Handmade Postcard

Sending postcards became popular starting in the late 1800s. It was an inexpensive way to send holiday greetings, show folks where you were on vacation, advertise something you wanted to sell, or just say “hello”!

**Supplies:** tagboard, cereal box, or cardstock; pencil; ruler; scissors; markers; magazines; glue stick; postage stamp

1. Choose one of the three postcard sizes illustrated below (sizes are regulated by the USPS. The two smallest sizes can be sent with a postcard stamp; the largest size needs a first-class letter stamp.) Then, measure and cut a piece of tagboard or cardstock to that size.

2. Postcard Front Ideas

2a Glue a picture
Choose an image you like from a magazine, then cut it out and apply glue to the back. Press the picture onto your postcard and roll the smooth side of a marker or pencil over it to press out bubbles and globs. *Make sure the paper with your picture is stuck to your postcard all the way to the edges and all the way around.* When the glue dries, trim away any extra paper.

2b Draw an image
Use a pencil to draft a design that’s all yours, and color it with markers as you wish!

3. Postcard Back
Once you’ve finished, flip the card over, draw a line down the center, and add your message and an address on the sides shown.

Now, stamp that postcard and send it out!