

Family Art from Home

Paper Heart Valentine's Day Card

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The tradition of making paper Valentine's cards goes back over 200 years! Here is a Valentine's card with a twist... and some cutouts! You'll love all the possibilities!

Supplies Needed

- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Pencil
- Construction paper for card and cut outs
- Decorative paper for cut outs
- **Optional:** Bows, ribbons, Sequins, buttons, glitter or glitter glue, Elmers Glue

How to Do it

1. Create the background for your card by folding a sheet of construction paper in half and cutting to the desired size.
 2. Choose another decorative paper or construction paper and fold in half. With a pencil, draw half of a heart making sure that the lines touch the folded edge.
 3. Now, create the cutouts. Draw some shapes inside of the outline, making sure the lines touch the folded edge just like the heart. (See image)
 4. Cut along the lines. This will create a heart with symmetrical cutouts on both sides.
 5. Create different sized hearts with different cutouts on various papers (See image).
 6. Carefully use a glue stick on all of the edges of the hearts so that the paper does not tear, but stays glued down to your card base. If your glue stick is too dry and tears the paper, try a thin layer of Elmer's glue instead.
 7. Begin to layer the hearts in a way you find pleasing. You can also cut additional decorations out of folded paper to create symmetrical designs.
- Note:** It can be good to play around with the placing heart first before you commit to glue. (See image)
8. Add glitter, bows, ribbons, sequins, or buttons if you would like more embellishments.

Have a Happy Valentine's day!



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