stock, poster board, watercolor paper, cereal boxes)

Decorating the postcard

- Glue Sticks, White Glue or Mod-Podge
- Markers, crayons, pencils, pens
- Paint (acrylic or watercolor)
- Rubber stamps and ink
- Discarded magazines, catalogs, or newspapers
- Washi Tape

Instructions

- Choose a size from the Size Guide on page 2.
- **Carefully** measure and cut your postcard from a sheet of thick paper.

Front Side

- If your thick paper has a design, cover it up by gluing a layer of blank paper on top—or just use it as part of your artwork!
- Decorate one side of your postcard however you like. Try one of these methods:
 - Make a drawing or painting with pencils, crayons, markers, or paint
 - Stamp with rubber stamps and ink.
 - Make a collage from magazine clippings (remember to keep it flat).
 - Use a newspaper article and markers to make blackout poetry.
 - Add designs or finishing touches with washi tape.

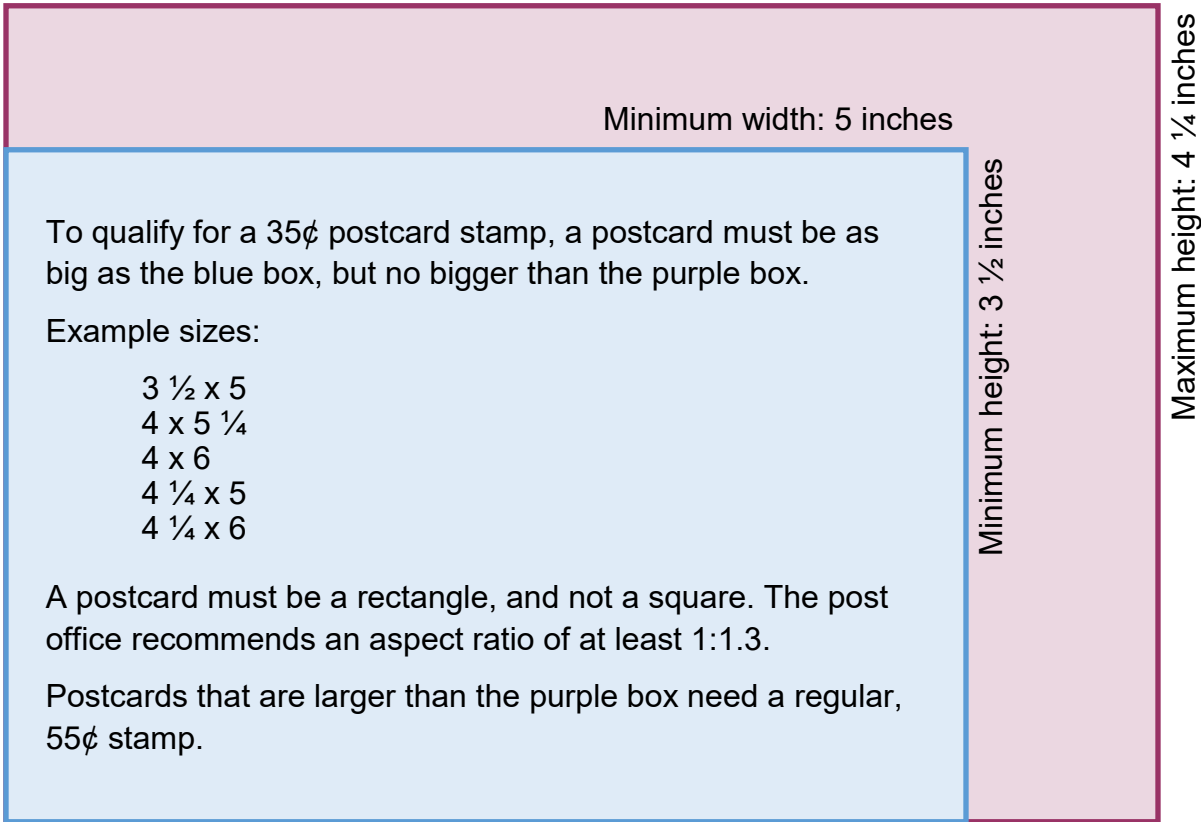
Back Side

Look at the Clearance Guide on page 2.

- Write your recipient's address in Box A.
- Write a message (try not to write in Box A, B, and C).
- Place a stamp in Box B.
- Drop your postcard in the mailbox!

Size Guide

Maximum width: 6 inches



Clearance Guide

