

the Swapbot experience for a year. accepts beginners, but I enjoyed take a while to find a swap that kind of trading experience. It may about a year. It is a totally different Finally, I joined swapbot.com for

However: I DO recommend posting your ATCs on Instagram. It's a great way to create your own little online gallery. You can see my work at @LUANN\_PEPERWOOD

Instagram



I've also done a little bit of trading on Instagram... but not a lot.

Of course, you can always trade directly with another artist, in person! (I love to make and trade ATCs with my grandchildren.)

If you are interested in making and trading ATCs, use this QR code:



When I first joined "MeWe" I had a hard time finding an active ATC Trading group. Eventually I found the group shown above. The art is high quality. The traders are nice. You won't see nearly as many cards as on Facebook, but the group keeps growing. I highly recommend it.

# Fantastic ATCs and Where to Trade Them

by LuAnn Pepperwood

What's the difference between a trade and a swap? Here's a quote from the site:

"An organized swap is a group swap organized by a swap host. Participants send in their cards to the swap host who then sorts and sends the returns to each participant.

I enjoy swaps because they prompt me to try new things. I also like the "art events" (ATARTs) that are often scheduled.

ATC stands for "Artist Trading Card."

What makes an ATC an ATC? There are really only two "rules."

- An ATC is 2.5" x 3.5" in size.
- An ATC is traded, not sold. (If it's sold, it's an ACEO... Art Card Editions and Originals)

The simplest way to start trading ATCs is to find an online group. If you search Facebook, you will likely find this group:

ATC Artist Trading Cards  
Public group · 9.5K members

I highly recommend the website **ATCS For All**. (ATCSforAll.com) On this site, you can trade cards or join an organized swap.

At first glance, **ATCS for All** may be overwhelming. It takes a little bit of time to figure out how to do things. But there are so many ways to exchange cards on ATCSFAI!

This is probably the BIGGEST group on Facebook, and I traded a lot in the group when I first started trading in January 2020.

People come and go in this group. Many of the traders do collage and mixed media work using scrapbook materials. Other traders have created FB groups for hand drawn or hand painted only cards. Look for a group that requires you to sign up. You may need to wait a day or two before you can post, but you will have a better experience.

People jump in and out of FB groups all the time. "Cross-posting" cards to multiple groups is acceptable, but it can get confusing if you are in too many groups. Start small.