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Dear Reader,

The editors here at FaveCrafts love craft blogs! We read an ever-growing list of blogs and discover new sources for creativity each week. Publishing guest features in the form of projects, tutorials, tips, and blog posts gives the FaveCrafts team a wonderful opportunity to share our favorite bloggers with our readers. Our goal has always been to create and nurture a vibrant and varied community of crafters, from designers and manufacturers to those just learning how to knit.

In that spirit, this Valentine's Day craft eBook is dedicated entirely to bloggers. With the contributions of 14 craft blogs contributing 15 craft projects, we have created this fun resource for Valentine's Day decorating, gift-giving and more. We hope you enjoy reading as much as we enjoyed putting this together.

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Candy Valentines with Printable

By: Monita Plamondon of [Mushy](#)

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.



[Download the printable here.](#) There are four different designs on one sheet. Best printed on 8.5 x 11 matte photo or heavy cardstock paper. Below is a little tut just in case.



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.





Fold the tab and the half line. Glue the tab. Press firmly and wait for it to completely dry.



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.



Fill the valentine with your favorite Valentine's day candy. Fold down the flaps to enclose.

Conversation Heart Felt Ring

By: Molly K 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
- 2 colors of coordinating 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:

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.



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.



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.



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.

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).



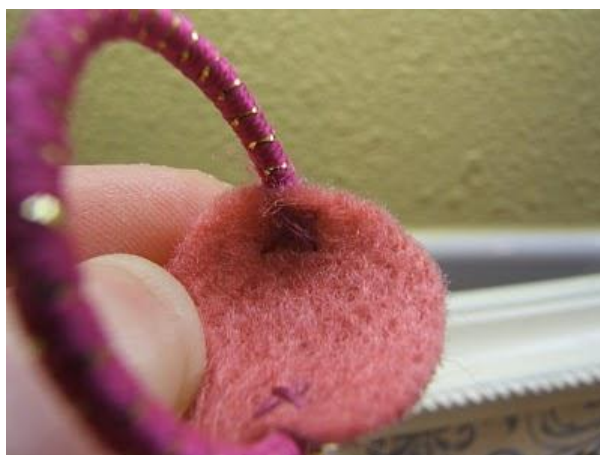
The hair elastic was an old one I had my bathroom drawer and was one that just didn't hold my hair back very well. I wasn't sad to put it under the knife, so to speak. :)

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.



While you're waiting you can make the "conversation" part of this project. Conversations hearts have brief and horribly 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!

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



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.

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.



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!



Conversation Hearts Shirt and Necklace

By: Heidi Borchers of [Eco Heidi](#)

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: (for both)

- 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](#)



Instructions:

For shirt, wash and dry shirt and fabric scraps; do not use fabric softener in the washer or 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.

Tie each ribbon length in a bow. Glue bows to shirt as desired. Let dry.

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.

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.

Crepe Paper Rose Bouquet

By: Becky Kazana of [The Fab Miss B](#)

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- [Inner Petals](#)
- Pattern 2- [Outer Petals](#)

Instructions:

Create a stamen (the center of the rose) by cutting fringe on a single strip of crepe paper. (I used yellow.)



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.



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.



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.

Use the same technique on the rounded edges of the heart shaped outer petals.



Now coil your stamen around the floral wire. Move the stamen a little down the wire.





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.)

Begin adding the small inner petals, taping each one securely.



Gradually add the larger petals, working in a circular motion and overlapping each new petal over the preceding one.



Voila! You've made a lovely paper rose!

Custom Couple Silhouettes

By: Becky Kazana of [The Fab Miss B](#)

Create and frame custom silhouettes of your partner and you for a unique Valentine's Day gift. This tutorial from Becky Kazana of [The Fab Miss B](#) includes several different framing options. This project would also make a great anniversary or wedding gift for a couple.

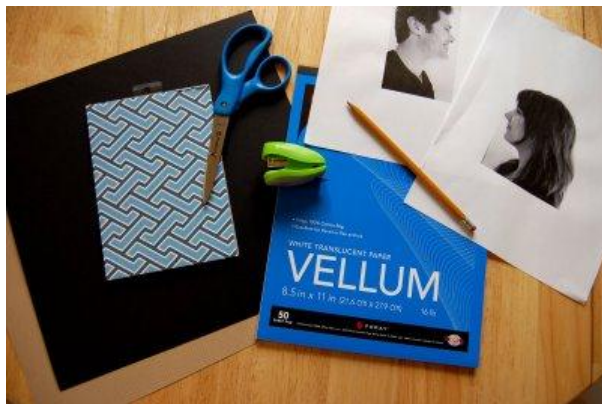


Materials:

- scissors
- card stock
- stapler
- tracing paper or vellum (I bought vellum because it has more applications for other paper crafting projects)
- a clear profile photograph
- pencil
- glue stick

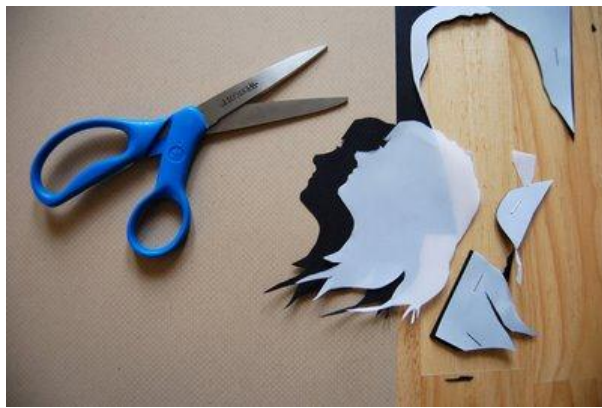
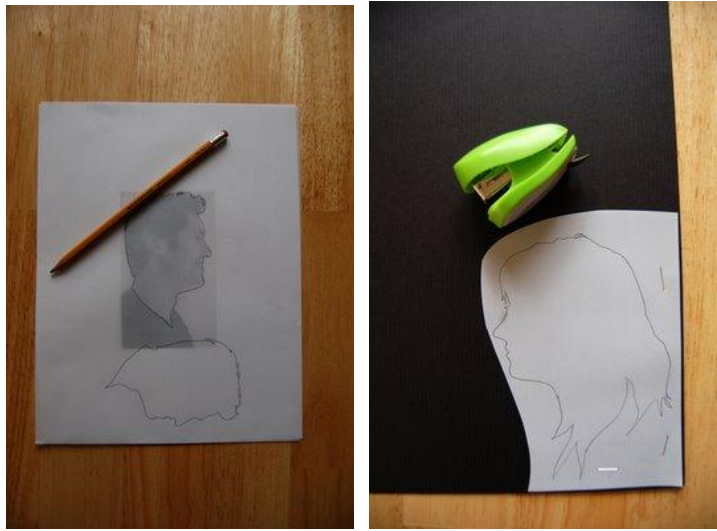
Instructions:

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.





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.



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.



Forget Me Not Valentine Card

By: Terri Sproul of [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.

Materials:

- Stamps: "Forget Me Not" by: Stampington and Company, "Diamond Background" by: ClubScrap
- Cardstock: cut a 4 ¾" x 10" in White, a 4 1/8" x 4 ½" in Pink, and a 4" x 4 ¼" 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



Directions:

1. On the white cardstock draw 5 or 6 flowers with the MasquePen, 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 reveal flower design. Fold cardstock in half to make a card, adhere stamped design. You have a masterpiece.



Lutradur Flower

By: Glenna Valley for [C & T Pub Blog](#)

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- TIP: Mix a few drops of one or two colors of Liquitex Acrylic ink with a few ounces of water in a travel spray bottle.

Instructions:

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.
4. Punch a small hole in the center of each circle.
5. 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.
6. Repeat with 2 more circles at a time, until you have melted the edges of all the circles.
7. Use a spray ink to add color to each circle, allow to dry.
8. Stack your circles on top of each other, with the smallest on top and the largest on the bottom.
9. Twist them around until you like how they nest together, then insert a large decorative brad through the holes in all the layers.
10. Dab a little glitter glue on the edges.

Paint Chip Valentine Wreath

By: Lish Dorset of [Handmade Detroit](#)

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

Instructions:

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.

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.)



3. 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.
4. Use your hole punch to make a small hole for ribbon, wire, etc., for hanging.





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.



5. Hang it up, stand back and admire your work!



Note: While I made mine to go inside my apartment, a varnish might make this wreath more weather-friendly, but I'd suggest using a different base other than cardboard. Depending on the colors you pick, this wreath works great for all sorts of holidays, or when you need a more Technicolor approach to your home decorating.

Pink and Red Crochet Hearts

By: Phyllis of [Many Creative Gifts](#)

Use this free crochet pattern for a lovely Valentine's gift or decoration. This is a great pattern for a beginner or intermediate crocheter. This pattern calls for a light worsted weight yarn.



Materials:

- 1 skein DK or light (no. 3) worsted weight yarn (shown here, Patons Grace, 100% mercerized cotton (1.75 oz/ 50 g, 136 yds/125 m per skein))
- Crochet hook size E/4/3.50 mm

SIZE: Small heart measures about 3 1/2 inches tall and about 3 1/2 inches across; larger heart is about 4 inches tall and 4 inches across.

GAUGE: 7 sts = 1 inch; 2 1/2 rows = 1 inch

SMALL HEART

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

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)

ROUND 3 • Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, 2 hdc 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 hdc in next st, 1 sc in next st, sl st to 1st sc (29 sts)

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)

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, 1 dc in next st, 2 dcs in next 3 sts, 1 sc in next st, sl st to 1st sc (51 sts)

Fasten off here for small heart; add one more round for larger heart. Instructions on next page.

(Larger Heart on next Page)



LARGER HEART

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 2 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 sc in last st, sl st to 1st st (61 sts), fasten off.



Rose Bouquet Ball

By: Ashley of [Domestic Fashionista](#)

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.



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

Instructions:

I hot glued the roses onto the Styrofoam ball...the base really helps in the beginning.



Keep on going around. Add some ribbon to hang it from.

Tutu Shirt for Valentine's Day

By: Julie Caron of [Joy's Hope](#)

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:

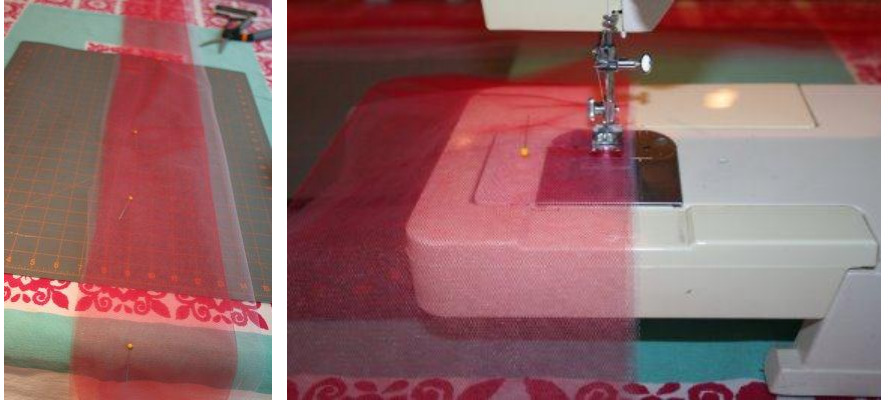
- 2 1/2 yards each of two different colors of tulle (There will be enough tulle left over to make two more t's.)
- Child's T-shirt (I love the Cherokee perfect t's from Target.)
- Coordinating thread
- Rotary cutter, ruler and self healing mat, or scissors and a really steady hand.

Instructions:

On this Tutu T-shirt I am using red for the top shorter layer and pink underneath.



Cut the top, shorter layer 12 inches wide by 90 inches long. (The 90 inches is why you need 2 1/2 yards.) Cut the bottom, longer layer 14 inches by 90 inches.



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. 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.

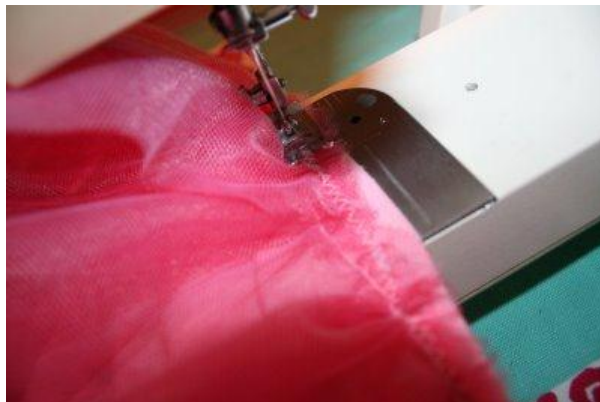


Pull one of the threads and begin gathering the tulle. It will start to look like a tutu. When it seems about the right width to go around the t-shirt, move on to the next step. Starting in the middle of the back of the t-shirt, start pinning the tulle. The shorter top layer of tulle should be the one laying on top of the t-shirt.





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.



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. Don't worry that it is a little messy. It will be covered by the rest of the skirt.



Here is the underneath of the finished product. You can carefully trim any wayward tulle if it is driving you crazy. Hooray!!! Look what you made!!! It wasn't so bad was it?
(Onesie instructions on next page)



I couldn't leave Janey out right? I made a few changes to make her a little onesie. I cut just one piece of tulle 8 inches by 90 inches. I gathered it a bit more than the bigger girls' shirts. Then I pinned it starting in the back of the onesie. Continue pinning it all of the way around. Overlapping at the beginning.



Same zig zag stitch, trying my best to keep it straight without the benefit of a t-shirt seam.



Valentine's Day Heart Tree

By: Colleen Mullaney of [The Inspired Life](#)

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



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.





Valentine House Ornament

By: Megan Newton of [Boutique Nutmeg Designs](#)

Use felt, large sequins and embroidery floss to create a stuffed ornament for Valentine's Day. This house ornament with heart windows would make a cute Valentine to give or decoration for the holiday.



Materials:

- felt
- embroidery floss
- large sequins
- embroidery needle
- polyfill stuffing
- scissors
- ribbon or ric-rac to hang
- [Pattern](#)

Instructions:

First cut out all the pattern pieces. Then find the center along the bottom edge of the house and stitch the door in to place. Follow by stitching the little hearts in to the windows, and then the windows on to the house.





For the sequin roof start at the bottom edge of the roof line and stitch 6 sequins in to place Center row should be 5 sequins Top row should be 4.



Now line the front and back house pieces together and start stitching together at the right side of the door, all around the outer edge. When you reach the center of the top edge of the roof slide the ribbon/ric rac in to place and stitch over a few times to secure. Continue your way around the house until you reach the bottom of the left side.





Stuff the poly fill in to the little house through the opening, however firm you would like! Then continue to stitch the bottom of the house closed.



Enjoy making a whole little village!



Valentine Screen Print

By: Ashley Hackshaw of [Lil Blue Boo](#)

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.

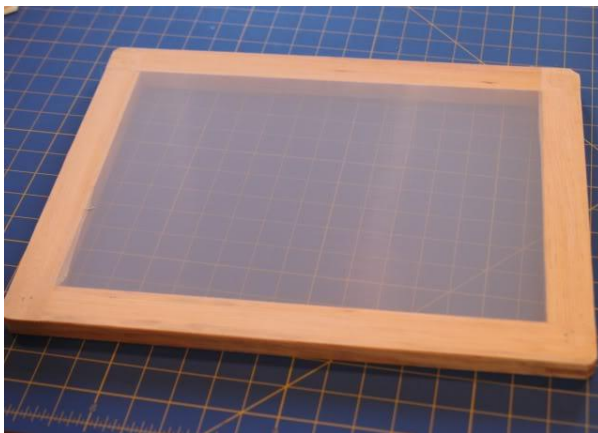


Materials:

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

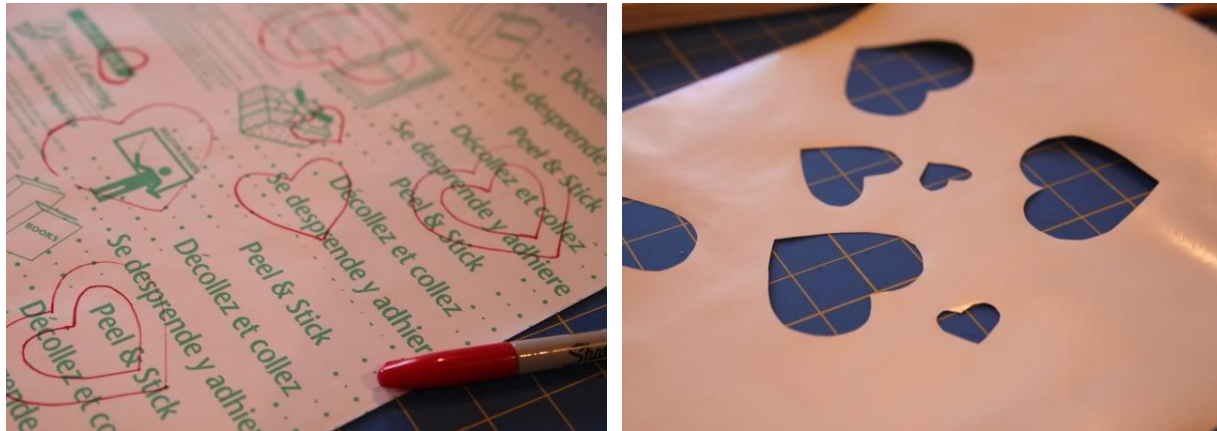
Steps:

Step 1: Start with a blank screen printing screen.



Step 2: Cut a piece of contact paper slightly larger than your screen.....

....and 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. I made this heart design for Valentines day dresses:



Step 3: Cut out your design using a razor or Exacto knife.

Step 4: Adhere the contact paper to the bottom of the screen (on the non-recessed side).



Step 5: Lay the screen down on the fabric you want to screen the design onto (recessed side up):

Step 6: 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).



So easy a 2-year-old can do it!

Step 7: Carefully lift your screen off and you have your finished design!



Let your design dry and then use an iron to heat set the ink.

Cleaning: I use a sink sprayer to make sure all the ink is removed from the screen....and as long as the contact paper remains on the screen you can reuse it!



Valentine Shirt for Child

By: Jessica Fediw of [Happy Together](#)

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 child's outfit.



Materials:

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

Instructions:

1. Determine how wide and long you want the strip down the middle to be. 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. (My daughter's was 13" by 3"). 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. (My daughter's was 9" by 3").
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.



17. Admire your pretty new shirt.



16. Sew right over the pushed down seam to hold it in place.

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