

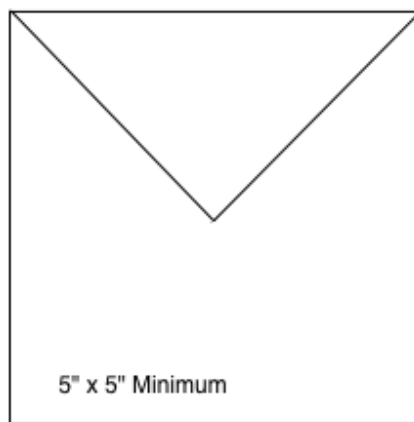
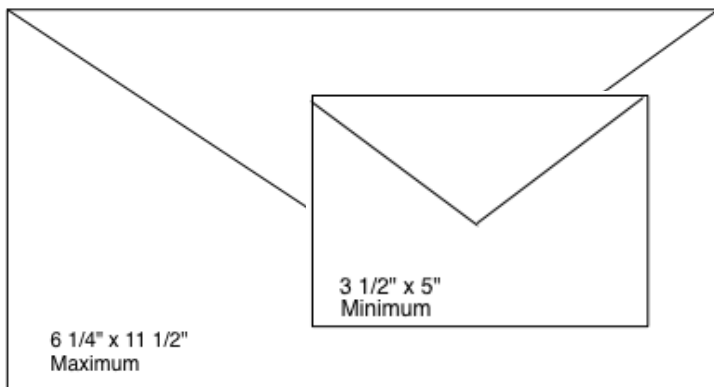
Sending First Class Mail Without Going to the Post Office

If you have a postal scale, or a kitchen scale that measures ounces, and keep a supply of Forever Stamps and Additional Ounce stamps, you can **skip trips to the Post Office!**

At the time of this writing (November, 2015),

- ✓ Forever Stamps are 49¢
- ✓ Additional Ounce Stamps are 22¢

The US Postal Service uses the dimensions of your envelope to determine the postage needed. Here is a brief summary of the categories you are likely to use for your handmade cards.



A **First Class "Letter"** or card must be :

- ✓ Rectangular
- ✓ Height between 3 1/2" and 6 1/4"
- ✓ Length between 5" and 11 1/2"
- ✓ No more than 1/4" thick
- ✓ No more than 3 1/2 ounces in weight

"Non-machineable" cards meet one of these criteria:

- ✓ They're square. (But they can't be smaller than 5" x 5")
- ✓ They have embellishments that cause the surface to be uneven
- ✓ They have the address written parallel to the shortest side of the envelope

For "Letters"		
with weight less than	Rate	You'll Need:
1 oz.	49¢	1 Forever Stamp
2 oz.	71¢	Add 1 Additional Ounce stamp
3 oz.	93¢	Add 2 Additional Ounce stamps
For non-machineable cards		Add 1 more Additional Ounce stamp above what is needed for the weight.
For " Large Envelopes"		
1 oz.	98¢	2 Forever Stamps
2 oz.	\$1.20	Add 1 Additional Ounce stamp
3 oz.	\$1.42	Add 2 Additional Ounce stamps
non-machineable		Add 1 more Additional Ounce stamp

Large Envelopes: Use this category if any one of the following measurements is greater than the "Letter" category:

- ✓ Height greater than 6 1/4" but not more than 12"
- ✓ Length greater than 11 1/2" but not more than 15"
- ✓ Thickness greater than 1/4" but not more than 3/4"

If any measurement is greater than the maximum, the envelope will need to be sent as a package, which takes more postage.

A 6" x 9" padded envelope can be send as a "Large Envelope" unless it is thicker than 3/4".

You can find out how much postage you need for a package by using the postage calculator at:

<http://postcalc.usps.com/>

To view the videos on this information, use these links:

Part 1 <https://youtu.be/n2FJEiOpHcY>

Part 2 <https://youtu.be/qwRbEeqxGw4>

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