



heart crafts & cute valentine's day crafts







## Valentine's Day Ideas: 14 Heart Crafts and Cute Valentine's Day Crafts

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Hi Holiday Crafters,

This compilation of some of our greatest Valentine's Day ideas features brilliant ways to decorate your home for the holiday season. Not only will you be able to give your home a holiday makeover, this eBook also contains a lot of fun ways to make your own heart crafts, which make fabulous embellishments for handmade gifts! One of our favorite Valentine's Day traditions is making handmade Valentine's Day crafts for our valentines, of course, in addition to a dozen cookies (of their choosing). These handmade ideas have brought me plenty of inspiration for the season to come! Plus, we know just how we'll decorate our homes for the holiday, too! With the *Valentine's Day Ideas: 14 Heart Crafts and Cute Valentine's Day Crafts* eBook you'll be sure to make the holiday season an even more memorable time of year for you and your sweetheart!

Happy Crafting!

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## **Glittery Valentine's Day Gift Boxes**

Haeley Giambalvo from Design Improvised

Are you in need of a way to spend a little quality time with your kids this February? Try making some Glittery Valentine's Day Gift Boxes together. Kids will absolutely love getting to use glitter in their favorite colors, and you'll love how easy and mess-free the afternoon will be. Fill these boxes with chocolates and other tiny handmade Valentine's Day gifts for your children to hand out to their friends, cousins, and grandparents, or keep them as decorations for the end tables in their bedrooms.



## **Materials:**

- Martha Stewart Glitter Set
- Small paper mache heart boxes (with insert or without)
- Mod Podge
- Foam brush



- Small brush
- Paper plates (or, better yet, Martha Stewart glitter tray)
- Optional: clear acrylic sealant spray

### Instructions:

1. Using your brush, spread on an even coat of Mod Podge to a section of the box at a time. I used the small brush for the inset heart to make sure that I didn't get any excess Mod Podge on the outer edge of the heart. You can use a foam brush for larger areas of coverage.



2. Sprinkle on a generous amount of glitter, covering all areas of the Mod Podge. You'll want to work relatively fast as Mod Podge can dry quickly.



3. Shake off the excess glitter onto a paper plate or glitter tray by tapping the back side of the lid firmly. Set aside to dry.



4. Add another color to the outside of the heart in the same manner and tap off the excess. It is ok if you get glitter on your previously glittered area (like the excess red on the pink heart here), it will all shake off.



5. About 95% of the glitter you use is shaken off, so make sure you save it and put it back in the jar! You can either fold a paper plate in half and funnel it back in or...



6. ... you can take up a notch and use these cool Martha Stewart glitter trays that have a little hole in one corner to funnel it back in, as well as a little brush to sweep up the glitter!



7. Don't worry if there are a few bare spots showing after you've shaken off the glitter. Just add another thin layer of Mod Podge over those spots and shake on more glitter.



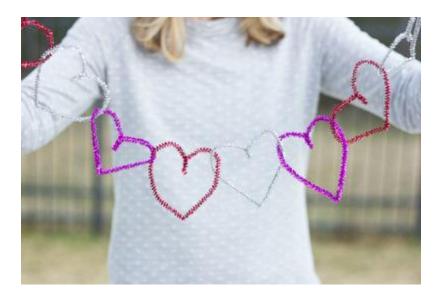
8. Be sure to shake off any additional excess glitter once they've dried. Since these boxes are truly covered in glitter, you will get still get a little glitter left on your fingers from touching them. If you want, you can spray them with a clear acrylic sealant to really lock in the glitter.



## Pipe Cleaner Valentine's Day Garland

Haeley Giambalvo from Design Improvised

If you are looking for the cutest, easiest Valentine's Day craft possible, you can call of the dogs and ready your hobby station because this idea for pipe cleaner heart garland has just arrived to save the day. Not only is this craft adorable, but is can made in less than twenty minutes and requires not three, not two, but just one simple craft item. Make a whole slew of garlands and hang them over your banisters, mantels, shelves, doorways and more. Keep in mind that this easy Valentine's Day craft is perfect for kids as well.



## **Materials:**

• Pipe cleaners in a Valentine's Day palette

### **Instructions:**

1. Start by folding a pipe cleaner in half to make a V.



2. Bend in the top parts of the V toward each other to form a heart shape.



3. Take the two ends of the pipe cleaner at the top of the heart and twist them together to complete your first heart.



4. Take another pipe cleaner and guide it through your first heart. From here, repeat all the same steps as above, starting with folding the pipe cleaner in half to form a V.



5. You now have two interlocking hearts. Keep repeating the steps until you have your garland as long as you want it.



6. Once you hang your garland you can reposition the hearts so that they are all upright.



## **Valentine's Day Pom Pom Wreath**

Haeley Giambalvo from Design Improvised

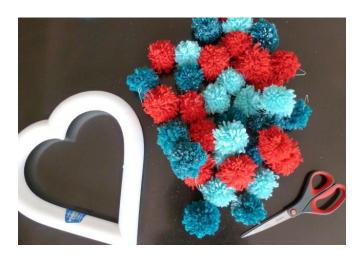
This Valentine's Day, people aren't just wearing their hearts on their sleeves--they're wearing them on their doors, too! Show off the sweet, whimsical love you've got inside by displaying a homemade Valentine's Day Pom Pom Wreath. Using just three budget-friendly materials, you'll be able to make a Valentine's Day craft that you can hang almost anywhere.



## **Materials:**

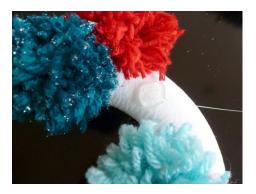
- Heart-shaped wreath form
- 40-50 yarn pomp oms

- Hot glue
- Scissors



## Instructions:

1. Start gluing the pom-poms onto the wreath form with a generous dab of hot glue.



2. Continue around the wreath, somewhat randomly spacing the different colors. You don't want it to look too uniform, so position a couple of the same color next to each other in certain spots, and alternate colors in others.



3. Keep going until you fill in all the visible holes.



## **Seriously Cute DIY Heart Balloons**

Haeley Giambalvo from Design Improvised

Want to add a little whimsy to your Valentine's Day festivities? Give these Seriously Cute DIY Heart Balloons a try. You won't believe how easy they are to make. With just a few, simple supplies--most of which you might even have in your craft drawers right now--you'll be ready to accent your day with the most adorable Valentine's Day craft around.



## **Materials:**

- White helium quality balloons
- Red tissue paper
- Mod Podge
- Foam Brush

- Scissors
- Baker's Twine
- Heart Template



## Instructions:

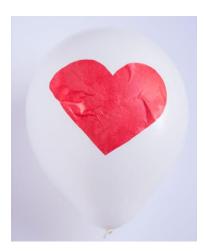
1. Trace around heart template onto tissue paper. To save time, keep the tissue paper about 8 layers thick and cut all at once (so by cutting out one heart, you end with 8 of them)



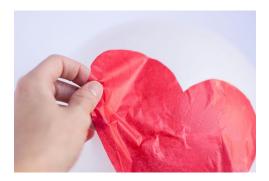
2. Apply a thin layer of Mod Podge to one side of the heart using a foam brush.



4. Apply the heart to a pre-blown up helium balloon by carefully laying it on top.



5. Readjust the heart as needed. You can lift it up and straighten, just use a light touch to avoid ripping the paper. Also, keep a washcloth on hand to wipe any excess Mod Podge off of your fingers to avoid smudging the balloon.



6. Carefully flatten out the heart. Start from the middle and then smooth it out with your fingers. It won't be perfectly smooth, but you can get out most of the air bubbles using your fingers.



7. Repeat the steps with a second heart on the backside of the balloon if you like. Finish off your balloons with some red and white baker's twine in place of the standard curly ribbon, but either works great!



## **Embroidered Conversation Hearts**

Deborah Schlegel from Art Threads

These adorable embroidered hearts make for a unique piece of Valentine's Day decor. Set your hearts in a pretty crystal bowl to create a fun and festive February decoration for the home. This easy-to-make project is a simple way to improve the look of your home, practice your embroidery skills, and celebrate for the holiday.



## **Materials:**

- Felt
- Embroidery thread
- Fiber Fill

### Instructions:

- 1. Cut two hearts from each of the colors you wish to use. Embroider phrases from candy conversation hearts and designs.
- 2. To create this first heart, use a stem stitch to write out "kisses" and a bullion knot to make 3 roses that surround it.



3. To create this second heart, use french-knots to create the daisy petals that trace the heart and a stem stitch to write out "hug me" in its center.



4. Use a lazy daisy stitch to create the flowers and a stem stitch to create the words, wings, legs and antennae. Use a satin stitch to create the bee and a running stitch in the wings.



5. Use a lazy daisy stitch to create the petals and leaves and a stem stitch to create the words.



6. Pin each embroidered heart to its blank counterpart.



- 7. Use a border stitch to sew the two hearts together, adding fiberfill before closing.
- 8. Once all of your hearts are finished, display them in a bowl on Valentine's Day.

# Cute Conversation Heart Pillows Cheryl Ball for iLovetoCreate

This year, cuddle up with your valentine during February on your very own set of Cute Conversation Heart Pillows. This simple DIY pillow tutorial is the perfect way to add a bit of holiday style to any room of your house. Set yours up on any couch in your home to add a simple touch of the holiday. Get cozy and stay warm this winter!



### **Materials:**

- Tulip Fabric Spray in Grape
- Tulip Fabric Spray Paint Packs Neon Party Pack
- Self-Adhesive Shelf Paper
- Embroidery Floss—red, purple, fuchia
- Computer and Printer
- Paper Towels
- Polyfill
- Permanent Felt Pen

- Wavy Edge Scissors—optional
- Straight Pins
- White Chalk
- Fabric—white
- Needle with large eye
- Cardstock—8" square
- Plastic Trash Bag
- Scissors

## **Instructions:**

1. Cut out a heart pattern. Pin on two layers of fabric then use scissors to loosely cut around design leaving about a 3" border past pattern edge. Remove pattern. Repeat step for desired number of pillows.

- 2. Create conversation heart phrases on your computer, select a large font size, and print out. Place shelf paper shiny-side-up over phrases. Use felt pen to trace around each letter, and then cut out.
- 3. To create stencil, trace smaller heart in center of cardstock then carefully cut out, leaving paper outside of heart intact.
- 4. Place trash bag on work surface. Place one fabric heart for each pillow (the one that will serve as the top of the pillow) on plastic. Peel off paper backing from each letter then press on each pillow. Press around edges to prevent paint seepage.
- 5. Start spray on a paper towel to get feel for spraying. Spray in sections, with different colors of spray. Let dry then spray on a second coat for more intense color if desired. Let dry.
- Place heart stencil over dry paint in desired spot(s). Add a few paper towels around edges to
  prevent overspray. Spray desired color into stencil then remove. Repeat with remaining pillows.
  Let dry then remove letters.
- 7. Layer painted heart over another fabric heart, wrong sides together. Place large heart pattern centered over fabric, then trace around with chalk.
- 8. Thread needle with three strands of embroidery floss doubled and knot ends to create a 6-strand thread.
- 9. Use a basic basting stitch along chalk line around pillow leaving about a 5" section open. Use this opening to fill with polyfill then stitch closed. Repeat with remaining pillows.
- 10. Use wavy scissors to cut excess fabric from pillow about ½ from stitching line, and you're finished!

# Crazy-Cute Crochet Heart Olivia from Hopeful Honey

The Crazy-Cute Crochet Heart has a hundred different uses, and once you get the hang of this Valentine's crochet pattern, you might not be able to stop! This tutorial is great for beginners because you can see the shape of the heart form as you're crocheting. Use these hearts to dress up your Valentine's Day gifts and cards. You can also increase the size of the pattern and use bigger hearts to decorate your home.



## Materials:

- 8ply (DK) Yarn
- 4.50mm (7) Crochet Hook
- Scissors
- Wool/Tapestry Needle

## **Instructions:**

- 1. Start of by making a Slip Knot. Then Chain 4.
- 2. Crochet 3 Treble Crochets into the chain farthest away from your hook.

  Note: You'll be crocheting all the stitches into the chain farthest from your hook.
- 3. Crochet 3 Double Crochets. Chain 1, then crochet a treble crochet, followed by 1 chain.
- 4. Crochet 3 double crochets, and then crochet 3 treble crochets.
- 5. Chain 2, then Slip Stitch down into the first chain where you've crocheted all your stitches in.
- 6. Fasten off and weave in any loose ends.



# Scented Love Garland Joanne L. from Craft Passion

Spread some seasonal cheer through your home with this pretty heart-shaped garland. It will fill your home with the sweet floral scents of the holiday and it's the perfect Valentine's Day craft to decorate your holiday party with. Spend some time warming up from the cold winter winds and make a scented garland.



### **Materials:**

- Fabric stashes or scraps (2½" x 2½" 4 pcs. for small hearts, 4" x 4" 6 pcs. for big hearts)
- Felt 2" x 2½" 3 pcs. various colors
- Sachet filling ingredient scented potpourri or home-made dried flower
- Ribbon, lace, yarn or cord
- Fusible web 2" x 2½" 3 pcs.

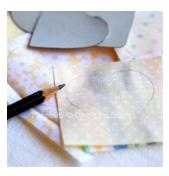
- Embroidery flosses & embellishment buttons
- Sewing machine
- Sewing kits
- Iron
- Printer & letter size paper
- Pencil or fabric marker
- Blunt point tweezers

## **Instructions:**

1. Cut fabrics, felts and fusible web according to the sizes stated in the "materials" portion.



Trace 3 big hearts and 2 small hearts on the wrong side of the fabric. Then, trace the letters "I"
 "U" and a small heart on the paper side of the fusible web.



3. With the adhesive side down, iron the letters and small heart to the respective felt. Cut the letters out and set aside.



- 4. Come back to the heart sachet. Stack one of the traced fabric hearts to another blank equal size fabric with right facing each other, pin if needed.
- 5. Sew heart line with sewing machine, leave 3/4" opening on the side for turning the heart right side out. Clip curve on the seam allowance.



6. Turn the heart right side out for the opening.

7. Mark heart joining points with fabric marker.



8. Peel off the paper backing of each fusible web letter. Position them on the big-heart sachets; press with warm iron to adhere.

Optional: Sew some decorative stitches on the alphabets to further embellish them.



9. Stuff each sachet with scented potpourri or with homemade dried rose petals. Note: Blunt point tweezers can be a very good helper in filling them.



10. Sew shut all openings using a slip stitch or ladder stitch.



- 11. Align the markings on the hearts in big-small-big-small-big order.
- 12. With 2 hearts facing each other, sew them together at the marking margins with whip stitches.



13. Determine the length of the tying cord or ribbon you need and sew them to the marking on "I" and "U" heart sachets.



14. Hang your banner wherever desired to decorate for the Valentine's Day!

## **Simple Heart Bunting**

## Kierste Wade from Simply Kierste

If you have been searching for a quick and easy project that is pretty enough for the home, the Simple Heart Bunting is perfect for you. Putting together this heart bunting is so simple; you'll wish you had space for a second one! As an added bonus, write a few fun Valentine's Day activities to the back of each heart, you're little ones will love it! This adorable Valentine's Day craft is simplicity at its finest.



#### Materials:

- Red and pink cardstock
- Printer
- Double-sided tape
- Red mini clothespins (spray paint red if necessary)
- Twine
- Doilies (optional)
- Ribbon (optional)

## Instructions:

- 1. Cut out two sizes of hearts and using double-stick tape, attach the smaller on to the larger one. Repeat 14 times.
- 2. Using your computer, type out 14 different activates for the family to do, leading up to Valentine's Day.
- 3. Print out each activity, cut them into strips and tape each one to the back of each heart.
- 4. Use your mini clothespins to attach the hearts to a long piece of twine.

Note: If you cannot find mini clothespins in red, try spray painting them or settling for another Valentine's Day color. Optional: Use Valentine's Day ribbon to embellish your banner.

## **Love Themed Conversation Blocks**

Kierste Wade from Simply Kierste

Take inspiration from those candy conversation hearts and make a cute and unique piece of Valentine home decor! These Love Themed Conversation Blocks are super simple to make and will definitely get you in the Valentine's Day spirit! Choose your favorite sayings and start making your very own homemade Valentine's Day decorations today!



#### Materials:

- 4x4 post, cut into perfect squares
- red, cream, and pink spray paint (Rust-Oleum: Colonial Red, Sweetpea and Heirloom White)
- vinyl lettering
- Power sander

## Instructions:

- 1. Cut your 4x4 post into perfect squares. (Even though it's called a 4x4, the actual width is usually closer to 3.5 inches).
  - Note: Make sure you measure it before you cut into blocks to ensure that you have a perfect square.
- 2. Spray paint each block red and let dry completely.
- 3. For any blocks you want to be pink or cream, you're ready for the second coat of paint. Spray the blocks again, covering the red with pink or cream.
- 4. For any blocks you want to be red, distress the edges with your sander.
- 5. Take a paper towel and spray a little cream paint onto it. Immediately take the towel and rub it on to the edges and fronts of the block.
  - Note: You're just smearing it on, so you don't want a lot on there.
- 6. Once it's dry (which will be almost immediately), take your power sander and remove the excess,

so you can see mostly red with accents of cream.

- 7. When your pink and cream blocks are dry, you're ready to sand. Distress the edges and fronts of your block, and the red will start showing through.
- 8. Once all your sanding is done, wipe off the each block really well with a lint-free rag to remove any excess dust. Apply desired vinyl lettering and you're done!

## **DIY Owl Pillow**

## Judi Harris from Love to Sew

Have you heard? Owls are the hottest Valentine's Day trend this season! Make your own DIY Owl Pillow to add a modern flair to any room of your house this Valentine's Day. This soft and sweet pillow is perfect for cuddling up with your sweetheart on a chilly winter night.



### **Materials:**

- Small and large plate to make the pattern
- 1/3 yard of fabric for the owl's body
- Scraps of red and pink fabric for wings,

eyes, and nose

- Fiber-fill for stuffing
- Basic sewing needs

## **Instructions:**

- 1. Tape two 8.5"x 11" sheets of paper together side by side.
- 2. Trace a dinner plate to make the owl body.



3. At the top, trace a tea-cup sauce.



4. Now draw the eyes, nose, feet, and wings.



5. Using your pattern, cut out the 2 owl bodies, 2 wings, 2 feet, 2 outer eyes, 2 center eyes, and 1 nose from your fabric of choice.

Optional: Cut out a heart as an embellishment.



6. Once your pieces are cut out, pin them to the pretty side of one of the owl body pieces.



7. Zigzag appliqué the wings, eyes and feet on.



- 8. Either use a heat bond for the smaller pieces like the eye center, heart, and nose, or zigzag them on next.
- 9. Place your owl bodies "pretty" sides together and pin around the outer edge.



- 10. Stitch around the owl using the pressure foot as your guide. Leave a 4" opening.
- 11. Trim seams, turn owl pretty side out. Stuff the owl with fiber-fill or stuffing.
- 12. Hand stitch the opening closed to finish!



## **Puppy Love Bandana**

## Judi from Love to Sew

Show your precious pooch some love this February and whip up a Puppy Love Bandana for them. Your pup will be the most stylish pet on the block with this cute handmade accessory for the holiday. When it's time to get started on your Valentine's Day crafts for the season, this is the perfect place to start off so that your dog can wear this cute bandana all season long. What better way to use your sewing skills than to treat your pet to a handmade accessory?



### **Materials:**

- Pink or red bandana (you can also make your own with fabric scraps)
- Scraps of Valentine's Day Fabric

- Sewing Supplies
- Scissors

## **Instructions:**

1. Cut out letters, hearts, and any other designs you would like to have on the bandana.



- 2. Zigzag appliqué or use heat bond to put your art work on.

  Note: Zigzag appliqué is stronger and will last longer than a heat bond.
- 3. Once all your art work is on, fold the bandana in half diagonally with the fabric "pretty" side together. Pin around the outer edge.



- 4. Stitch along the two sides where the raw edges are. Leave a 4" opening.
- 5. Turn the bandana pretty side out and press.



6. Top stitch around the outer edge or stitch a ribbon around the edge.

Optional: Attach Velcro to create a closure if you do not want to tie the bandana around your dog.

## **Fabric Flowers**

## Julee Dyer from Warm Hot Chocolate

These cute little Fabric Flowers will make a great accent piece for your Valentine's Day presents this year. Using some left over festive fabrics and Mod Podge, form your flower petals and stitch them together. When your flower is all but complete, add a centerpiece to top it off. Attach these flowers to gift bags, hair accessories or string them into a garland. No matter how you use them, they make a great Valentine's Day craft.



#### **Materials:**

- Fabric
- Scissors
- Small scrap of cardstock
- Decoupage glue/Mod Podge

- Paint brush
- Needle and thread
- Paper clip (optional)
- Buttons or brads (optional)

## **Instructions:**

1. Cut a small petal shape out of card stock. Fold a piece of fabric and cut a petal along the fold, resulting in a front and back petal shape.



2. Repeat until you have 8 petals, then cover the top of the shapes with decoupage glue and allow them dry.



3. Once dry, apply glue to the inside of the petals and fold them over. Sew them together at the base of the petals to form a circle.



4. Once the flower is assembled, add a generous amount of glue to the center to make it sturdier.



5. Place a couple of decorative brads or buttons in the center to finish.



## **Conversation Heart Homemade Soaps**

Susan Myers from Suzy's Artsy-Craftsy Sitcom

If you're considering creating homemade Valentine gifts this year, why not give them something they can actually use? These adorable Conversation Heart Homemade Soaps are perfect for one use, and great to take on the go. Once the soap is used up, the felt inside can be used as a little heart-shaped wash cloth and then thrown away!



### **Materials:**

- Clear glycerin melt and pour soap (from any craft supply store)
- Felt in multiple colors
- Acrylic paint in pink and white

### Instructions:

1. Cut out a heart template from a small piece of white felt and use that to cut out all the little felt hearts.



2. Take your felt and cut out one heart per piece of soap you wish to create.



- 3. Using the acrylic paint and a small brush, paint conversation heart sayings on all of your felt hearts.
- 4. While you wait, set aside several chunks of the glycerin soap in a microwave safe bowl. Lay out several sheets of aluminum foil or wax paper for a drying area and have your scent drops and a spoon for stirring ready.



5. Once dry, microwave the soap on high in for 30 seconds at a time, stirring in between, until most of the soap has liquefied.

Note: The heat from the bowl will melt any small pieces left as you stir it.

- 6. Once melted, add a few drops of your chosen scent.
- 7. Place a heart in the bowl, allow it to soak up the liquid soap and lift it out with a spoon.



8. Drain for a moment and then place it on your aluminum foil to dry.



9. Once dry, peel them off the foil and use a paring knife to trim any excess off the edges.





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