

correct location don't need extra postage.

decorated envelopes with the address in the requirements before sending, but regular-sized attention to envelope size/weight and postage

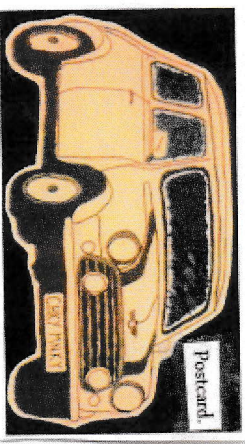
justice to each piece. Remember to pay taking all the time and effort necessary to do and create! Treat each envelope as a canvas, your choice so they are easily at your disposal, Set up your work area with the materials of

HOW DO I CREATE MY OWN MAIL ART?

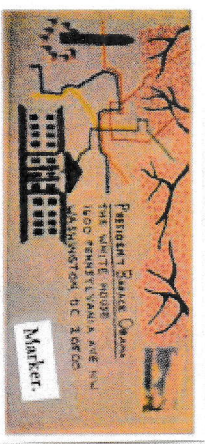


Solid.

Postcard.

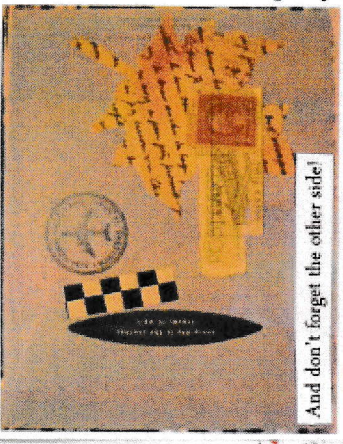


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Market.

And don't forget the other side!



Elegant.



MAIL ART: creative journeys



WHAT IS MAIL ART?

Mail art is about sending artful, creative, and inspiring things through the mail. The definition is broad but the meaning is individual. To one, mail art may be sending a hand-made envelope; to another, it may be sending a hand-decorated envelope. To a third still, mail art may be sending an object through the mail, like a banana or tennis racket.

Mail art is about creativity. You don't have to be an artist. "Good at drawing," or have your own style to send mail art. You just need to have an imagination (which we all have; look to your dreams if you don't believe me!), someone to send something to, and enough postage to get it there.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAIL ART AND MAILING ART?

You can mail art in a box, envelope, or printed package. When you send mail art, you're sending a piece of art through the mail; the box, envelope, or package is the art.



Colored pencil.



Themed.

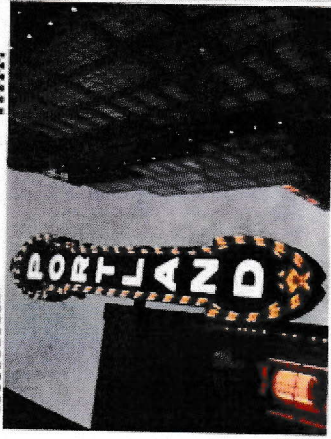


Collage/scrapbook.

Mail art is about communication. Whether you're writing a letter to a pen-pal or just sending an envelope with a small piece of paper inside, you're communicating ideas and sharing your creative understanding of the world through the postal system.

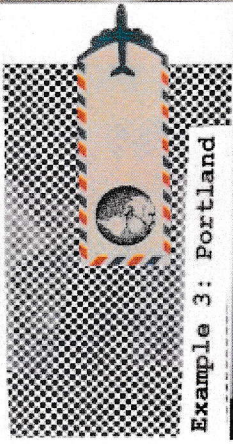


Pastels.

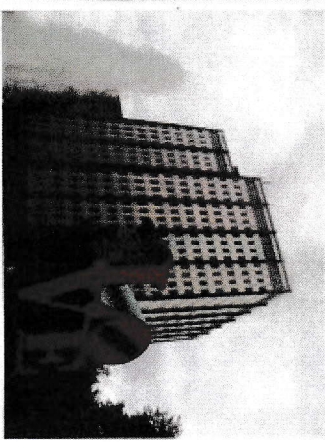


We have spent a lot of time on this trip walking. We walked past the hotel and down out through Portland's Chinatown(?) and found a bridge that took us across a wide river. It was beautiful! You could see layered mountains of homes in the distance, huge commerce ships, and every tall building this city had to offer. I really love it here! We'll have to come back for a girl's trip some day.

Example 3: Portland



Example 4: Philadelphia

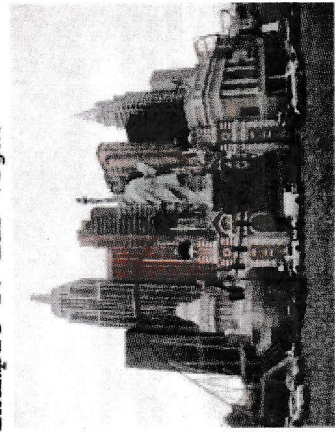


Day trip, just for fun. I'm here alone and I can already feel the seeds of independence seeping in—not from some weird connection to this city, but just because I took a Sunday to myself. It feels like I'm letting some untamed part of myself run free through the streets of an only semi-familiar place, and I never want to go home.



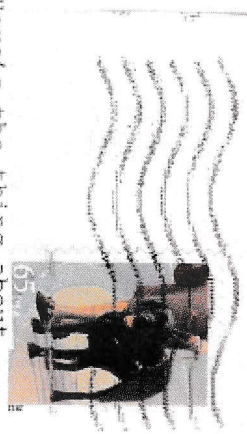
I have always loved historical places, but it's a little creepy revisiting this place as an adult. I understand better now what's happened here, how many lost their lives for prejudices and misunderstandings. Today is dreary, not wet yet though. It seems like it's always like this when I visit. Hope all is well at home. See you in two weeks!

Example 2: Gettysburg



The hotel has a view of the airport. At night I can hear the planes courting the skies, taking off to fancy and landing at whim. I imagine many people come here looking for grand ideas to blossom, only to see them fall apart. I wish we had a balcony so I could watch and I wish we were close enough to the airport that I could see through the tiny plane windows at each hopeful face.

Example 1: Las Vegas



Here's the thing about postcards: There is limited space. I know this must come as a surprise to you, but people don't actually expect you to tell the tale of your entire trip in that small space.

So instead, approach it like this: A postcard is a snapshot of something you've experienced while away. It's the tale of a moment.



Short but sweet. Poetic, maybe? Straight forward. Feeling, breathing, seeing, emotion. Share it all, but just in a moment. Don't fact check just yet. Don't be afraid to wonder. Above all: Don't hesitate! Everyone loves a postcard.



The best approach to a postcard is to bring the reader into the moment that you're experiencing, to share a snippet of information about your travels, to give them a better understanding of what you see while you're away.

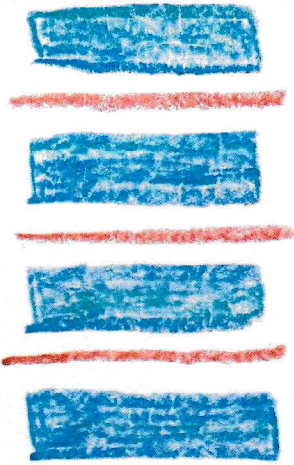
(Or at least I think so. At the very least, it takes off much of the agony that comes hand-in-hand with trying to think of what to write to someone in 300 words or less about the TRIP OF YOUR LIFE.)

What to Write on a Postcard

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you chose.

4. Connect bunting pieces to the string in whatever way

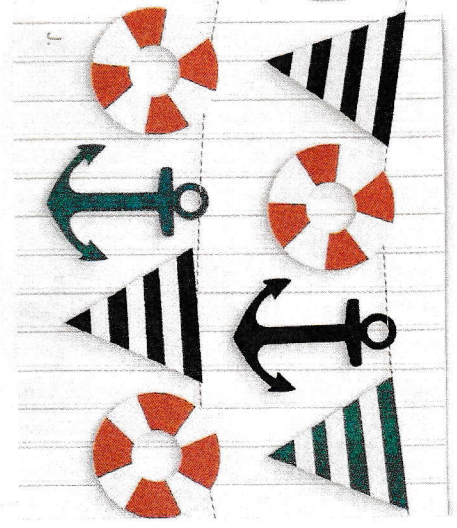


HEARTS STARS

5. Wait to dry (if using glue), then find somewhere to hang!



CREATIVE BUNTING



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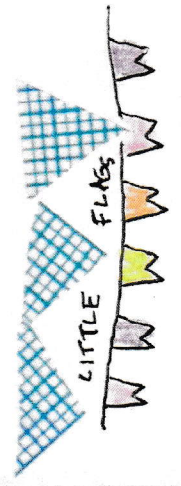
Remember: Bunting can hang every which way; you need not always hang in the traditional!



each piece.

3. Clear a space so you can lay out the string and decide how much space you want in between

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LITTLE FLAGS



1. Figure out what your shape is & how long your bunting is going to be.

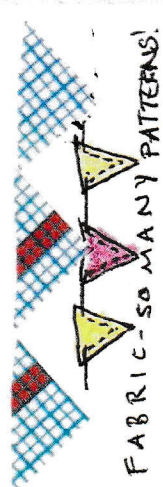
get creative!

GLUE OR TAPE THE STRING TO THE BACKS...

PUNCH HOLES IN EACH PIECE,

LEAVE AN INCH TO FOLD OVER,

YOU CAN:



FABRIC - SO MANY PATTERNS!

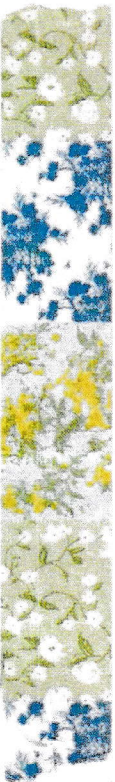


DAILY BUNTING: FULL OF FOLDED

2. Think about how you're going to attach the pieces to the string, then make enough to cover that distance.

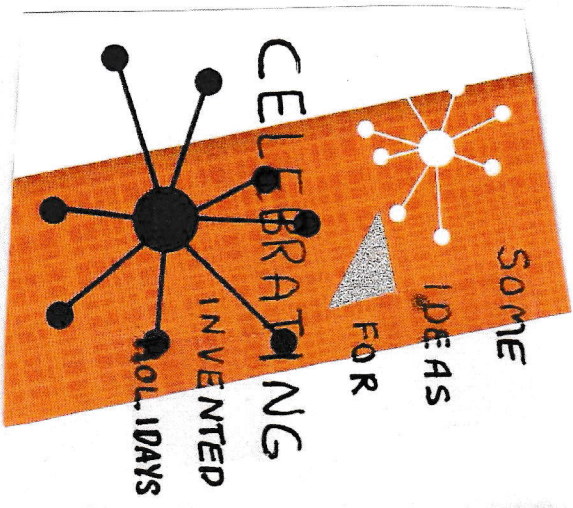


MY INVENTED HOLIDAY IS ELLADAY, OBSERVED THE FIRST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER. ELLADAY COMMEMORATES ELIA FITZGERALD AND CAN BE A SOLO OR GROUP HOLIDAY, THOUGH I PREFER SOLO: LISTENING TO RECORDS, CLOSING MY EYES AND SOAK IT ALL IN. I SEND POSTCARDS AND NOTECARDS A WEEK AHEAD TO REMIND ANYONE WHO MAY WANT TO JOIN. HAPPY ELLADAY!

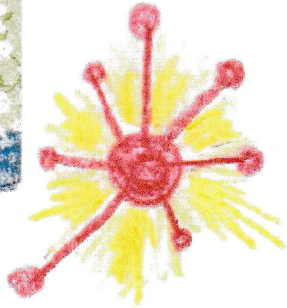


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THINK OF YOUR HOLIDAY. INVENTED HOLIDAYS CAN CELEBRATE ANYTHING, REMEMBER. WRITE DOWN SOME OF THE THEMES, COLORS, AND ACTIVITIES YOU ASSOCIATE WITH YOUR HOLIDAY.



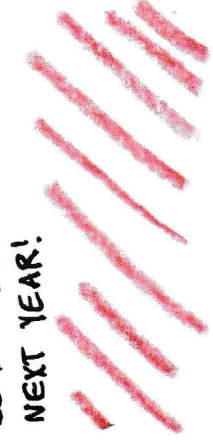
BOUNCE OF THAT LIST AND WRITE DOWN SOME WAYS YOU COULD CELEBRATE.

- MAY BE A DANCE PARTY?
- BBQ?
- VISIT A BRIDGE?
- TAKE A HIKE?
- SHOUT INTO A PASSING TRAIN?
- 2-HOUR BATH?
- BOWL OF FRUIT?

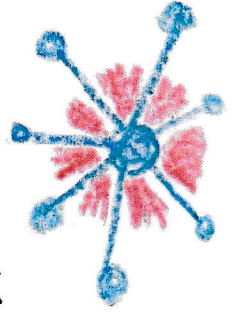
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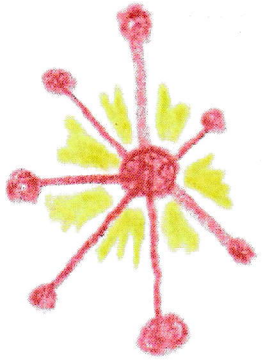
THINK ABOUT: DATES. IS IT THE FIRST THURSDAY IN SEPTEMBER? IS IT JULY 23? IS IT SEASONAL, TO BE ENJOYED ALL THROUGHOUT WINTER? ADD IT TO YOUR CALENDAR SO YOU DON'T FORGET NEXT YEAR!



THINK ABOUT: CLOTHING, DECORATIONS, TRADITIONS, FOLKLORE. YOU'RE INVENTING THE HOLIDAY, SO YOU GET TO INVENT THE BACK STORY TOO!



IF IT'S A SOLO HOLIDAY ACTIVITY, MAKE SURE YOU KNOW ALL THE THINGS YOU'RE GOING TO NEED SO THAT YOU CAN PREPARE BEFORE THAT DAY.



IF IT'S A GROUP/SOCIAL HOLIDAY, CREATE INVITES WELL IN ADVANCE.

MAKE SURE EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT TO BRING OR WEAR, IF APPLICABLE.

