A postcard or post card is a piece of thick paper or thin [cardboard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Card_stock), typically rectangular, intended for writing and mailing without an [envelope](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Envelope). Non-rectangular shapes may also be used but are rare. There are novelty exceptions, such as [wooden postcards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wood_postcard), copper postcards sold in the [Copper Country](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copper_Country) of the U.S. state of [Michigan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michigan), and [coconut](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coconut) "postcards" from tropical islands