

Knitted Christmas Postcards

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Send a unique Christmas greeting, a knitted postcard! Yes, USPS will delivery it in excellent condition for \$1 or less.

Materials:

- KnitPicks Palette Yarn, 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, Fingering weight, 231 yards/50gram ball
- small amounts of red, medium green, dark green, blue, yellow, gold
- Lame metallic yarn for star on top of Noel Christmas Tree
- US1 (2.25 mm) knitting needles

Gauge: 19 sts = 2"

Though gauge is not crucial, it is important to check it to be sure that your postcard does not work out to be very small or very large.

Size: 3½" x 5⅛" with border

Each piece has a garter stitch border of 3 rows by 2 stitches. If you increase the border, add 1 row for every 3 stitches.

Each pattern is included with and without numbers indicating the colors. Use the colors of your choosing.



<i>Pattern</i>	<i>Stitches</i>	<i>Rows</i>
	(without border)	
Happy Holidays Wreath	31	60
Peace on Earth	32	60
Santa Claus	31	60
Christmas Tree Noel	31	60
Candles Noel	48	40
Season's Greetings	48	40

Directions: Cast on the appropriate number of stitches for the design you are using, plus 4 (for the 2-st border).

Rows 1 – 3: K.

Row 4: K2, knit the first row of the chart, k2.

Row 5: K2, purl the second row of the chart, k2.

Continue working the chart in stockinette stitch and the first and last 2 sts in garter st.

When chart is complete, k 3 rows. Bind off.

Christmas Tree Noel: Add French knots randomly in different colors for the ornaments.

Weave in all ends. Block.

Making the postcard: Cut cardstock a little smaller than the blocked piece, rounding the corners. Punch holes around the cardstock. Draw a line down the center or a little right of center to separate the address from the message area. Add message. Sew the cardstock to the fabric going in and out of the holes you punched. Your postcard is now ready to be addressed. Be sure to have USPS personnel weight the postcard to determine the proper postage.







