

*How To*

# Sentimental Greetings

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## **Project: Embroidered Greeting Cards**

These elegant greeting cards are the perfect way to personalize a birthday wish, Mother's Day or a wedding celebration. Make these cards even more special with cross stitching or add a picture of a special moment in time. Perfect for framing, these cards fit a 5 x 7 frame or an 8 x 10 frame using a single or double mat.



## Materials:

- ✿ Fabric of your choice 8 x 8-inches
- ✿ One to two pieces of stabilizer depending of your choice of fabric
- ✿ Embroidery design to fit an oval opening of 3 x 4-inches or use the design shown from [www.Elsasdesigns.com](http://www.Elsasdesigns.com) in designs for card #2
- ✿ An embroidery design to coordinate with the quilt fabric
- ✿ Embroidery thread and stabilizer for the embroidery design
- ✿ Thread Colors: Olive Green, Deep Green, Moss Green, Lilac, Yellow, Pink, Light Lilac, Pink, Carmine, Royal Purple, Harvest Gold, Cornflower Blue
- ✿ Template with oval opening of 3 x 4-inches (file can be downloaded from web site and can be made from mylar so you can see the design or follow the directions below to make one)
- ✿ Rotary cutter
- ✿ Rotary mat
- ✿ Iron
- ✿ Glue stick (Scotch Permanent Glue Sticks or equivalent)
- ✿ Die cut greeting card with oval opening of 3 x 4-inches with envelope
- ✿ Print Master Platinum 9, 10 or 11 or any card-making program
- ✿ Instructions for printing on card or vellum can be downloaded for free at [www.pgsspecialties.com](http://www.pgsspecialties.com)



## Instructions:

1. Hoop two layers of tear-away stabilizer and one layer of organza.
2. Embroider the design.
3. Use a mylar template and outline the design with a black permanent marker.
4. Use a rotary cutter to cut out the design.
5. Tear one or both layers of the stabilizer away from the organza. (Taking both layers off gives a nice elegant and sheer look and the color of the card will show thru as a background for the design.)
6. Iron the design so it lies flat.
7. If you are printing directly onto the card, then do it now before you place your design in the card following the instructions for printing on a tall or wide card.
  - a. If you are using paper or vellum, then print before you place your design in the card following the instructions for printing on inside of card.
  - b. If you are handwriting a sentiment, then go to step 8.
8. Lay the card out flat with the inside of the card toward you.
9. Glue around oval/rectangle opening. Place the design in the card wrong side towards you.
10. Finger press the design, working from the inside to the outside, and taking out any puckers so the design lays flat in the card.
11. If using a whole sheet of paper or vellum, glue the design in the card, following the above instructions, fold in half and center in the card. Cut the top and bottom and glue in on left inside of the card near the fold.
12. If you are using 1/2 sheets of vellum, glue the tab next to the fold line on section two of the card. Then, glue section one and press it onto section two. (If you use this method you can get two cards out of one sheet of vellum. Also do the following:
13. Follow the directions for printing on the inside of the card. Print the sentiment, flip the paper top to bottom and print on the other end of the paper either the same sentiment for another card or a different sentiment (be sure to let the first dry so the ink doesn't smear). Cut the vellum in 1/2 on the 11-inch side. Place the vellum edge and the edge of the card together and fold over the section two to crease the vellum. This will give you a 1/2-inch tab to be glued into the card. *EJ*



*Donna Turner has been a sewer and crafter her whole life she got her first embroidery machine three years ago. With a lot of sample sew outs she wanted to do something with them instead of packing them in a drawer. Since she has always made her own greeting cards she decided that it would be nice to put the embroidery designs into cards. So she and her partner, Phil went to work and picked out some high quality cards stock and designed cards. Donna Turner owns PGS Specialties, a company that offers die cut greeting cards and projects. You can find them on the web at [www.pgsspecialties.com](http://www.pgsspecialties.com).*

