

Valentine's Day Crafts

Yarn Hearts

Materials:

Yarn
Mod podge
Water
Wax paper
Sharpie

**Directions:**

Mix 3 parts mod podge with 1 part water. Draw a heart shape on wax paper. Dip one yard of yarn in Mod Podge mixture and wring out extra moisture. Arrange into heart shapes on wax paper and leave overnight to dry. Attach loop to the top and hang.

I Love You Card

Materials:

Red, Pink, and White construction paper
Glue
Scissors



Directions:

Trace and cut out a hand from pink construction paper. From red construction paper, cut out a heart shape that will fit in the palm of the hand. Glue the heart onto the palm of the hand. Fold the two middle fingers over the heart to form the ASL sign for I Love You. Glue the hand to white construction paper to create a card.

Giant Hershey Kiss**Materials:**

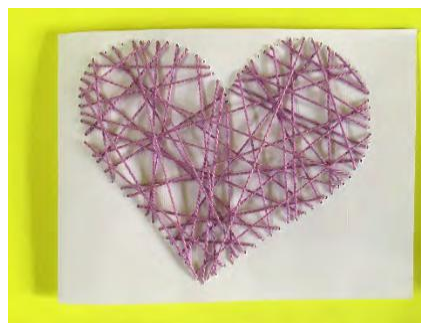
Plastic soda bottle
Pink ribbon
Kitchen shears
Wrapped candies
Aluminum foil

**Directions:**

Use kitchen shears to cut the top 1/3 off the soda bottle and recycle the lower portion. Fill the soda bottle top with wrapped candies and place on a square of aluminum foil. Bring the foil up around the sides of the soda bottle top and begin twisting. Before pinching the top of the foil together, tuck a short length of ribbon into the top to form the traditional Hershey "flag."

Heart Cards**Materials:**

Yarn
Card Stock
Large needle
Scissors
Pencil
Heart template

**Directions:**

Trace your heart template onto the cards with a pencil. Punch holes alongside the heart with your needle. Erase your pencil marks. Thread yarn through the holes in various directions. Cut off the yarn on the underside and tie up.

Valentine's Day Puzzle

Materials:

7 Craft Sticks

Paint

Paintbrush

Tape



Directions:

Tape 7 craft sticks together. Turn sticks over and paint a Valentine's design on the front. Let the paint dry completely before removing the tape. Shuffle sticks and try to put them together again to form the picture.

Heart Hand Warmers

Materials:

Felt

Rice

Scissors



Directions:

Cut a piece of felt into 4 pieces. Cut all 4 into a heart shape. Put 2 pieces of felt together and stitch around the contour, leaving a small opening to add the rice. Add the rice and pin the opening shut. Sew the hearts shut. Heat in the microwave for a few seconds to warm hands.

No Sew Heart Pillow

Materials:

Pink and red felt (or colors of your choice)

Pen

Scissors

Batting or cotton



Directions:

Put the fabrics one over the other. Cut a big heart. After that draw a smaller heart inside the bigger one. Leave at least 2 – 3 cm between the 2 borders. This is very important, because when you cut the strips they must be long enough so that you can tie them.

Start to tie pairs of strips. Stuff the heart with batting or cotton before you finish tying all the strips. Reduce the length of the strips to make your heart bushy.

Felt Heart Bookmark**Materials:**

Large paper clips
Felt
Embroidery thread
Scissors
Needle
Small button

**Directions:**

Trace and cut out small leaves and flower shapes from felt. Cut 2 hearts for each bookmark. Sew the paper clip onto the back of one of the hearts. Turn the heart over. Sew the leaves on using a backstitch. Be sure to stitch down the center of each leaf. Sew the button on above the leaves to form the flower. Next, sew the front heart to the back heart using the running stitch.

Love Bugs**Materials:**

Foam
Pompoms
Pipe cleaners
Hot glue
Googly eyes



Directions:

Cut out a heart shape from the foam. This will be the body of the bug. Glue on pompoms with hot glue. Cut 2 pipe cleaners in half so you have 4 pieces. Glue 3 pipe cleaners to the other side of the foam to form legs. Bend the remaining fuzzy stick in half. Bend down the ends to create a place to glue on the eyes. Glue the googly eyes to the pipe cleaner using hot glue. Then glue the pipe cleaner to the foam.

Valentine Votive**Materials:**

A recycled glass jar
Colored tissue paper
Scissors
Liquid starch
Craft brushes

**Directions:**

Cut white tissue paper into 3" squares. Lay a square across the jars and paint with a small amount of liquid starch. Continue laying the white tissue over the jar until the entire jar is covered. While the jar is still wet, use pink and red tissue paper to cut hearts. Add the hearts directly to the top of the wet white layer. Allow to dry overnight. When it is completely dry, add a small tea light inside.

Egg Crate Heart**Materials:**

Egg Carton
Scissors
Cardboard
Red Tempera Paint
Paintbrush
Glue



Directions:

Cut the egg “cups” apart. Trim the rim of each cup so they are about $\frac{3}{4}$ ” deep. Glue “cups” hearts to a sturdy piece of cardboard in the shape of a heart. Let dry. Paint the heart and cardboard with red tempera paint.

Tissue Paper Carnation**Materials:**

Tissue paper

Scissors

3” circular jar lid to use as template

2 large paper clips

Pipe cleaners (chenille stems) or floral wire

Felt marker

Optional: floral tape and floral wire

**Directions:**

Fold your tissue paper in half again and again, until it is just larger than your circle size. Using the jar lid, trace a circle shape onto the folded tissue paper. Cut out the circle, holding all the layers of tissue paper together. Use a large paper clip to keep the layers together. Take the felt marker and use the side of the pen nib to begin to gently color the edge of the circles. Color a small section of the edge at a time, and go over each section a few times to ensure the color is intense and the ink has saturated all the edges.

Remove the paper clips and select 10-12 circles from the pile to make one flower. Keep these circles together and poke two holes near the center of the circles. Fold down about 1” of the pipe cleaner, and push the long end through one hole and the short end through the other hole. Pull the ends all the way through and twist the ends of the pipe cleaner together underneath the flower to keep all the circles together.

To make the petals, separate the topmost circle and crumple it upwards from the center. Scrunch up the paper, but try to concentrate on the center of the circle and leave the colored edges alone. Repeat with each circle.

Lollipop Cozies

Materials:

6" x 4" piece of Valentine-themed fabric
Scissors
3 stick pins
Needle
White thread
Lollipop



Directions:

Trace and cut a heart shape on a piece of paper to create a pattern (size will depend on the size of lollipops used). Fold fabric over so that it is two-ply thick. Place pattern onto fabric and pin in place. Cut around pattern then remove pins and pattern. Place the lollipop on top of the fabric you just cut out. Trim the fabric as needed. Use a simple stitch to sew the 2 pieces of fabric together. Be sure to leave the bottom open to slide the lollipop into. Tie off the ending stitch and slide the lollipop inside!

Jewel Sun Catcher

Materials:

Plastic milk jug
Scissors
Hole punch
Ribbon
Glue
Jewels



Directions:

Draw a heart shape on the flat side of the milk jug and cut out. Use the hole punch to punch a hole for hanging ribbon. Cover one side of the heart with glue. Stick on the jewels and let dry. Thread with ribbon and hang.

Puffy Heart

Materials:

Pink and white tissue paper, cut into 1" squares
White craft glue
Scissors
Card stock
Pencil with an eraser



Directions:

Cut out a heart shape from the card stock. Put white craft glue into the center of the heart, in the shape of the heart. Using the eraser end of a pencil, place the eraser into the center of a white tissue paper square. Twist the tissue paper square around the eraser and dot it onto the glue. Continue this process until entire middle of the heart is covered with white tissue paper. Repeat the process with pink tissue paper for the border of the heart.

Heart Rainbow Banner

Materials:

Squares of craft felt in rainbow colors
Twine
Sewing machine or needle and thread
Scissors
Chalk
Heart cookie cutter
Batting



Directions:

Trace the heart shape on folded pieces of felt. Keep both sides together. Cut out the hearts. Hand stitch both pieces together along the edge in an extra wide stitch using contrasting thread. Leave 1" open to add the batting. Stuff the batting into the heart and sew up the last inch. Use an embroidery needle to thread hearts together, leaving a 2" space between hearts.

Bead Heart

Materials:

12" pipe cleaner
30 colorful beads
Wire cutters
Keychain (optional)



Directions:

Cut the pipe cleaner in half. Bend one end of the pipe cleaner into an "L" (about $\frac{1}{4}$ "). Add all the beads onto the pipe cleaner. Bend the other end of the pipe cleaner into an "L" shape. Twist the 2 "L" shapes together. Clip off any extra wire. Be sure to bend in any sharp edges. Bend into a heart shape. Add to a ribbon for a necklace, a key ring for a backpack, or attach to a Valentine.

"Stained Glass" Heart

Materials:

Waxed paper
Crayon shavings
Scissors
Iron
Hole punch
A few inches of string or ribbon



Directions:

Fold a piece of waxed paper in half. Draw half a heart with the center of the heart at the fold. Open the waxed paper and place it flat on your work surface. Sprinkle/place the crayon shavings on the waxed paper. A light layer of shavings works best. Cover the waxed paper with an additional piece of waxed paper. Put a paper towel on top of the waxed paper (this will protect your iron), then iron the two layers of waxed paper together on low heat. Cut out the heart image. Punch a hole near the top of your heart and thread a string through the hole for hanging the heart.

Fabric Envelopes

Materials:

Canvas fabric

Scissors

Heart buttons or other embellishment

Hot glue

Velcro



Directions:

Cut canvas into a 15" x 8" rectangle. Cut off the top at an angle to form a point. Fold the bottom of the rectangle up, leaving enough room for the envelope flap to come down. Sew up the sides and across the bottom. Fold in the sides of the envelope flap and stitch. Glue heart button to the center of the envelope flap.

Cut a 12" strip of red ribbon and fold in half. Stitch underneath envelope flap on the side to form a loop. Cut a small square of Velcro. Hot glue to underside of envelope flap and to the envelope to create a closure. Fill with goodies or notes and hang on door knob.

