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Foiled Silk Cards by Sue Bleiweiss



Supplies

Scrap pieces of silk fabric
Textile foils from www.lauramurraydesigns.com
Mistyfuse
Parchment paper
Blank note cards

to get a photograph of this but I think you can see in the photo below that I've torn the Mistyfuse and let the pieces fall randomly onto the surface of the silk.



These foiled silk cards are so easy to make and are sure to make the recipient feel special when they pull the card out of the envelope. If you don't have any silk on hand use cotton, linen, or whatever fabric scraps you have.

Select a piece of fabric from your stash to add foiling to. I am using a piece of hand painted silk for this example but cotton, linen or any fabric will work as long as it can take the heat of the iron.



Tear a piece of Mistyfuse into random shapes and place them on the surface of the silk. It's a bit hard

You can use black or white Mistyfuse for this. The black is nice because it leaves a bit of a shadow on the fabric where the foil doesn't stick so experiment with both colors. You don't want to add too many pieces of the Mistyfuse to the fabric because you don't want to end up with a piece of fabric that's completely covered in foil. Add just enough so that you'll have foiling here and there across the surface of the fabric.

Once you have placed your torn Mistyfuse on the fabric, cover it with a piece of parchment paper and iron to fuse the Mistyfuse in place.

Remove the parchment paper and place the textile foil on top of the fabric against the Mistyfuse side. Place it with the shiny, colored side up.



You can see in the photo above that the piece of foil I am using has been used previously. The nice thing about the foils from Laura Murray is that you can use them again and again until there is no more foil left on the surface.

Cover the foil with a piece of parchment paper and run a hot iron across the surface. Use some pressure but don't let the iron rest in any one place for more than a moment. You want to keep it moving across the surface.

Now peel back the foil from the silk to reveal a beautifully foiled surface!



You can see that I didn't add a lot of foiling to this piece. I didn't want to completely cover it, I just wanted to add enough to give it some shimmer.

Turn the fabric over and fuse a layer of Mistyfuse to the other side of the fabric. Make sure that you place a piece of parchment paper on your ironing surface to protect it from the foiled surface.

Now you can cut your foiled fabric into smaller pieces appropriate for the size card you are using.

Place the fabric piece on the front of the card, cover it with a piece of parchment paper and press with a hot iron to fuse the fabric to the card.



That's it! Your card is now ready to use. Use this technique to create beautiful tags for your gift boxes, postcards to mail to friends or even create a piece of framed wall art. The foiling adds a bit of shimmer to catch the light and changes with the angle that you view it at.

