24 Valentine's Day Crafts for Kids













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Happy Valentine's Day, Readers!

Valentine's Day is a great time to get kids excited about crafting. Kids can make their own Valentine cards to hand out to their friends and family, or they can make small, homemade gifts for that special someone. Many grade schools throw Valentine's Day parties, so be sure to check out our school party crafts, too! Kids and adults alike enjoy decorating for holidays, so spend some quality time with a special child and make homemade Valentine's Day decorations together.

We hope you and your kids or grandkids have a wonderful holiday filled with love, crafts and creativity!

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Homemade Valentines for Kids

Candy Valentines with Printable

By: Monita Plamondon

Follow these instructions to print and assemble valentines that you can fill with candy.



Materials:

- Pattern
- 8.5" X 11" matte photo or heavy cardstock paper

Instructions:



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.

Valentine's Day Angel Card

By: Benetta Strydom for FaveCrafts.com

Embellished with a sweet angel and bright rhinestones, this card is simple and fun to make and is perfect to give to anyone. Personalize this card with a message inside telling your Valentine how much they mean to you. This is one card that's sure to be cherished and appreciated for years to come.



Materials:

- 8.2" X 5.8" light gray marbled cardstock
- 8" X 5.6" red paper
- 4" X 4" red corrugated cardstock
- 3" X 3" white patterned cardstock
- 2.2" long white angel, made from Plaster of Paris
- 44 (approximately) small red flat-sided rhinestone beads
- Matching decorative red fabric ribbon
- Six 3D self-adhesive foam squares
- Pilot silver marker pen
- Water-based varnish
- Stanley knife (utility knife)
- Craft glue
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Eraser

- Thin paint brush
- Two heart-shaped cookie cutters, one smaller than the other

- 1. Score the light grey marbled cardstock length-wise to create a card sized 4.1" x 5.8".
- 2. With the fold at the left, place the big heart-shaped cookie cutter on the front of the card and trace around the cutter with the pencil.
- 3. Make a free-hand drawing of an abstract heart around the traced heart. Use the Stanley knife to cut out certain parts from the free-hand drawn heart. Be careful not to cut into the heart that has been traced with the cookie cutter, and do not cut through to the back of the card.



- 4. Score the red paper length-wise and glue the red paper to the inside of the card. It is best to only apply glue to the fold of the red paper, and then glue it to the inside of the card in alignment with the fold of the card.
- 5. Carefully erase all pencil marks from the front of the card.
- 6. Use the rhinestone beads to make half a frame at the top and bottom of the card.



7. Use the big heart-shaped cookie cutter again and trace it onto the red corrugated cardboard. Cut the heart out and glue it to the front of the card.



- 8. Use the small cookie cutter to trace a small heart onto the white cardstock and cut it out.
- 9. Cut two small strips from the decorative red ribbon and glue it to the back of the white heart.
- 10. Create a 3D effect for the white heart. Use the self-adhesive foam squares to lift the heart off the background.



- 11. Use the Pilot silver marker pen to add some detail to the angel.
- 12. Add a thin layer of varnish to the angel and let it dry, before gluing the angel in place on the front of the card.
- 13. Use the Pilot pen to add some detail to the edges of the cut-out. Be careful not to make markings on the red paper ~ it is best to place a sheet of old paper between the grey cardboard and the red paper before starting to add the detail.

Be My Valentine Postcard

By: DecoArt

Send your sweetheart something special and thoughtful. In six easy steps, you can send your loved one a nice postcard that's sure to capture their heart. Add personal touches to make your card stand out and shine.



Materials:

- DecoArt Foam Paint
 - o FPG02 Pink Glitter
 - o FP04 Red
- Craft foam: 6-mm white, Darice Foamies #1199-20; 2-mm red
- 3/4" light pink foam heart shape, Darice Foamies
- Lo-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Craft knife
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Red foam craft stick, Darice Foamies #1040-88

- 1. Measure and cut 4" X 6" piece from white craft foam.
- 2. For stamp, cut 1-1/2" X 1" piece from red craft foam.
- 3. Glue red piece to upper right hand corner of postcard for stamp; glue pink heart in upper area of red stamp.
- 4. Use Pink Glitter to paint wavy lines for return address and "TO:"

5. Use Red to paint "my valentine" on address area; let dry.

postcard at upper left, aligning with front end.

6.	Glue one end of craft stick over upper left hand corner angled toward corner. Attach by looping
	around bag handle or ribbon on gift box and glue other end of craft stick to back side of

Valentine's Day Decorations

Valentine's Day Heart Tree

By: Colleen Mullaney

Soft, safe, and colorful Foamy hearts look like works of art swirling from winters branches in this colorful and festive Valentine's Day Heart Tree. Great for decorating your living room or even your classroom, this craft combines simple materials with natural elements to create a decoration that everyone will love to make. This is sure to be one project that kids will be proud to show off.



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

Instructions:

- 1. Cut branches and arrange in the glass cylinder filled with glass beads.
- 2. Trace cookie cutter 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.



Foam Heart Frame

By: DecoArt

Frame your Valentine with pink and red hearts for Valentine's Day. This easy foam heart is a great project to make with your kids or something fun to do during school or in playtime.



Materials:

- DecoArt Foam Paint
 - o FP01 White
 - o FP04 Red
- Foam heart sticker shapes in various sizes, red, hot pink, and white
- Foam heart frame Darice Foamies Fun Frames, 1038-16 Heart Frame/pink

- 1. Preparation: Remove any tags or labels from item.
- 2. Referring to photo for placement, attach stickers to frame.
- 3. Use Red Foam Paint to dot around or on hearts, or add lines around edges.
- 4. Use White to paint stripes, dots, plaid lines, or borders; let dry.

Valentine Plastic Lid Photo Frame

By: Mary Lyon

Make this clever little picture frame that stands by itself, and is as sweet as the love in your heart. This easy Valentine craft idea is very inexpensive, and you can assemble it with things you probably have in your kitchen junk drawer, right now!



Materials:

- Photo suitable for framing
- Round plastic lid, 3-½ to 4 inches in diameter
- Smaller round plastic lid, about 3 inches in diameter
- 18 20 colorful candy "conversation hearts"
- Pipe cleaner in a Valentine's Day color
- Plastic lid from a juice or milk bottle
- Smaller plastic cap from a soda bottle
- Double-sided tape
- Pencil with an eraser
- Scissors
- Medium-heat glue gun

- 1. Choose a favorite photo. Center the 3-inch round plastic lid on it and draw around the lid with a pencil. Then cut along the line you drew, so you have a nice round picture, 3-inches in diameter.
- 2. Place the photo in the center of the inside of the larger round plastic lid. When you have it centered just right, anchor it in place with double-sided tape.

- 3. Arrange a handful of multicolor "conversation hearts" around the photo, word-side up, just inside the rim of the lid. Make sure they all fit. If you wind up with gaps, get the pipe cleaner. Bend the pipe cleaner so it's slightly curved and fit it into the lid, just inside the rim. Glue into place with the glue gun and let dry for about 30 seconds. Then try the hearts again, to make sure they fit snugly, "framing" the photo. When you're happy with the fit, glue the hearts in place, three at a time. Let the glue dry.
- 4. Now make a "stand" for your round Valentine frame. Place the plastic lid from the juice or milk bottle right-side-up on your work surface. Glue the soda bottle lid, right-side-up, onto the top of it NOT centered, but over toward one side. What you now have is a "two-level" lid. Let the glue dry.
- 5. Put a few drops of glue on both levels of the two-level lid you just made on the same side. Set it firmly on your work surface, and stand your Valentine frame upright directly against it, so the back of the frame meets the glued edges of the two-level lid. Press in place for a few moments, until the glue dries.
- 6. Now, place your stand-up picture frame where everyone can admire it. It will remind you of your Valentine for the rest of the year!

String of Hearts

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 (optional) I used rhinestones and Stickles glitter glue to dress mine up



Instructions:

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.







4. I wanted mine to hang from my light fixture, so I spaced the pieces out a bit. Then I tied them to a piece of red tulle and tied the tulle to the chandelier. My son wanted his to be a necklace, so I tied his ends together.









Conversation Heart Frame

By: DecoArt

Surround your sweetheart with loving sentiments and create a picture-perfect, Valentine-themed photo frame.



Materials:

- DecoArt Foam Paint
 - o FP01 White
 - o FP09 Black
- Foam adhesive or low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Foam hearts: assorted sizes and colors
- Foam frame, pink with 'LOVE' beads

- 1. Use White Foam Paint to embellish hearts with lettering, dots, stripes, etc., as desired. Let dry.
- 2. Position and adhere hearts randomly on frame.
- 3. Use Black Foam Paint to dot spaces between hearts. Let dry.

Button Heart Ornaments

By: Kim of Yummy Cuppy Crafts

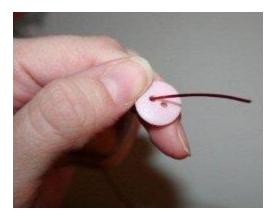
With Valentine's Day on everyone's mind now is the time to get creative and crafts. This tutorial comes to us from a very crafty lady. Button heart ornaments are adorable to decorate any room. Everyone has buttons in their craft stash, right? I have bags and bags of old buttons I've accumulated and have left over from previous craft projects. This was a great way to use some of them by making fun and festive Valentine Heart ornaments! Besides, I'm all about making use of what you already have around the house!



Materials:

- Buttons with at least 2 holes (red, pink, white)
- Colored Wire (the thinner the better, but make sure it's strong enough to hold shape)
- Wire cutters
- Ribbon

- 1. Cut about 12 inches of wire.
- 2. String the first button, leave about 1 inch of wire at the end for twisting the ends when you are done. Go through one hole until the button is in its final position, then string through the other hole. The button will not slide down the wire if you string it through both wires at the same time.



3. Repeat step 2 until you have strung about 12 buttons. You can use all one color, or alternate colors, depending on the look you want. This will give you about a 3 inch tall heart ornament.



4. Once you've strung all your buttons, bend into your heart shape. You can have your ends meet at the base of the heart or at the top, it's up to you.



5. Twist the two end wires together. If you have left over wire, you can swirl the ends at the bottom of the heart to make a fun design, or you can clip them and bend it under so it doesn't poke anything.



6. Take a piece of ribbon and tie a loop to the top of the heart for hanging.



Sweetheart Garland

By: New Image Group

Decorate your room with this easy Valentine craft garland. These felt sweethearts are easy to make and will look great on Valentine's Day. Hang one in front of a door or across your mantel for an extra dose of loveliness and cheer. You don't need a lot of expensive supplies for this project, making it a great handmade decor item for frugal crafters.



Materials:

- Scissors
- Single hole punch
- 1/8" pink ribbon
- Pencil
- Two 12" X 18" EZ Felt Sheets (2 different colors)
- <u>Template</u>

- 1. Cut out 6 heart shapes on each 12" X 18" sheet of EZ Felt. For layout help, see steps two through four.
- 2. Arrange hearts on each sheet of EZ Felt like below.
- 3. Cut out hearts from EZ Felt Sheet. Mark on your hearts with pencil where holes will be punched.

- 4. Repeat steps two and three on remaining EZ Felt Sheet.
- 5. Using the single-hole punch, punch holes where you have marked.
- 6. Cut thirteen 10" strings from pink ribbon.
- 7. Arrange your garland in alternating colors on a flat surface.
- 8. Once you have determined your arrangement, begin stringing the hearts together, tying a bow at both ends.
- 9. Finished garland will be about 80" long.

Kids Valentine Frame

By: Melba Rhodes for **Buggalcrafts**

Need some easy Valentine's Day crafts? This Kids Valentine Frame makes the perfect Valentine gift for parents, grandparents, or siblings! Gather your little love bugs and make this cute Valentine frame for anyone!



Materials:

- 4" X 6" photo
- 4 ice cream sticks
- 4" X 4" piece of red cardstock & scraps
- Torn fabric strip (about 14")
- Hanger or magnet
- Mod Podge
- 1/2-inch heart punch
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- White glue

- 1. Glue four ice cream sticks together in a square frame shape.
- 2. Allow to dry then paint the frame white. You could also pre-paint the ice cream sticks before gluing.

- 3. After the frame dries glue 1/2 inch heart punches (or let the kids draw on hearts) to it with Mod Podge.
- 4. Then apply a coat of Mod Podge to the whole frame.
- 5. After it dries wrap a torn fabric strip several times around the top of the frame and tie a bow. Leave it loose enough to be able to insert a hanger if desired.
- 6. Carefully cut a photo (or a copy) to fit the frame. Place the photo flat on the table then place the frame on top of the photo. Move the frame around until you have the area of the photo you want displayed showing within the frame. Mark the photo with a pen. Cut the photo to fit the frame. It needs to extend over to the sticks. It will measure about 2-½" X 2-½".
- 7. Cut a 2-½" X 2-½" back for the frame from cardstock. Glue the photo to the cardstock with a glue stick. "Journal" pertinent information on the back (who, what, where, when, etc.).
- 8. Glue both to the frame with white glue with the photo facing up.
- 9. When dry insert hanger or glue magnet to back of frame.

Gifts for Kids to Make

Pencil Perfect Valentines

By: <u>I Love To Create</u>

Write on! A perfect Valentine's Day gift for all of your friends thanks to your creativity and Aleene's Crystal Clear Tacky Spray and Paper Glaze!



Materials:

- Aleene's Paper Glaze
- Aleene's Crystal Clear Tacky Spray
- Making Memories Letter Stickers in various colors
- Papers: solid red, various plaids
- Single-hole punch
- Pencil, 1 for each card
- Patterns

- 1. Trace large heart pattern on solid color papers. Trace smaller heart pattern on plaid papers. Cut out.
- 2. One at a time, spray backs of small plaid hearts with Aleene's® Crystal Clear Tacky Spray. Turn over and press onto solid colored hearts, making sure they are centered. See photo.
- 3. Using stickers, spell out words in middle of hearts. Refer to photo.

4.	Apply Aleene's Paper Glaze around solid-colored rim areas of hearts. Let dry.
5.	Punch 2 holes on each side of heart. Refer to photo for placement of holes. Push pencil through.

Candy Jar for You and Me

By: DecoArt

Create a cute candy jar to share with your sweetie on Valentine's Day or Sweetest day. In only six easy steps you can have this jar filled with delicious little candies.



Materials:

- DecoArt Americana Gloss Enamels
 - o DAG01 White
 - o DAG67 Black
 - DAG265 Tuscan Red
- Foam plate
- 3/4" masking tape
- Clear contact paper (adhesive)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- 6-3/4" X 4-3/8" glass canister with metal lid, Hobby Lobby #853820

Instructions:

1. Remove all stickers or labels from surfaces before painting.

- 2. Draw 1-3/4" and 2" hearts onto clear adhesive paper and cut out shapes.
- 3. Use masking tape to mark off 4-1/2" wide area on front of jar, aligning tape with bottom and top edge below rim; press edges down securely.
- 4. Refer to photo for position and adhere heart shapes to jar inside of masked area; press edges down securely.
- 5. Use pouncer and Tuscan Red to stamp layer of paint over inner edges of tape and over hearts to cover masked area with paint. Let dry and carefully remove heart stencils and tape.
- 6. Use round brush and Black to write "U" and "Me" on hearts; let dry.
- 7. Use end of brush handle dipped in White to dot over Tuscan Red area; let dry.

Conversation Heart Felt Ring

By: Molly Kozera of A Bit O'Shine

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

Instructions:

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. When I compared the size of the heart to the size of my finger I knew it was too big so I simply used it as a guide to draw the size I needed within. The heart I used ended up being a hair shy of an inch wide and about 5/8 of an inch tall.



3. 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.



4. I traced my template onto the felt using a regular ink pen but be sure to trim just inside your markings so you don't end up with this dark fuzz on your final product.



5. 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).



6. The hair elastic was an old one I had my bathroom drawer and was one that just didn't hold my hair back very well. I wasn't sad to put it under the knife, so to speak. :)



7. 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.



8. While you're waiting you can make the "conversation" part of this project. Conversations hearts have brief and horrifically spelled messages so I chose "Luv U" for its brevity and because I knew it would be easy to stitch. :) 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 (as evidenced by mine!) but make sure to start in the top center and stitch the "u" for "luv" this will assure your word is centered. Of course there's always the chance of a little crookedness (I knew you'd be too polite to bring it up yourself) but just remember that real (candy) conversation hearts aren't perfect either!



9. I centered my messaged heart onto the center of the large (1 inch) circle and stitched around its border.



10. 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. I don't know that it's necessary but it made me feel better.



11. 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.



12. 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!





Easy Valentine Photo Pins

By: Mary Lyon

Here's an easy way to win hearts and minds! Make a very special pin for Mom, Grandma, or another Valentine sweetie. You can customize this Valentine craft as much as you like.



Materials:

- A favorite photo, small collage of photos, special drawing or other beloved kid art
- Red pipe cleaner
- Sparkly jewel, bead, charm, small silk flower, or pretty button
- Pin backing from a bead or craft store
- Scissors
- Medium-heat glue gun
- Double-sided tape and clean scrap paper (optional)

- 1. Fold the pipe cleaner exactly in half. The folded point will be the upper point of the heart. Then take each side and curve it around and down so the pipe cleaner starts to form a heart shape. Select the best part of your photo and position the pipe cleaner heart over it to determine the perfect placement. Then twist the bottom ends of the pipe cleaner closed. There should be about an inch-and-a-half left over. NOTE: To make your heart even on both sides, simply make sure the ends of the pipe cleaner, beyond the twist, are the same length.
- 2. If your photo is a color copy or part of a drawing, now is when you can reinforce it. Attach the clean piece of scrap paper to the back with double-stick tape.
- 3. Now, glue the pipe cleaner in place, to frame your photo/art. Start with a little drop of glue at the top of the picture, and glue the folded point of the pipe cleaner heart to it. When the glue sets, start working your way down one side, and then the other, with small drizzles of glue to secure the rest of the pipe cleaner heart in place. Work slowly, bit by bit, allowing the glue to set each time before proceeding. By the time you reach the twist at the bottom of the heart, the

ends of the pipe cleaner beyond it should still be sticking out.

- 4. Coil both of those loose ends in a tight spiral up into the bottom of the heart, like a rosette. Apply another tiny spot of glue to the center of the rosette. Then add the jewel, fancy button, pretty bead, or other small decoration. Let the glue set until it's completely dry for a couple of minutes or so.
- 5. Turn the heart over and glue the pin backing to it, and let that dry completely. Then you really can wear your heart on your sleeve!

Felt Conversation Heart Pins

By: The New Image Group

Make a special conversation heart for your sweetheart this Valentine's Day! Easy to make with the kids, and contains fewer calories than those little candies!



Materials:

- Scissors
- Fabric glue
- Twelve 1" pinbacks with safety clasp
- 12" X 18" Red EZ Felt Sheet
- 12" X 18" White EZ Felt Sheet
- Stick-It Felt 1" Letters
- <u>Pattern</u>

- 1. Cut out six hearts on both 12" X 18" sheets of EZ Felt. Download the heart here.
- 2. Use the 1" Stick-It Felt Letters to arrange your favorite valentine sayings on your heart.
- 3. Remove adhesive-backing from letters and place on heart.

4. Glue 1" pinbacks to back of heart. Let dry.



Hugs and Kisses Tic Tac Toe

By: DecoArt

A great craft idea for the kids to help out with. Kids can make this box for their mom on Valentine's Day. Painting is fun and it will help with their color skills.



Materials:

- DecoArt Americana Gloss Enamels
 - o DAG04 Sand
 - o DAG276 Razzle Berry
- Five 3" square wood pieces
- Five 2" square wood pieces
- Five 2" circle wood pieces
- Sponge brush
- #6 flat brush
- #0 liner brush
- Low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Tracing and transfer paper
- Water container
- Palette or plastic plate
- Paper towels
- 1-1/4" round sponge pouncer
- 9" square papier-mâché box

Instructions:

- 1. Use sponge brush and Sand to paint box base.
- 2. Mix Razzle Berry and Sand together 5:1. Use sponge brush to paint box lid with mix.
- 3. Use sponge brush and Razzle Berry to paint large squares and Sand to paint small squares and circles.
- 4. Position and adhere large squares on box to form tick-tack-toe board. (Refer to photo for placement.)
- 5. Paint lid edges to match Razzle Berry squares.
- 6. Use pouncer and Razzle Berry to stamp dots in circle centers.
- 7. Use #6 flat brush and Razzle Berry to paint "X" on each small square.
- 8. Trace and transfer lettering on box.
- 9. Use liner brush and Razzle Berry to paint lettering.



Notes:

Let dry between steps.

Cupid's Message Box

By: Pattie Donham-Wilkinson for <u>I Love to Create</u>

Turn an old empty tissue box into this cute Cupid's Message Box! This craft is perfect for the classroom and makes a great receptacle for those classroom Valentine's cards! Kids can decorate white boxes to their heart's content!



Materials:

- Aleene's Acid-Free Tacky Glue Sticks
- Scribbles 3D Paint (SC139 Black)
- Aleene's Crystal Clear Acid Free Tacky Spray
- Aleene's Original Tacky Glue
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Tissue box empty
- Red tissue paper
- Black marker
- White cardstock

- 1. Measure tissue box and cut white cardstock to cover sides and top. Adhere cut cardstock pieces to box with Aleene's Crystal Clear Acid Free Tacky Spray. Cut out opening in top.
- 2. Cut red tissue paper into ½" X 7" strips. Tie a knot in end of tissue strip and wrap remaining tissue around knot and secure with Aleene's Original Tacky Glue® creating a small "rose." Repeat to create several "roses." Adhere tissue roses to white card stock to create a heart shape.
- 3. Use marker to add doodles and love thoughts. Create contrast by tracing over select doodles with Scribbles Dimensional Fabric Paint. Let dry.
- 4. For the Valentines, crumble up red tissue paper. Apply glue sticks to cardstock and smooth crumpled tissue over cardstock. Cut out hearts from tissue-covered card stock. Write Valentine's message on cardstock side of heart.

School Party Crafts

Kids' Valentine Box

By: DecoArt

Create this kid-friendly box as a classroom or youth group project this Valentine's Day.



Materials:

- DecoArt Americana Acrylics
 - o DA265 Tuscan Red
- DecoArt Craft Twinkles Writers
 - o DCTW02 Silver
- DecoArt Americana Spray Sealers
 - o DAS13 Americana Matte Spray
- 1" foam or flat brush
- Foam plate
- School glue stick
- 1-1/2" heart hole punch, EKSuccess Paper Shapers, PSPWP2
- Three coordinating scrapbook papers (We used red with white dots, The Goods/American Crafts, 39913; cream with red dots; and salmon paisley, Bo Bunny Press, 12VP814.)
- Craft knife
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Flat surface (not glossy finish) photo/video box

- 1. Have adult use craft knife to cut 1" X 8" opening at center of box lid.
- 2. Use 1" brush and Tuscan Red to paint box and box lid.
- 3. Punch eight hearts from each paper.
- 4. Use glue stick to apply heavy coat of glue to back of hearts and attach them to box. Note: be sure to cover heart surface completely, especially along edge.
- 5. Use Silver Craft Twinkles to outline edges of hearts; let dry.
- 6. Spray with Americana Matte Spray; let dry.

Kids Valentine Cone

By: <u>DecoArt</u>

This craft is great for little kids to make. They can fill this foam cone with all sorts of treats for their Valentine party at school. Foam paint makes decorating loads of fun.



Materials:

- DecoArt Foam Paint
 - o FP07 Purple
 - o FP12 Silver Metallic
- Ruler
- 9" paper or dinner plate
- Scissors
- Lo-temp glue gun
- Six foam heart shapes, 1 each of large and small scallop-edged heart in white, pink, purple,
 Darice Foamies #1028-45
- Hole punch
- 36" length of ribbon (We used 3/8" pink grosgrain ribbon with white dots.)
- 12" X 18" sheet of light pink craft foam

- 1. Measure and cut 12" square from foam. Use plate for pattern to round off one corner of square and cut.
- 2. Overlap straight edges 1/4" and glue together to form cone.
- 3. Referring to photo for placement, center and glue hearts over overlap of cone for front.
- 4. Use Silver Metallic to paint letters on hearts to spell "sweet!" and then let dry.
- 5. Use Purple to embellish around hearts with dots and swirls; let dry.
- 6. Press cone flat and punch holes inside sides of pocket 1/4" from edge.
- 7. With ribbon centered flat across back of cone pocket; pull ends of ribbon through holes to inside of pocket and tie ends into bow for hanger.

Kiss Gift Bag

By: DecoArt

Hand over that Valentine's Day candy in a stylish, candy-kissed bag sparkling with metallic paint.



Materials:

- DecoArt Craft Twinkles Writers
 - o DCTW02 Silver
- DecoArt Dazzling Metallics
 - o DAO70 Shimmering Silver
- Sticker (We used "Absolutely Kissable" from DCWV, QS-006-00005 Colored Quote stickers.)
- 1/4" flat brush
- Foam plate
- Pencil
- Two 8" lengths of 6" silver tulle net
- Red gift bag (flat surface, not glossy)

Instructions:

1. Refer to photo for placement and attach sticker to bag front; use pencil to draw candy shape above sticker.

- 2. Use 1/4" flat brush and Shimmering Silver to paint candy shape; let dry.
- 3. Squeeze small amount of Silver Craft Twinkles Writer on plate; use 1/4" flat brush to paint over candy shape.
- 4. Use Silver Craft Twinkles Writer to outline candy shape and row of dots around edge of sticker. Let dry.
- 5. Tie piece of net at base of each handle; trim ends.

Decorated Valentine's Bag for Valentines

By: Kristin Fitch

Does your child need a bag to collect all of his Valentines and goodies on Valentine's Day for school or a party? The kids can help you make this super cute and easy Valentine's Bag in a snap.



Materials:

- Brown bag
- Colored foam or construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Markers
- Ribbon or string (approx. 8-12 inches)
- Hole Punch

- 1. Take the top of the bag and fold the 2 corners in to make a point at top (while bag is flat and lying down).
- 2. Now fold over the top of the bag, to make an envelope-type flap.



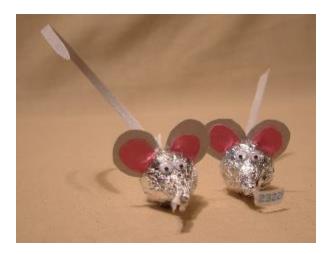
- 3. Cut a 1-1/2" slit in center of front of bag, to accommodate the point of the flap and keep bag closed. To strengthen this cut, you can attach a piece of foam or paper to the front or inside of bag, making a slit in this attachment also.
- 4. Make a hole with punch on the back side edges of the bag.
- 5. Thread string through holes on both sides and tie off, removing excess string.
- 6. Decorate the bag with foam or paper, attaching pieces with glue stick.



Candy Kiss Mice

By: Maria Nerius

These candy kiss mice make great gifts for the kids to pass out to their friends. Use These Valentine kids craft ideas to get started.



Materials:

- Chocolate candy kisses (2 per mouse)
- Tiny wiggling eyes
- Grey paper
- Pink paper
- Silver paper
- Scissors
- Glue or glue dots

- 1. Make mouse ears. Cut a 1/2" U shape from your grey paper. Cut a 3/8" U shape from your pink paper. Adhere pink U to grey U. Trim if needed. The open end of the U is the bottom of the ear. Make 2.
- 2. Adhere two candy kisses together placing ears between the two candy kisses; fat bottom end to fat bottom end. You may need to hold in place for a few minutes if using liquid glue.
- 3. Adhere two wiggly eyes to front of mouse. Cut a 1/4" to 1/8" X 3" strip from your silver paper for the mouse's tail. Diagonal or triangle shape one raw end. Adhere tail to back of mouse.

Initial Heart Purse

By: <u>DecoArt</u>

This foam heart purse is great for little girls. You can personalize it with an initial. This is a short and simple craft to make for Valentine's Day. It'd be fun for her to carry it around school during her holiday party.



Materials:

- Foam scalloped heart sticker
- Pink foam change purse by Darice
 - o Foamies #1046-40

Instructions:

1. Refer to photo for placement and attach large heart sticker to front of purse.

2.	Use Silver Glitter to dot around heart and along scallop edge at top of purse; paint initial at
	center of heart. Let dry.

3. Use White to define initial; let

Notes:

• Remove any stickers or tags from foam surface.

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