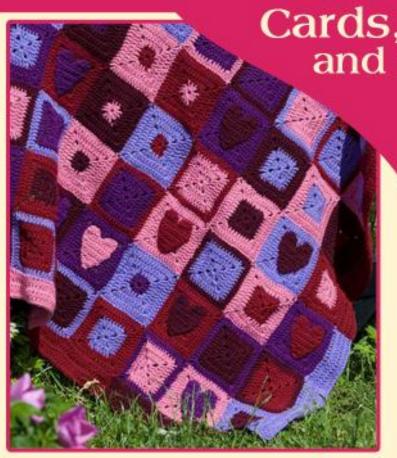


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Valentine's Day Wearables

Queen of Hearts Choker

By: Margot Potter

Show your mom, sister, or friend how much you love them with this Valentine's Day with this Queen of Hearts Choker and earring set. Made with doilies and felt hearts, this jewelry set is lightweight and makes a great accessory for Valentine's Day! If you'd prefer, you can make a longer necklace instead of a choker, or create a bracelet instead.



Materials:

- 11 3 1/4" round paper doilies
- 22 1'x1 1/4" felt hearts
- 40 10mm silver plated jump rings
- 2 silver plated swivel lobster clasps
- 2 silver plated pinch bail ear wires
- 34 gauge silver or gold Artistic Wire

- Aleene's Fabric Fusion Peel and Stick Sheets
- Wire cutters
- 2 pairs chain nose pliers
- Scissors
- 1/16" hole punch

- 1. Cut out the center of the doilies. Use 34 gauge wire threaded into every fourth or fifth hole in frame around open center to gather the doily together into a "flower." Once you have the holes threaded, grasp both wire tails and gently pull the doily into a flower.
- 2. Twist wire tail ends together using chain nose pliers. Cut off excess with wire cutters. Make 11 of these.
- 3. Use hole punch to punch holes in right and left upper center of each heart.
- 4. Place hearts on Aleene's Peel and Stick Sheets. Cut around heart, peel off adhesive backing and sandwich the doilies between two hearts. Make sure the hearts are lined up properly so it's easy to link together later!
- 5. Use 4 10mm jump rings to connect each doily heart. Attach two jump rings on the outside edge of the first and final heart in your chain. Repeat for front and back of design. This will prevent the necklace from flip-flopping when worn.
- 6. Add the clasps to the final jump ring on the first doily heart in each chain. This is how the necklace is connected, having both stabilizes the design when worn.
- 7. To make earrings, repeat the process of making two doily hearts, but only pierce one hole in each heart so the ear wires can attach. Use pinch bail earrings inserted in the hole of each heart, or you can opt for jump rings and French wires.

Conversation Heart Felt Ring

By: Molly Kozera

Turn a boring hair elastic into a sweet conversation heart with a bit of felt and some embroidery. Wear this felt ring in your hair on Valentine's Day, on a finger, or give as a fun gift. Make bigger hearts from the felt for larger conversation messages.



Materials:

- Hair elastic
- Two colors of coordinating felt, craft or wool felt
- Heart and circle templates
- Scissors
- Hand sewing needle

- Embroidery thread (approx. one 8 inch length for the entire project), divided into three groups of two strands each
- Tacky glue
- Pen
- Clothespins

- 1. To make my template, I used a tiny cookie cutter and traced around it on the back of a cake box I dug out of my recycling bin.
- 2. I have a huge bag full of felt scraps and as you can see it's not going to take much to cut out the heart.







- 3. I traced my template onto the felt using a regular ink pen. Be sure to trim just inside your markings so you don't end up with this dark fuzz on your final product.
- 4. Once the heart was cut out I also cut two circles, one approx. 3/4 of an inch (18mm) and one approx. 1 inch (22mm) out of my coordinating color of felt (I used two cake decorating tips as my templates).

5. To make the ring, cut a section of the hair elastic just a bit smaller than the actual size of the finger (remember it is going to stretch when you put it on). Use the smallest of the two circles and tacky glue it to your cut section of hair elastic. I secured it with clothespins to hold it in place while drying.







- 6. While you're waiting you can make the "conversation" part of this project. You could probably draw on a guide for yourself but I didn't want to chance there being dark marks not hidden by the thread. Freehanding is possible, but make sure to start in the top center and stitch the "u" for "luv"...this will assure your word is centered.
- 7. I centered my messaged heart onto the center of the large (1 inch) circle and stitched around its border.
- 8. Once the glue on the small circle and hair elastic was dry, I took a leftover scrap of embroidery thread and put a couple of stitches across the elastic.
- 9. Then I applied plenty of tacky glue to the top of the small circle and placed it in the center of the large circle (this should hide all of your stitches from securing the heart). I again used clothespins to secure it while drying, placing four total around the circle.
- 10. When it dries you'll have a sturdy, wearable token of affection for your Valentine made with humble scraps and throwaway items, but more importantly made with love!







Valentine's Day Shawl

By: Joyce Nordstrom

Crochet the perfect Valentine's Day shawl in bright Cherry Red yarn and a lacy cluster stitch design. This easy crochet pattern makes a beautiful shawl for Valentine's Day or any time of the year. You could even make this crochet shawl pattern in black or white so you have one to wear throughout the year. This shawl works up quickly and is a great project for crocheters who are looking for a bit of a challenge.

Materials:

- 3 skeins Red Heart Super Saver Yarn in Cherry Red
- 6mm [US J-10] crochet hook
- Yarn needle

Stitches:

- Shell: (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) all in same space
- Shell over shell: shell in the ch-1 space of shell below
- Cluster: [yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops] 3 times all in same space, yarn over and draw through 3 loops, yarn over and draw through last 2 loops



Instructions:

Shawl measures 24" from neck to bottom.

Ch 17.

- 1. Row 1: Dc in 5th ch from hook (counts as dc, ch 1, dc), * ch 1, dc in next ch; repeat from * to last ch; [ch 1, dc] twice all in last ch; turn 15 dc.
- 2. Row 2 (Right Side): Ch 3, (counts as dc), * 2 dc in next space, dc in next dc; repeat from * to last space; 2 dc in last space, dc in 3rd ch of ch-4; turn 43 dc.
- 3. Row 3: Ch 4, dc in first dc, * ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across working last dc in top of ch-3; turn 23 dc.
- 4. Row 4: Repeat Row 2 67 dc.
- 5. Row 5: Ch 4, skip first 2 dc, * dc in next dc, ch 1, skip next dc; repeat from * to last st; dc in top of ch-3; turn 34 dc.
- 6. Row 6: Ch 3, cluster in first ch-1 space, * ch 1, cluster in next ch-1 space; repeat from * to last st; dc in 3rd ch of ch-4; turn 33 clusters.
- 7. Row 7: Ch 3 (counts as hdc, ch 1), * [hdc in next ch-1 space, ch 1] twice **, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) all in next ch-1 space, ch 1; repeat from * to last st, end at **; hdc in top of ch-3; turn 44 hdc.
- 8. Row 8: Ch 3, skip ch-1 space, * shell in next ch-1 space, skip next ch-1 space; repeat from * to last st; dc in 2nd ch of ch-3; turn 21 shells.
- 9. Row 9: Ch 3, * shell over shell; repeat from * to last st; dc in top of ch-3; turn.
- 10. Rows 10 and 11: Ch 3, * shell over shell **, ch 1; repeat from * to last st, end at **; dc in top of ch-3; turn.
- 11. Rows 12-14: Ch 3, * shell over shell **, ch 2; repeat from * to last st, end at **; dc in top of ch-3; turn.

- 12. Row 15: Ch 1, sc in first dc, * ch 1, skip dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, skip ch-1 space, sc in next dc, ch 1 **, skip dc, sc in ch-2 space; repeat from * to last st, end at **; dc in top of ch-3; turn.
- 13. Row 16: Repeat Row 6 63 clusters.
- 14. Row 17: Repeat Row 7 84 hdc.
- 15. Rows 18-24: Repeat Rows 8-14 41 shells.
- 16. Row 25: Repeat Row 15.
- 17. Row 26: Repeat Row 6 123 clusters.
- 18. Row 27: Repeat Row 7 164 hdc.
- 19. Rows 28-34: Repeat Rows 8-14 81 shells.

Finishing

- 1. Rnd 1: With right side facing, * sc in next st or space, ch 1, skip next st or space; repeat from * around working (sc, ch 1, sc) all in each corner; join with a slip st in first sc; turn.
- 2. Rnd 2: Ch 1, * sc in next ch-1 space, ch 1, skip sc; repeat from * around working (sc, ch 1, sc) all in each corner; join; turn.
- 3. Rnd 3: Ch 1, slip st in first sc, * ch 1, skip sc, slip st loosely in next ch-1 space; repeat from * around. Fasten off.
- 4. Weave in ends.

Sparkly Kickers

By: Jennifer Perkins

Celebrate Valentine's Day from your head to your toes with these adorable Sparkly Kickers! This is a great way to transform an old pair of shoes and give them a new lease on life. Decorate them in your favorite colors for shoes that are sure to impress. Kids and adults alike are sure to enjoy these fun shoes!

Materials:

- Tulip Soft Fabric Paint
- Paint Brush
- Canvas Tennis Shoes



- 1. The first thing I did was paint the purple shoes pink. If you already have a pair of canvas shoes in the color you want you can skip this step. However, with just two coats of Tulip Fabric Paint the purple was gone and it was all about the pink.
- 2. I could have left the shoe laces white, but why when they look so much cuter red. I know, I know this picture implies that I painted them striped with a red fabric marker. I did at first, but then later went back and used red spray paint.
- 3. Next I painted the toes of my shoes red and while the paint was wet I coated them with red glitter. I also added a little heart to the back of each shoe.

Heart on the Sleeve Braclet

By: Maria Durano-Abesmo

How much do you love your Valentine? Why not show them with this Heart on the Sleeve Bracelet? Simple Valentine's Day crafts like this mean the most because they're handmade...so start crocheting away!

Materials:

- 1 piece 5.0-cm extender chain
- 1 piece 1.0-cm lobster lock
- 2 pieces 1.0-cm metal rings
- Small amount of yarn in two complementing colors, preferably shades of red
- Suitable crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Pliers
- Pattern



- 1. [Ch 9, sk 2 ch, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next ch, sk 1 ch, sl st, sk 1 ch, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next ch, sk 1 ch, sl st. In ch where this sl st was made, (tr, 2dc, tr, 2dc, tr) sl st in 8th ch of ch-9] one heart made. Repeat instructions in [] to make a heart chain. Break off and weave in ends.
- 2. Pass plarn underneath previous heart chain, yarn over, pull yarn through.
- 3. Attach the next plarn color and repeat instructions in [].







- 4. Work the next heart on the other side of the heart chain to achieve an alternate colored hearts bracelet. Repeat to end.
- 5. Add clasps.

String of Hearts Necklace

By: Little Birdie Secrets

Do you wear your heart on your sleeve or on your string? This fun craft necklace or decor accent can be made for any heart lover. Wear it all year round, especially on Valentine's Day!

Materials:

- Various papers
- **Buttons**
- Heart punch or die cuts
- Glue I used Tombow's Liquid mono glue
- String or crochet thread
- Extra embellishments



- 1. Punch out or die cut hearts from various papers. Embellish them with glitter glue, rhinestones, ink, etc.
- 2. Lay out a piece of string and start designing your heart string, alternating hearts and buttons. You'll need two of each heart and button so you can glue them together on either side of the string. Be sure to leave room at the top if you intend to tie it together or to something else.
- 3. When it looks the way you want it, apply glue to one heart and lay the string on top. Apply glue to second heart and place on top, matching it up with the first heart. Hold for a few seconds. Repeat with remaining hearts and buttons. The buttons won't be completely flat when glued together, but as long as they are glued to the string and touching on one side, they will be fine. Allow to dry for a few minutes.







Valentine Shirt for a Child

By: Jessica Fediw

Add some heart-fabric embellishments to a plain white child's shirt for a fun Valentine's Day sewing project. This Valentine's Day craft is a thrifty way to create a festive outfit for your child.

Materials:

- A shirt to makeover
- Heart Fabric
- Buttons
- Scissors
- Sewing machine, thread, etc.
- Sewing needle and thread (to sew on buttons)
- Iron



- 1. To determine the width measurement, take your desired width x 2. For the length, add how long you want the strip to be plus how much longer you want to leave for the part to tie and add an extra 1/2 inch for seam allowance. This will be piece one. The second piece you need to cut is for the other tie to make the bow. Take the length of piece one minus the length of the middle strip (the part that will have the buttons on it). Add an extra 1/2 inch for seam allowance. The width will be the same.
- 2. Take the two strips and fold in half, wrong sides facing. Iron.
- 3. Open pieces up, then fold each side towards the middle crease and iron.
- 4. Turn up the bottom at each end and iron.
- 5. Fold back in half and sew down the open side and the bottom that will be left hanging to tie into a bow.
- 6. Pin the longest piece at the middle top of your shirt.
- 7. Pin the second piece on the middle a little above where the middle strip will end. This will make sure it is sewn on.
- 8. Sew down the side right on top of where you had sewn it earlier, but this time it's on the shirt. Then continue sewing around until you have it all sewn on. Tie the ends in a bow.
- 9. Sew on buttons. I used embroidery thread to extra contrast and a stronger hold.
- 10. To add a bottom flap, clip at the bottom of the side seams. I would cut it to right above the bottom seam.
- 11. Measure how long the bottom is on the now front flap and the back. This will be the width of your fabric measurement plus seam allowance. (I added an extra 1/2 inch). For the length, just decide how long you want it to be plus seam allowance. (I added an extra 1 inch for my seam allowance). Cut two pieces in these measurements.
- 12. Fold one side end over once, towards wrong side, and then again and iron. Sew down that side. Do the same for the other side.
- 13. Fold up the bottom once, towards the wrong side, and then fold again. Iron. Sew across.
- 14. Place front flap on, right sides together, and pin. Sew across. Repeat for back flap.
- 15. Turn seam towards fabric on the inside of the shirt. This will cover the fabric ends and prevent fraying.
- 16. Sew right over the pushed down seam to hold it in place.

Valentine Screen Print

By: Ashley Hackshaw

Follow this simple screenprinting tutorial to create a Valentine's Day design with contact paper. You can use this technique to make your own designs for any occasion, but this example is very cute for making Valentine's Day clothing and other items with screenprinted fabric.

Materials:

- Blank Screenprinting Screen
- Screenprinting Ink
- Squeegee
- Contact Paper
- Craft Knife
- Fabric
- Iron
- Pen

- 1. Start with a blank screen printing screen.
- 2. Cut a piece of contact paper slightly larger than your screen.
- 3. Draw out your design on contact paper. Note: either draw your design on the front of the contact paper or make sure you reverse the design if you are drawing it on the paper backside.

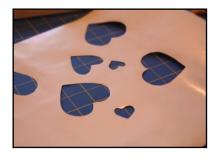






- 4. Cut out your design using a razor or Exacto knife.
- 5. Adhere the contact paper to the bottom of the screen (on the non-recessed side).
- 6. Lay the screen down on the fabric you want to screen the design onto (recessed side up).

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- 7. Place a small glob of screen printing ink on your screen and using a squeegee pull the ink across the design. (I used Versatex ink for these prints because there are more colors available).
- 8. Carefully lift your screen off and you have your finished design!







Sequin Heart Earrings

By: Karisa Tell

Use these Valentine craft ideas to learn how to make earrings with little more than sequins and felt. These sequin heart earrings are so cute for Valentine's Day, and even the most novice of jewelry makers can make their own.

Materials:

- Ear wires
- Red felt
- Red sequins
- Hot glue gun and glue
- Scissors
- Card stock or paper scraps
- Jump rings



- 1. I drew a heart on some card stock scraps and cut it out to use as a template.
- 2. Then I cut out two hearts from some scraps of red felt I already had.
- 3. I hot-glued strings of red sequins to each of the hearts, making sure to cover the entire felt piece. I just went in a random zig-zag design, since the pieces were so small.
- 4. When both hearts were done, I attached the earring backs. First I added a jump ring onto each earring back, and then I hot-glued the jump ring to the back of the heart, covering it up with a smaller piece of felt to keep it secure. I'm sure there's a better way to do this, but it was my very first time making jewelry!







Tutu Shirt for Valentine's Day

By: Julie Caron

Create an adorable Valentine's Day outfit for any little girl (even a baby) with these easy-to-follow sewing instructions. Make and add a festive red tutu to any shirt or onesie.

Materials:

- 2 1/2 yards each of two different colors of tulle
- Child's T-shirt
- Coordinating thread
- Rotary cutter
- Ruler
- · Self healing mat
- Scissors



- 1. On this Tutu T-shirt I am using red for the top shorter layer and pink underneath.
- 2. Cut the top, shorter layer 12 inches wide by 90 inches long. (The 90 inches is why you need 2 1/2 yards.)
- 3. Cut the bottom, longer layer 14 inches by 90 inches.







- 4. Fold each layer in half, separately. Stack them on top of each other with the raw edges lining up. The folded edges will be staggered on the bottom. Pin the two layers together near the raw edges.
- 5. Using a basting stitch (the longest stitch on your machine and the least amount of tension) sew the entire length of the tulle near the raw edges. Do not backstitch on either end and leave lots of thread hanging on each side.

6. Pull one of the threads and begin gathering the tulle. It will start to look like a tutu. When it seems about the right width to go around the t-shirt move on to the next step.







- 7. Starting in the middle of the back of the t-shirt start pinning the tulle. The shorter top layer of tulle should be the one laying on top of the t-shirt.
- 8. Continue pinning it as close to the bottom of the shirt, all of the way around. Overlap it when you return to the middle of the back of the shirt.







- 9. Place the shirt under your needle and foot. Return the stitch length and tension to normal. I like to use a medium size zig zag stitch. It makes it easier to catch the layers of tulle, as well as helps the t-shirt stretch. Backstitch at the beginning and end.
- 10. This is what mines looks like. Don't worry that it is a little messy. It will be covered by the rest of the skirt.
- 11. Here is the underneath of the finished product. You can carefully trim any wayward tulle if it is driving you crazy.







Conversation Hearts Shirt and Necklace

By: Heidi Borchers

Add fabric conversation hearts to a plain tee for the perfectly sweet shirt for Valentine's Day. Make a matching conversation heart necklace with shrink plastic.

Materials:

- T-shirt
- Assorted pastel fabric scraps
- Fusible Web
- Dimensional Paints -assorted colors
- Satin Ribbons-assorted colors-1/8" wide 12 (8") lengths
- Aleene's Jewel-It Glue
- Shrink Plastic-White or Opaque finish
- Sandpaper- Fine grade
- Hole punch-3/16" diameter
- Colored Pencils
- Clear Spray Sealer
- Beads-Assorted
- Jewelry Findings: 18 eye pins,36 jump rings, 30" necklace chain with clasp
- Needle nose pliers
- Pattern

- 1. For shirt, wash and dry shirt and fabric scraps; do not use fabric softener in the washer ir dryer. Fuse the web to wrong side of fabric scraps. Transfer large hearts pattern to the paper side of the web and cut 8. Fuse hearts to shirt as desired. Add lettering to hearts with dimensional paints (see photo) Let dry.
- 2. Tie each ribbon length in a bow. Glue bows to shirt as desired. Let dry.
- 3. For necklace, sand one side of the shrink plastic so the colored pencils will adhere. Transfer pattern to the shrink plastic and cut out 18 hearts. Punch holes where indicated on pattern. Use colored pencils to color each heart. Bake prepared hearts according to directions on package. Remove from oven and let cool. Coat each design with spray sealer. Let dry.
- 4. Thread beads on the 18 eye pins as desired. Using pliers, form free end of each eye pin into a loop. Attach loop of eye pin to necklace using one jump ring. Repeat to attach remaining hearts and eye pins to necklace.



Valentine's Day Decor

Dollar Store Valentine's Day Banner

By: Latrice Murphy

Learn how to make a Valentine's Day banner using inexpensive craft store finds and your sewing machine. These simple Valentine crafts are thrifty and quick, but they make a big impact! When you learn how to make a bunting banner you'll have a decoration idea for all upcoming holidays!



Materials:

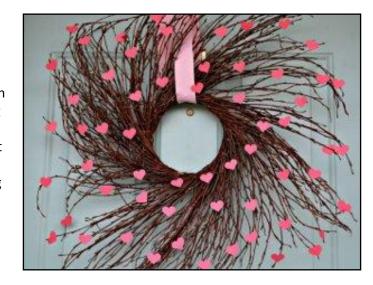
- Sewing machine
- Various felt shapes that be found at your local craft store or online
- Upholstery thread- Gutterman

- 1. Decide on a pattern or layout for you banner. This was as you start sewing you can add the next piece quickly.
- 2. Start sewing your felt heart and continue to sew each one by adding it before you come to the end of the previous heart.
- 3. Layer a word or other felt shape on top of every other heart. This helps add more color and a little more dimension to your simple banner.
- 4. When you get the end just pull the thread out and tie it in a knot.
- 5. To hang your banner you can either tack it up as is or add a ribbon loop to either end.

Flowering Hearts Willow Wreath

By: The Cards We Drew

Spread the love this Valentine's Day with the Flowering Hearts Wreath. This DIY wreath takes a simple willow wreath and sprinkles it with little paper hearts, taking it from boring to simply marvelous. This Valentine's Day craft is all about the little details making the big impact. Hang it on your front door or in whichever room you'd like to show your Valentine's Day spirit. Make sure to get a ribbon in matching colors to your hearts for that final touch.



Materials:

- Willow Wreath
- Scrapbook paper (be careful of the thickness you choose to avoid my issue)
- Punched hearts (you can buy scrapbooking heart punches or use a cutting machine like the Silhouette or Cricut)
- Hot Glue
- Ribbon

- 1. I started by getting all of my hearts prepared on my Silhouette. If I hadn't already been to JoAnn's twice today, I would have gotten some other paper with different colors on it, but since I couldn't go back I went with monochromatic pink on the whole wreath.
- 2. When my hearts were ready, I simply glued them with hot glue all over my wreath.
- 3. Then I used some pink ribbon I had on hand to tie it at the top with.

Rose Bouquet Ball

By: Ashley Urke

Create the perfect decoration for Valentine's Day with pink or red silk roses. The technique is simple to follow and the results are simply gorgeous. Make a few to hang around your house. These would also make for a beautiful wedding decoration.

Materials:

- Pink or red silk roses
- Foam ball (I used a 5" which ended up being WAY bigger than I thought!)
- Hot glue gun
- Ribbon to Hang
- Terra Cotta Pot or Mug to use as a base



- 1. I hot glued the roses onto the Styrofoam ball...the base really helps in the beginning.
- Keep on going around...
- 3. Add some ribbon to hang it from.







Swirly Hearts with Sparkly Parts

By: Lindsay Obermeyer

These fun Swirly Hearts with Sparkly Parts are great for Valentine's Day! You can use them as wall decor, coasters, or place mats. This is a great project to do with the kids and they make cute homemade Valentine's Day gifts for all your loved ones. Decorate these felt hearts however you'd like and hand them out as unique Valentine's for all your friends. These will take less than 20 minutes to make, and you can enjoy them year after year!

Materials:

- Die cut felt heart (approximately 3" for the small and 5" for the large)
- Aleene's® Jewel-It Embellishing Glue
- Flat sequins (I chose red, for the red heart)
- Tulip® Beads in a Bottle Paint (pearl pink for the red heart, semiprecious gold for the small pink heart and semiprecious silver and gemstone red for the large pink heart)
- Toothpick
- Small piece of aluminum foil (3" x 3")

Instructions:

Red Heart

- 1. Squeeze dots of glue around the edge of the heart.
- 2. Sqeeze a small amount of glue onto the foil.
- 3. Pour out a small amount of sequins near the foil.
- 4. Dip the toothpick lightly into the glue.
- 5. Use the toothpick to pick up the sequins and position them into place on the heart. You may need a 2nd toothpick (without any glue on its tip) to push the sequin into place.
- 6. Once dry, use the Pearl Pink Beads in a Bottle to squeeze random dots. If you have a heart with a lacy pattern as those in the sample, follow along the die cut pattern.
- 7. Allow to dry before moving.



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Pink Heart

- 1. Use the Semiprecious Gold Beads in a Bottle to squeeze random dot working your way from the interior to exterior of the heart. If you have a heart with a lacy pattern as those in the sample, follow along the die cut pattern.
- 2. Allow to dry before moving.

Large Pink Heart

- 1. Use the Gemstone Red Beads in a Bottle to fill the interior of the heart with random dots. Use Semiprecious Silver Beads in a Bottle to squeeze random dots along the perimeter. If you have a heart with a lacy pattern as those in the sample, follow along the die cut pattern.
- 2. Allow to dry before moving.

Charming Valentine's Day Wreath

By: Flamingo Toes

This Charming Valentine's Day Wreath is simple, sweet, and absolutely beautiful. It's the perfect way to show your Valentine's Day spirit without losing the elegance of your home decor. With embroidered lace bunting, soft felt flowers, and pink and white pearls sprinkled all over, this DIY wreath is simply stunning. Using light colors and delicate-looking fabrics like the lace, gives it a soft, elegant feel. The tiny pearls also give it a subtle sparkle. Create this beautiful wreath for your home this February.



Materials:

- 1 Styrofoam Wreath Form mine was 8"
- Jute enough to wrap wreath. I used about half of a large roll.
- Pink and white felt
- Embroidery floss

- Baby rick rack
- Lace
- Pearl Stick pins
- Hot glue/gun

Instructions:

- 1. Start by wrapping your wreath form with jute. This is pretty self-explanatory. Glue one end down, then just wrap. I found it was easier to not pull out too much jute and to just wrap the package around and let the jute come out a little at a time.
- 2. Next up make up a few felt flowers. I made two regular felt rosettes and then layered three felt rosettes with 3 folded ruffle flowers. You can find instructions for all those on the How To Do That flowers page. I made one of the layered flowers bigger than the others so that it could be a sort of centerpiece.
- 3. Arrange the flowers along the lower left side of the wreath form. Insert pearl stick pins through the centers, then into the wreath to hold them on. You might have a little trouble getting them through the glue but I have all confidence that you can do it.







4. Cut out six little pennants out of felt. With a disappearing marker, write out the letters and a heart.

- 5. Embroider the letters and heart with a backstitch. You can find the instructions for that on the Embroidery page.
- 6. Glue a little bit of baby rick rack to the back of the pennants. Cause we need more cuteness. And rick rack is always appropriate.







- 7. Glue the little pennant pieces to thin lace and tie bows in each end.
- 8. Add the pennant bunting to the top side of the wreath, a little to the right side. Pin it to the wreath with the pearl stick pins.
- 9. Add some pink and white pearl pins around the wreath for a little fun.







Valentine's Day Heart Tree

By: Colleen Mullaney

A perfect project for all of your little Valentine's. What child isn't excited about working with foamies? Soft, safe, and colorful foamy hearts look like works of art swirling from winter's branches. Set in a glass cylinder in a bed of crystal beads, it is a welcome cheery accent, and a wonderful way to display your child's work.

Materials:

- Foamy sheets in purple, pink, red, and white
- 2 sizes plastic heart cookie cutters
- Pencil
- **Scissors**
- Assortment of pre-cut foamy hearts
- Hole punch
- Ribbon for hanging
- Cut branches
- Glass beads
- Glass cylinder



- 1. Cut branches and arrange in the glass cylinder filled with glass beads.
- 2. Trace cookie cuter template on foamy sheets. Cut out heart shapes and decorate.
- 3. Punch a hole in the top center of the heart. String ribbon through and tie to a branch.







Pink and Red Crocheted Hearts

By: Phyllis Serbes

Use this free crochet pattern for a lovely Valentine's gift or decoration. This is a great pattern for a beginner or intermediate crocheter. You can make these lovely hearts and use them as window hangings, coasters, or even as applique accents for an afghan or quilt! Make 2 hearts of the same size and sew them together to make a pocket. Fill with candy, treats, or a note to a loved one and spread the love on Valentine's Day!



- 1 skein worsted weight yarn
- mm (E) crochet hook



Instructions:

- 1. Round 1: (RS) Ch 5, sl st into 1st ch to create loop, ch 2, 19 dcs into loop sl st into top of 1st dc, do not turn throughout
- 2. Round 2: Ch 1, 2 scs into next 2 sts, 1 hdc into next 3 sts, 1 dc in next 4 sts, 3 dcs into next st (creates bottom tip of heart), 1 dc into next 4 sts, 1 hdc into next 3 sts, 2 scs in next 2 sts, sl st to 1st sc (25 sts)
- 3. Round 3: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, 2 hdcs in next st, 1 dc in next 4 sts, 1 hdc in next 2 sts, 1 sc in next 4 sts, 3 scs in next st (should be in the middle sc of 3-sc tip of row below), 1 sc in next 4 sts, 1 hdc in next 2 sts, 1 dc in next 4 sts, 2 hdcs in next st, 1 sc in next st, sl st to 1st sc (29 sts)
- 4. Round 4: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, 1 dc in next st, 2 dcs in next 4 sts, 1 sc in next 8 sts, 3 scs in next st (again, should be in the tip), 1 sc in next 8 sts, 2 dcs in next 4 sts, 1 dc in next st, 1 sc in next st, sl st to 1st sc (39 sts)
- 5. Round 5: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, 2 dcs in next 3 sts, 1 dc in next st, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next st, 1 hdc in next 4 sts, 2 scs in next st, 1 sc in next 7 sts, 3 scs in next st (again, should be the tip), 1 sc in next 7 sts, 2 scs in next st, 1 hdc in next 4 sts, 1 dc in next st, 2 dcs in next st, 2 dcs in next 3 sts, 1 sc in next st, sl st to 1st sc (51 sts)
- 6. Fasten off here for small heart; add one more round, below, for larger heart.

Large Heart

1. Round 6: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 hdc in next 4 sts, 1 sc in next 8 sts, 3 scs in next st (tip), 1 sc in next 8 sts, 1 hdc in next 4 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next st, 1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 sc in last st, sl st to 1 st st (61 sts), fasten off.

Custom Couple Silhouettes

By: Becky Kazana

Create and frame custom silhouettes of your partner and you for a unique Valentine's Day gift. This tutorial includes several different framing options. This project would also make a great anniversary or wedding gift for a couple.

Materials:

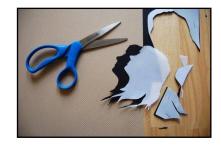
- Scissors
- Card stock
- Stapler
- Tracing paper or vellum
- Clear profile photograph
- Pencil
- Glue stick



- 1. Place the vellum over your photograph and carefully trace over the profile, making sure to include the idiosyncratic details that will make your profile instantly recognizable-funny tufts of hair and all.
- 2. Staple the vellum to the card stock and then carefully cut it out. You may have to do this more than once to get it right- the details can be tricky.
- 3. I played around with lots of different framing options for these. Once you choose a favorite, glue the finished silhouettes to a pretty background and frame.
- 4. You could also scan the finished silhouettes and upload them to Snapfish to make adorable custom coffee mugs, tote bags or tees. I think this would make the cutest surprise for Mother or Father's Day. Do a portrait of everyone in the family-including your pets.







Paint Chip Valentine's Day Wreath

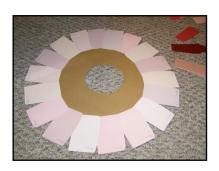
By: Lish Dorset

Use paint chips in pinks and reds to create a fun Valentine's Day wreath at little to no cost! Lish uses the paint cards with 4 different shades, perforated between colors for easy separation. Get ready for Valentine's Day with this easy, indoor craft wreath.

Materials:

- 1 12×12 piece of cardboard (I used a piece I found inside a new calendar)
- Paint samples (The number of strips depends on what size your wreath is)
- Double-sided tape
- Hole puncher
- Ribbon, decorative wire, hearts, magic

- 1. Start by tracing a circle onto your cardboard. I wanted mine to be as big as the piece of board, so I used the top of a trash can. An old record would fill the space nicely, too. For the center hole, I used a small Pyrex mixing bowl. Again, the size of middle will vary on how big or small you want it to be.
- 2. I used Dutch Boy paint samples from my local grocery store. These worked great because they were perforated, and popped apart easily. If you can't find perforated strips, simply cut them apart at each different color. Because I had one big sample on each, I used this as the beginning layer of the wreath.
- 3. I went around and fanned them out, not paying attention to color. (Feel free to be more coordinated.) I used one piece of double-sided tape on this wreath because I was working with paper products, and was afraid hot glue might be too hot. (This also worked well because the wreath isn't going outside.)
- 4. Once your base layer is down, continue making smaller layers, trying to cover any gaps in the cardboard or between samples. I kept going with layers (three) until I reached the center of the wreath, shown in the photo below.
- 5. Use your hole punch to make a small hole for ribbon, wire, etc., for hanging.







- 6. I used some leftover heart wire to make both a hanger and a bow. Feel free to add any "extras" at this point in the game.
- 7. Hang it up, stand back and admire your work!



Valentine's On a Stick

By: Rebecca Cooper

These Valentines on a Stick hearts are sweet and simple...and a great way to show how much you love your Valentine. Paper crafts are great for writing little love notes and, when arranged in a bottle, make simple paper Valentine decorations.

Materials:

- Variety of paper scraps
- Wooden skewers
- Scissors
- Bottle
- Various embellishments
- Adhesive



- 1. Cut out hearts and tape or glue them to a wooden skewer. Use a blank heart on the back if you want to write a message to your Valentine.
- 2. Embellish or decorate however you'd like.
- 3. Hand them out as is or stick them in a bottle for a sweet Valentine's Day decoration!

Fill You With Love Frame

By: Raven Baca

If you're looking for creative ideas for Valentine's Day gifts, why not show someone how much you love them by presenting them with a Fill You With Love Frame? It's a breeze to make with your eCraft electronic die cutting machine by Craftwell.

Materials:

- eCraft machine
- Stampin'Up! paper in Chocolate Chip and Cherry Cobbler (one sheet of each)
- Liquid adhesive
- 2-6 Foam dimensionals



Instructions:

eCraft Settings: Pressure setting set between the 4 and the 5, tab density set to 0, multi-cut set to 0, no image stabilizer was used, and the blade cap should be on.

- 1. Cut out the hearts from the Cherry Cobbler paper using the Fundamentals 1 SD card at 1". Then cut a piece of the Chocolate Chip cardstock to 6x8" (the picture frame has a 5x7 frame, so this worked perfectly. Feel free to adjust as necessary).
- 2. Adhere the Chocolate Chip cardstock to the frame of the image (the off-white edge). You can take dimensionals and place those around the outside of the frame to give the picture a lift.
- 3. Then using a quilters ruler, align all of the hearts and adhere them with liquid adhesive.
- 4. Use Make The Cut to cut out the letter U and a shadow of the letter U. Place dimensionals on the U and then adhere it to the middle of the frame.
- 5. Put the backing back on the frame.

Rustic LOVE Sign

By: The Country Chic Cottage

Perfect for Valentine's Day or a rustic or country-themed wedding, this Rustic LOVE Sign is easy and fun to make. In less than three steps, you can have a beautiful decoration that's simple, yet classic. You could also make your sign say whatever you'd like. If you're getting married, try writing your last name or the date of your wedding. This is also a great way to remember the birth date of your first child or grandchild.

Materials:

- Brown paper
- Paper letters
- Crackle paint
- Piece of wood



- 1. I cut out a heart from brown paper. The letters came from a pack of post it letters for poster board signs.
- 2. For this one I tried out the crackle finish from Martha Stewart. I will warn you that the directions say to apply over a primer. I didn't. I wanted the barnwood to show through the cracks.
- 3. The Martha Stewart product is THICK. It needs to be applied like spackle with a putty knife. I just used my pieces to mask the area off I did not want painted. I did not even tape them down or anything.
- 4. Apply an even coat and then sit back and watch the magic. As it drys, it crackles! Lovely chippy paint in one simple step.

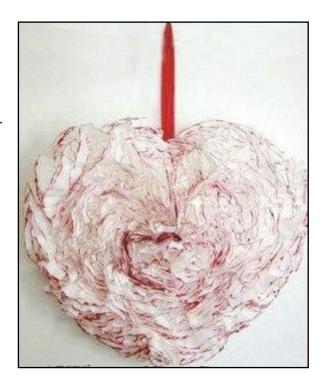
Valentine's Day Coffee Filter Wreath

By: Sewlicious Home Decor

If you need some ideas for Valentine's Day decorations, then you must check out this gorgeous Valentines' Day Coffee Filter Wreath. Follow this step-by-step tutorial to create a one-of-a-kind DIY wreath. This simple craft uses coffee filters and some paint to create a beautiful home decoration. The overall effect is really stunning, with the coffee filters looking like a giant white and red flower. Hang it on your front door or in a room that needs a little love. It's one of the easiest Valentine's Day crafts and will cost you basically nothing.

Materials:

- 1 Package of coffee filters (200 count)
- 1 Bottle of paint
- Glue gun
- Heart-shaped cut-out on a piece of cardboard



- 1. Begin by painting the ends of the coffee filter. I used a sponge brush. Keep the filters together while painting them, them separate them they are painted. Allow to dry overnight.
- 2. Cut out a heart shape on a piece of cardboard or foam board.
- 3. Twist the end of the coffee filter a few times.
- 4. Hot glue end of coffee filter to outside edge of heart.
- 5. Work your way around the entire edge of heart, working your way to the middle. Don't start at the middle of the heart.
- 6. After you have glued all the filters to the heart fluff the coffee filters straight up so that they are not laying down.
- 7. Hot glue a ribbon to the back of the cardboard to hang.







Valentine's Day Cards and Other Creative **Valentines**

Forget Me Not Valentine's Day Card

By: Terri Sproul

Remind your sweetheart of your affections with this beautiful homemade Valentine's Day card with heart stamp and sentiment. Red and purple inks create a colorful card, complete with flower brad embellishment.

Materials:

- Stamps: "Forget Me Not" by: Stampington and Company, "Diamond Background" by: ClubScrap
- Cardstock: cut a 4 3/4" x 10" in White, a 4 1/8" x 4 1/2" in Pink, and a 4" x 4 1/4" in Tan
- Inks: Memories Dye: Ruby, Palette Red, Palette Purple
- **Embossing Powder: Light Pink**



- MasquePen
- **Makeup Sponges**
- Flower Brad
- **Embossing Gun**
- Adhesive: Helmar USA Hole Punch: 1/8" punch

- 1. On the white cardstock draw 5 or 6 flowers with the MasguePen, set aside to dry.
- 2. Ink all edges of pink cardstock using Palette Purple and set aside. Stamp "Forget Me Not" at an angle onto tan cardstock with Palette Red, emboss with light pink embossing powder.
- 3. Stamp the Diamond Background in all four corners using Memories Ruby. Drab makeup sponge into Palette Purple ink pad and apply directly to all of the design except for Heart.
- 4. Punch small hole in center of flower on "Forget Me Not" stamp design and insert flower brad.
- 5. Adhere Stamped design to pink cardstock, set aside.
- 6. When MasquePen is dry, using direct to paper technique apply Ruby over all of the cardstock. After you have covered all of your cardstock with ink, peel off MasquePen to revile flower design. Fold cardstock in half to make a card, adhere stamped design. You have a masterpiece.







Matchbook Valentine's Day Treat

By: Maria Nerius

These simple Valentine's Day crafts make great little gifts for friends and loved ones. Make a matchbook Valentine's Day treat for a cute way to package candy.

Materials:

- Martha Stewart Crab Punch
- Martha Stewart Sea Shell border punch
- Fish brad with prongs trimmed off
- Small heart hand punch
- 2" x 6" strip of decorative paper
- 2" x 2" coordinating decorative paper
- Red paper for crab
- Scrap of paper to punch small heart
- Small plastic bag of candy
- Stapler
- Fiskars personal trimmer
- Folding bone
- Art Glitter Designer Adhesive



- 1. Punch border to bottom of decorative strip of paper, fold up 1". Fold top down to fit just under the bottom fold like a matchbook. Make sure your folds are creased well using a folding bone.
- 2. Punch out crab, punch small heart, then adhere the small heart to crab's large claw.
- 3. Adhere the square of coordinating decorate paper to the front fold, tucking just under the punched out border, this helps the decorative border pop! Glue crab to center of coordinating decorative paper.
- 4. Place one end of bagged candy inside the bottom fold and staple to close the bottom like a matchbook. Tuck top fold in. Your gift is ready to give!

You Take the Cake, Valentine

By: Brittny Kvilhaug

Are you sweet on your Valentine? Show off your love and appreciation with this You Take the Cake, Valentine card. A homemade Valentine card is the perfect way to show that you care, and your Valentine is sure to love it!

Materials:

- Circus Valentine Grand Adhesions
- Color Basics Radiant 12x12 Designer Paper Pad
- Graceful Heart Edger Punch
- Bone Folder
- HERMA Dotto Permanent Dot Adhesive Pink
- 3D White Adhesive foam squares



- 1. Cut yellow paper with paper trimmer 8.5"x 5.5" size. Score a line down the center of yellow paper with bone folder. Fold paper in half to make a card base.
- 2. Cut pink paper with paper trimmer to 4"x 5.25" size. With sewing machine stitch around the edges of pink paper with straight running stich. Center & glue the pink paper to the yellow card base.
- 3. Cut 4"x2.5" strip of blue polka dot paper. Punch top and bottom edges with the Graceful Heart Edger punch. Glue across the center of the pink paper.
- 4. Cut a strip of pink paper to 1.25"x4.75", cut a 'V' in one end. With marker create dots /dash border around end. Glue over the blue strip.
- 5. Adhere the "You take the cake" sticker with foam squares.
- 6. Use a .01 black pen to write free hand "I Love You" in the open space on the pink strip.
- 7. Adhere a heart and star sticker at the top right of the card to finish. Sewing Machine with Brown Thread.

Candy Valentine Printable

By: Monita Plamondon

Follow these instructions to print and assemble Valentines that you can fill with candy. Download and print the pdf pattern for the cutest Valentines ever.

Materials:

- Printable
- **Scissors**
- Candy of your choice



- 1. Cut the valentines out. If it's printed on matte photo or heavy cardstock paper, lightly score the lines with an exacto knife. This makes it easier to fold.
- 2. Fold the tab and the half line. Glue the tab. Press firmly and wait for it to completely dry.
- 3. Squeeze the valentine open. Fold down the flaps on one end. It should fold down easily, especially if you scored it. If you need to you can glue or tape this end so whatever you put in it doesn't fall out.
- 4. Fill the valentine with your favorite Valentine's Day candy. Fold down the flaps to enclose.

Hottie Heart Pockets

By: Maize Hutton

Tell your someone special how hot they are with these Hottie Heart Pockets. These quick cards make great last minute Valentine gifts.

Materials:

- **Doilies**
- Red hot hearts
- **Embroidery floss**
- Tapestry needle



- 1. I cut out book pages with some love words and glued them on the doily.
- 2. Then, I used a tapestry needle and laced it through the holes leaving an open portion to fill the doily with red hots and finished it off with a bow.

Vintage Spool Valentine

By: Maize Hutton

Wrap Valentine poems around an old spool for a unique Valentine's Day gift this year. The vintage spool Valentine is such a great idea for a sewing enthusiast.

Materials:

- A vintage spool
- A button
- Paper
- Tape
- String
- **Heart Bead**
- Glue



- 1. Write your love note, poem, song lyrics (I wrote The Cure's Love Song lyrics) on the paper. Tape it to the spool.
- 2. Apply glue to the button and secure the string underneath it.
- 3. Roll up the paper on the spool and wrap the string around it. Secure.

Personalized Valentine's Day Card

By: Tiffany Windsor

Show a friend, family member or significant other how much you care by making your own Personalized Valentine Cards. Using scrapbook paper and other fun embellishments, you can make your own homemade valentine cards.

What the world really morelon and less paper

Materials:

- Craft supply left-overs
- Scrapbook cardstock
- Camera
- Cardstock (white)
- Photo editing software
- Printer
- Paper trimmer

- 1. When I crafted my L-O-V-E Shadowbox, I painted on these slick black letters with a dry-brush technique.
- 2. When I pulled off the letters, I was left with the cool plastic liner sheets that spelled out the word L-O-V-E. I saw a perfect opportunity to up-craft!
- 3. I grabbed my scrapbook paper and started laying out the letters and some leftover supplies including a sticker that I had dry-brush painted with ivory colored acrylic paint.







- 4. I finally decided on this layout with the wooden heart and grabbed my camera to take a picture of this layout.
- 5. Next, I mixed it up with the sticker and the lettering on some pink striped and patterned scrapbook paper and also photographed this layout in vertical and horizontal. I used Photoshop to layout my Valentine cards and added some favorite "love" quotes and printed my personalized photo fun Valentine cards on cardstock.

Our Love Has Wings Card

By: Uchida of America

Looking for a creative gift for your partner? Create a beautiful homemade card to express how you feel.



Materials:

- Marvy® Super Jumbo Scalloped Heart Clever Lever Craft Punch
- Marvy® Mega Scalloped Heart Clever Lever Craft Punch
- Marvy® Clever Lever Jumbo Craft Punch Oval
- Marvy® Clever Lever Craft Punch Circle
- Marvy® Brown ink pad
- Marvy® Tinted embossing pad
- White Flock- Stampendous
- Heat and Stick Powder
- Red Embossing powder

- Clear Stamps by Papertrey Ink (Borders & Corners Hearts, Butterfly Kisses)
- Pattern paper by We R Memory Keepers
- Cardstock by Prism
- Zip Dry Paper Glue by Beacon Adhesives
- Square brads –Creative Impressions
- Foam mount squares
- Marvy® Squishy Scissors
- Marvy® Paper Trimming Buddy with Score,
 Straight and wave blade
- Marvy® Heat Tool
- Synthetic sponge

- 1. Trim pattern paper to 4 ¼ x 5 ½ . Score and fold in half. Trim off ½ inches with the wave blade. Trim a small strip of the stripped paper to adhere to the trimmed edge. Sponge both edges with Brown ink and adhere.
- 2. Stamp love image in brown and the curly image with embossing ink, sprinkle with heat and stick powder, lightly heat, sprinkle with Flock and heat set. Punch out with scalloped heart punch. Repeat for a second heart.
- 3. Stamp Solid heat image onto red cardstock with embossing ink. Sprinkle with Heat and Stick powder. Lightly heat then sprinkle with flock and heat set. Punch out with smaller scalloped heart.
- 4. Punch out 2 ovals and one circle from brown cardstock as well as free hand cutting 2 antenna.
- 5. Sponge all butterfly sections then adhere to card. Stamp trail image.
- 6. Print words "Our has wings! Onto white cardstock making sure to leave room for the Love stamp. Print and trim. Stamp Love in saved space in embossing ink, sprinkle with red embossing powder and heat set. Secure strip to the card with brads.

Candy Filled Love Letters

By: <u>Heather Valentine</u>

Add a sweet touch to your Valentine's Day card ideas. Fill them with candy and show how much you care! Candy Filled Love Letters can be given to a friend, family member and, of course, your sweetie. How delicious!

Materials:

- Solid & printed paper
- Candy
- Parchment paper



Instructions:

1. To form your letters, cut paper and parchment into 4" X 5.5" rectangles. To create stamps, cut paper of choice into 1" X 1". Position your stamp in the upper right hand corner and all around edge stitch.







- 2. Stitch some fun squiggly lines to represent the cancelled postage. You can draw these lines with a pencil 1st and then stitch over them. With your machine or marker, add some fun words to the letter. (See below for cute ideas.)
- 3. Match up your letter with parchment paper, wrong sides together and straight stitch around 3 sides. This will form a "pocket". Fill the pocket with small candy. Be careful- overfilling will make the pocket hard to close. Stitch up the last side, trim any loose threads and you are set!







Die Cuts Valentine's Day Card

By: Latrice Murphy

Valentine's Day paper crafts are a fun way to celebrate a day of love. Make Die Cut Valentine's Day Cards and send them to all of the important people in your life. Homemade cards show you care and can be customized to perfectly fit the recipient's style.

Materials:

- Fiskars Fuse
- Cardstock
- Ink
- 3D adhesive
- Patterned paper
- Dry adhesive
- Small gemstones



- 1. Die cut and letter press your cardstock.
- 2. Layer your circle piece over a die cut piece.
- 3. Using four strip of coordinating cardstock and patterned paper to add some color to your card.
- 4. Adhere those strips to the top and bottom of you card front.
- 5. Add your large circle piece to the center.
- 6. Finish with a few small gemstone embellishments in the center.

Valentine's Day Gift Ideas

Crochet Valentine's Heart Afghan

By: The Designers of Red Heart Yarns

Crochet an afghan with heart motif squares with this easy afghan crochet pattern. This heart afghan could be a decorative accent for Valentine's Day or a permanent fixture on a young girl's bed.

Materials:

- 2 skeins Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Light Raspberry
- 2 skeins Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Burgundy
- 2 skeins Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Claret
- 2 skeins Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Lavender
- 2 skeins Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Dark Orchid
- Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8]
- Stitch marker (optional)
- Yarn needle



Instructions:

Solid Square (Make 20-4 in each color)

- 1. Ch 5; join with a sl st in first ch to form a ring.
- 2. Rnd 1: Ch 3, 2 dc in ring, ch 2, [3 dc in ring, ch 2] 3 times; join with a sl st in top of ch-3.
- 3. Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) all in next ch-2 sp, [dc in next 3 dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) all in next ch-2 sp] 3 times; join.
- 4. Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc in next 4 dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) all in next ch-2 sp, [dc in next 7 dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) all in next ch-2 sp] 3 times, dc in next 2 dc; join.
- 5. Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in next 6 dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) all in next ch-2 sp, [dc in next 11 dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) all in next ch-2 sp] 3 times, dc in next 4 dc; join 15 dc between corner sps. Fasten off.

Single Row Striped Square (Make 20)

- 1. With color CA, CB, CC, CD or CE, work Rnds 1-3 same as for Solid
- 2. Square for 4 squares per color, then work Rnd 4 of each square with a different contrasting color.

Double Row Striped Square (Make 20)

1. With color CA, CB, CC, CD or CE, work Rnds 1 and 2 same as for Solid Square for 4 squares per color, then work Rnds 3 and 4 of each square with a different contrasting color.

Triple Row Striped Square (Make 20)

1. With color CA, CB, CC, CD or CE, work Rnd 1 same as for Solid Square for 4 squares per color, then work Rnds 2-4 of each square with a different contrasting color.

Heart (Make 20-4 in each color)

- 1. Ch 11.
- 2. Point-Row 1 (Right Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn 10 sc.
- 3. Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc to last 2 sc; sc2tog; turn 9 sc.
- 4. Rows 3-7: Rep Row 2 4 sc at end of Row 7.
- 5. Row 8: Ch 1, [sc2tog] twice; turn 2 sc.
- 6. Row 9: Ch 1, sc2tog 1 sc. Fasten off.

Bumps

- 1. Row 1: With right side facing and working in rem lps of beg ch, join yarn in the first ch; ch 1, sc in same ch and next 4 ch; turn 5 sc.
- 2. Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across.
- 3. Row 3: Sc2tog, sc in next sc, sc2tog. Fasten off.
- 4. With right side facing, join yarn in next free lp of beg ch and rep Rows 1-3.

Finishing

1. Weave in ends. Sew hearts to Solid Squares, ensuring that the heart and square color are different. Randomly arrange all squares into an 8 square x 10 square grid, and sew together. Edging is worked in short rows across 1 or more squares in different colors. When fastening off, leave a yarn tail to sew the seams between edging sections.

Lower Edging

- 1. Row 1: With right side facing, join CA in lower left corner of afghan; ch 3, dc evenly across 3 squares; turn.
- 2. Rows 2-4: Ch 3, skip first dc, dc in next dc and in each dc across and in top of ch-3; turn. Fasten off.
- 3. Join CB and work 4 rows dc across next 2 squares of lower edge. Fasten off. Join CC and work 4 rows dc across next 3 squares. Fasten off.

Side Edging

1. Join CD and work 4 rows dc across row ends of last edging section and next 3 squares. Fasten off. Join CE and work 4 rows dc across next 4 squares. Fasten off. Join CA and work 4 rows dc across one square. Fasten off. Join CB and work 4 rows dc across next 2 squares. Fasten off.

Top Edging

1. Join CC and work 4 rows dc across row ends of last edging section and next 4 squares. Fasten off. Join CD and work 4 rows dc across next 3 squares. Fasten off. Join CE and work 4 rows dc across one square. Fasten off.

Side Edging

1. Join CA and work 4 rows dc across row ends of last edging section and next 2 squares. Fasten off. Join CB and work 4 rows dc across next 3 squares. Fasten off. Join CD and work 4 rows dc across next 2 squares. Fasten off. Join CE and work 4 rows dc across last 3 squares and row ends of first edging section. Fasten off. Sew ends of edging sections tog. Weave in ends.

Cute as a Button Valentine's Day Jars

By: Laura Kelly

These Cute as a Button Valentine's Day Jars are so fun to make with your kids. Perfect for filling with candy, candles, or little love notes, these thrifty projects are a great way to share some sweetness with your Valentine. These are even simple enough to make in the classroom and make great Valentine's for kids to share with their friends and classmates. A collection of random sized jars would also make a great homemade Valentine's Day decoration that you can display on our bay window or your mantel.

Materials:

- Craft paints
- Glass jars
- Red and pink buttons
- Jewelry wire
- Glue
- Paint brushes
- Candies, notes, or other little items to fill the jars



- 1. Using craft paints (I used Glass Gallery and Apple Barrel-both from Plaid), paint some hearts and polka dots onto the glass.
- 2. While the paint is drying (Gallery Glass takes a while), wrap some red and pink buttons up in wire to create handles for the jars. When the paint is dry you can add another layer of paint decor then add red and pink buttons to the jars with Aleene's Tacky Glue.
- 3. Let the jars dry completely before handling them to add the button wire. Twist the wires around the jar rims in whatever way you like. I made an extra one to decorate a wine bottle!
- 4. THEN, fill the jars up with candy goodies and you are all set to lay out a SWEET Valentine display of love!

Valentine's Day Tic Tac Toe Game

By: Jennifer Heagy

If you need Valentine gifts for kids, this Fun and Easy Valentine's Day Game is just the thing! All you need is some felt and glue...staples for any hard core crafter!

Materials:

- Sheet of felt
- Scraps of felt in 2 different colors
- White dimensional paint
- Tacky glue
- **Pattern**



- 1. From the 2 colors of scrap felt cut out 5 1" squares of each color.
- Fold each square in half and cut out the heart. You'll now have 10 small hearts 5 of each color.
- 3. Using the PDF template, cut out one large heart from felt.
- 4. Also, cut out a 3"x3" square from felt.
- 5. Using tacky glue on 3 of the 4 sides of the 3"x3" square, glue the square to the large heart. This is the pocket to store the little heart pieces.
- 6. With the dimensional paint, or use tacky glue and yarn instead...paint the tic tac toe lines on the front of the heart. Use the PDF template as your guide for placement.
- 7. Let the paint dry. Store the little heart pieces in the back pocket.

Recycled Wool Owl

By: Cyndee Kromminga

Save your old, ill-fitting sweaters and get inspired to make some Valentine's Day sewing crafts. Using simple felting techniques and a few easy-to-find materials, you can make your Recycled Wool Owl. Display one throughout February or give it as a sweet gift.



Materials:

- Card stock
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Felted wool sweaters-tan and red
- Nickel
- Marking pen
- Washable school glue
- Sewing machine
- Brown thread

- Straight pins
- Stuffing
- Two 1/2-inch flat white buttons
- Brown embroidery floss
- Embroidery needle
- File folder
- 1/4-inch letter stamps and black or brown ink pad
- Paper punch
- Miniature gold safety pin

- 1. Trace a 3-inch-wide by 4 1/2-inch-long rectangle on card stock and cut out. Turn the rectangle with the short edges at the top and bottom. Measure in 1/4 inch from each top corner and mark. From each mark, trace a valley 3/4 inch below the top edge. It should look like a big smile. Cut along the curved line. This is the top of your owl pattern. Round each of the two bottom corners to finish the owl body.
- 2. Trace and cut two triangles, one 3/4 inch tall with a 1/2-inch base, and the other 1 inch tall with a 3/4-inch base. The small triangle is the beak pattern and the larger triangle is the forehead patch.
- 3. Place the owl pattern on tan felted wool and trace around it. Place the two triangles on red felted wool and trace around them. On the same red wool, trace a nickel two times for the eyes. Cut out each shape just inside the traced lines.
- 4. Using the photo as a guide, position the red wool pieces on the owl shape. Glue each piece to the owl using washable school glue. The glue will hold the pieces in place while sewing. You could use pins, but I found the glue kept the pieces from shifting, and I didn't need to worry about sewing over pins.

- 5. Stitch the edges of each glued piece using a zigzag stitch and brown thread. This is the front of the owl.
- 6. Place the stitched owl, face up, on more tan felt and pin. Starting on the bottom edge, sew a zigzag stitch around the edge of the owl using brown thread. Leave a 1-inch opening on the bottom edge.
- 7. Cut around the stitched owl. Stuff the owl and sew the opening closed with the zigzag stitch.
- 8. Center a 1/2-inch, flat, white button on each eye. Using two strands of brown embroidery floss, attach the buttons.
- 9. Trace a 1-inch heart on an old file folder and cut out. Note: You can trace your heart free-hand, or use a pattern. Stamp the word "love" on the heart using 1/4-inch letter stamps and black or brown ink. Use a paper punch to punch a hole in the top of the heart. Finish the owl by pinning the heart to the bottom half of the owl's front using a miniature gold safety pin.

Lutradur Flower

By: Glenna Valley

Create a lovely dahlia flower for an embellishment or brooch with Lutradur Mixed Media sheets. Lutradur sheets are a special kind of non-woven fabric. Give this dahlia as a Valentine's Day present or use on a gift box.

Materials:

- Lutradur Mixed Media Sheets regular weight (70 gram)
- Scissors plain, pinking and/or scalloped
- Small hole punch
- Large craft tweezers
- Heat gun
- Large decorative brad
- Glitter glue
- Desired colors of spray ink



- 1. Trace and cut from sheets of Lutradur: Four large 3-1/4" circles; Two medium 2-3/4" circles; Four small 2-1/2" circles.
- 2. Cut 3/8" snips all around the diameter of the small and medium circles to create fringed edges.
- 3. Trim around the edges of the large circles with pinking or scalloped scissors. Punch a small hole in the center of each circle.
- 4. Place 2 circles together, hold them firmly with a pair of large tweezers and quickly pass a heat gun near the edges to lightly melt the Lutradur all the way around. This will make the edges unpredictably curly and lacey.
- 5. Repeat with 2 more circles at a time, until you have melted the edges of all the circles.
- 6. Use a spray ink to add color to each circle, allow to dry.
- 7. Stack your circles on top of each other, with the smallest on top and the largest on the bottom.
- 8. Twist them around until you like how they nest together, then insert a large decorative brad through the holes in all the layers. Dab a little glitter glue on the edges.

Crochet Heart Sachets

By: The Designers of Red Heart Yarn

With this easy crochet pattern from Red Heart Yarn, crochet a heartshaped sachet to fill with potpourri. These crochet heart sachets would make a great Valentine's Day gift for friends.

Materials:

- 1 skein Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Cherry Red
- 1 skein Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Light Raspberry
- 1 skein Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Pink Camo
- Crochet Hook: 4 mm [US G-6]
- Yarn needle
- Potpourri, scented beads or fiberfill



Instructions:

Make 2

- 1. Using color of your choice, ch 3.
- 2. Row 1 (Right Side): Work 2 hdc in 3rd ch from hook; turn 2 sts.
- 3. Row 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st; turn 4 sts.
- 4. Row 3: Ch 2, 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st; turn 6 sts.
- 5. Rows 4-8: Repeat last row 16 sts.

First Side

- 1. Row 9: Ch 2, hdc in next 6 sts, [yo and draw up a loop in the next st] 2 times, yo and draw through all 5 loops on the hook = hdc2tog made; turn 7 sts, leave remaining sts unworked.
- 2. Rows 10-12: Ch 2, hdc in each st across to last 2, hdc2tog; turn 4 sts. Fasten off.

Second Side

- 1. Row 9: With right side facing, join yarn in next st on last long row, ch 2, hdc2tog, hdc in each st across; turn 7 sts.
- 2. Row 10-12: Ch 2, hdc2tog, hdc in each st across; turn 4 sts. Fasten off.

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Finishing

1. With right side facing, join yarn in top center "V" of Heart, ch 1, sc in same st, sc evenly around.

Join Hearts

- 1. With wrong sides together and matching stitches, hold both Hearts together, and sc through both layers to join pieces. Leave an opening for stuffing. Stuff with potpourri, fiberfill or scented beads. Continue to sc pieces closed, slip st to first sc to join; turn.
- 2. Picot Round: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 2 sts, *ch 4, slip st in 3rd ch from hook picot made, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; slip st to first st to join; turn.
- 3. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Crepe Paper Rose Bouquet

By: Becky Kazana

Learn how to make realistic roses with sturdy yet inexpensive crepe paper. This technique is a great way to create a bouquet of roses gift or decoration for Valentine's Day. These roses cost less and last longer!

Materials:

- Assorted colors of crepe paper
- Florist wire and wire cutters
- Floral Tape
- Pattern- Outer Petals
- Pattern 2- Inner Petals



- 1. Create a stamen (the center of the rose) by cutting fringe on a single strip of crepe paper.
- 2. You can cut your petals free hand, or you can print the images above to use as templates. For each rose, you will need fourteen to sixteen outer petals, five to six inner petals and one stamen. Make sure the grain of the crepe paper is running vertically when you cut them so that you can shape them properly.
- 3. To shape, place your thumbs together in the center of the petal and gently press down and tug outward. This will make your petal rounded and more natural looking.

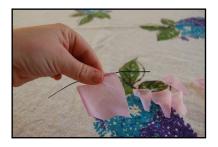






- 4. Using a bit of floral wire (or a toothpick if you prefer) roll the tip of the petal outward over the wire to create a lip and a natural looking inner petal.
- 5. Use the same technique on the rounded edges of the heart shaped outer petals.
- 6. Now coil your stamen around the floral wire.

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- Move the stamen a little down the wire.
- 8. Fold the wire over to secure the stamen in place. Tape the stamen down with your floral tape. (Remember, it gets sticky as you pull on it, so pull gently on the tape as you go.)
- 9. Begin adding the small inner petals, taping each one securely.







- 10. Gradually add the larger petals, working in a circular motion and overlapping each new petal over the preceding one.
- 11. Voila! You've made a lovely paper rose!







