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Cre8time Quick and Easy Craft Project

Red-Hearts Coaster Set

by: [Lisa Rojas](#)

Are you looking for a quick and beautiful project that takes only minutes to make? Well, this is the project for you. These coasters will make a wonderful housewarming or hostess gift too.

These coasters are so easy to make that you will create them for all your special occasions. Place these coasters on your table and open a nice bottle of wine, and then you are good to go!

Materials:

Ampersand® Stampbord™ 3 ½" coaster set
Mulberry paper: white, silver
Beacon Adhesives™ Liquid Laminate™
Clearsnap® Top Boss® Watermark inkpad
Clearsnap® Top Boss® Embossing powder, Wine
Stampendous® Ornate Heart rubber stamp

Tools:

Westcott® 4" Titanium scissors
Heat tool
Paintbrush
X-ACTO® craft knife

Instructions:

1. Cut the mulberry paper to 3 ¾-inches by 3 ¾-inches with the scissors. Stamp the heart on mulberry paper with the Watermark inkpad. Sprinkle the wine embossing powder over the stamped image. Emboss the image with the heat tool.
2. Apply Liquid Laminate™ to the coaster and the back of mulberry paper. Lay the mulberry paper onto the coaster and then apply



another layer of Liquid Laminate™ on the top of the mulberry paper. Let dry. Apply a third layer of Liquid Laminate™ on top of the mulberry paper. Once dry, trim the excess mulberry paper with the X-ACTO® craft knife.

Wire - Wrapped Wine Glasses

by: [Ann Butler](#)

Wire-wrapped wine glasses are the perfect addition for a special occasion or a special gift. The wire-wrapped glasses are quick and easy to make. Be sure to choose a different charm shape for the base of each glass so guests will easily keep track of their glass.

Please note: For best results hand wash the glasses after use.

Materials for one glass:

Wine glass with colored stem
Artistic Wire® 16 gauge wire 24", silver

Tools:

Round nose pliers,
Assorted 1" wooden shapes star, heart, diamond

Instructions:

1. Using the wooden shapes as a guide, place one end of the wire on top of the wood shape and then use your fingers or round nose pliers to help create a shape.
2. Place the shaped wire on the base of wine glass and then wrap the wire around the stem and half way up the



glass. Make a small loop at end of wire to finish it off.

stemware, use colored wire to provide a color difference.

Tips:

- If you cannot find colored

Glittered Wine Glasses

by: [Ann Butler](#)

In the Winter Issue of Bella Crafts Quarterly, I created a Martini Candle Holder. This issue, you will see how easy it is to use the same technique to create some elegant wine glasses. These glasses are quick and easy to make. The hardest part of this project is choosing which color of glitter you want to use.

Materials:

Wine glasses
Earth Safe Finishes™ Gel Medium
Ultra-fine glitter (color of choice)

Tools:

Paintbrush

Instructions:

1. Apply a thin layer of gel medium to the stem and the base of the glass and then sprinkle the stem with glitter. Shake off the excess. Let dry. Repeat this step if needed.
2. Apply a thin layer of gel medium over the glitter and then let the gel medium dry.

Tips:

- Consider doing each glass in a different color, which will make it easy for guests to remember which glass is theirs.
- Let the gel medium cure for 24 hours before using the glasses.



Please note: For best results, hand wash the glasses



Valentine Napkin Rings

by: [Ann Butler](#)

Transform an empty paper towel or toilet paper roll into napkin rings for Valentine's Day or any occasion. This eco-friendly project can be created quickly and easily to match the theme of your dinner. If you want these napkin rings to be used year after year, or to be given as a gift, I have a trick in the tip section that will make them more durable and able to withstand the test of time.

Materials:

Empty paper towel roll
Beacon™ Adhesives Tacky Glue
Fabric: 1/8 yard
Fun Foam: pink 3" x 3" (for each napkin ring)
Ultra fine glitter, pink

Tools:

Sizzix® Big Shot™, Sizzix® die, Heart with Swirl
Scissor
Ruler
Toothpick

Instructions:

1. Measure and cut the paper towel roll into 1 ¼-inch pieces.
2. For each napkin ring, cut a

fabric strip 1-inch by 6-inches and then glue the fabric strip to the inside of the paper towel roll. Cut a fabric strip 2-inches by 6-inches and then center it on the outside of the cut paper-towel roll section. Glue the fabric strip in place and then fold the edges inside the paper towel roll section and then glue in place.

3. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to cut the heart from the fun foam.
4. Spread a thin layer of glue onto top of the heart and then sprinkle the heart with glitter. Repeat this step if needed. Center and glue the heart onto the paper towel roll where the fabric edges meet.

Tips:

- Instead of using fabric, place glitter on the outside of the paper towel roll in step 4

above. Once the glitter is completely dry, apply a thin layer of glue over the top of the glitter to secure the glitter in place.

- For added durability in your napkin rings, apply a generous, even coat of glue to the inside and outside of the paper towel roll. Let dry. Continue to make your napkin rings.
- For another look, tear a long strip of fabric and wrap around the paper towel roll.





Altered Tin with Cookies

by: [Ann Butler](#)

I tend to save more things than I should since I love to find ways to alter those saved items into gifts or art. This tin came filled with jewelry as a Christmas gift for my daughter. I saved the tin, as it would be perfect to alter. I simply added "Love" to the top lid and then filled it with heart-shaped cookies.

Note: Make sure the tin does not say it cannot be used with food.

Materials:

Heart tin Double-stick tape sheet, 4" x 3"
Ultra-fine glitter, silver
Waxed paper

Tools:

Sizzix® Big Shot™, Sizzix® die, Phrase Love

Instructions:

1. Following Sizzix® Big Shot™ manufacturer's instructions to cut the word "Love" from the double-stick tape sheet.
2. Peel the bottom layer away from double-stick tape sheet, slowly placing the tape sheet onto the tin's lid, one letter at

a time. Rub the tape firmly into place.

3. Peel away the top layer of the double-stick tape and then pour the glitter on top of the tape sheet. Remove the excess glitter and then add waxed paper as a liner in the tin before filling the tin with cookies.

Ingredients:

2 cups flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
2/3 cup margarine
1 cup granulated sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon almond extract
Decorative sugar: red and pink

Directions:

1. Cream the margarine and sugar. Blend in the egg, milk and almond extract.
2. Add the dry ingredients into the mixture, to make a dough and then mix thoroughly.
3. Chill the dough at least 2

hours. Roll out the dough and then cut the dough with the heart-shaped cookie cutter. Place each shaped cookie onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Sprinkle each cookie with decorative sugar.

4. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Add waxed paper as a liner in the tin before filling the tin with cookies.

Tips:

- The dough can be refrigerated up to seven days or frozen up to six months.
- Mix 1 cup powdered sugar with 1 or 2 tablespoons water and a drop or two of red food coloring for a glaze. Bake the cookies without decorative sugar and let them cool. Frost the baked cookies with the glaze and then sprinkle each cookie with the decorative sugar. Let the frosting set before putting them into the tin.



Gluten-Free Pancakes

by: Paul & [Carol Heppner](#)

Pancakes are a fun way to start your Valentine's Day, especially if someone else is making them! In our home, Paul is the pancake maker. He creates some hearty pancakes that we fill with blueberries in the summer and apple slices in the fall. Valentine's Day begs for plain pancakes with strawberries.

Paul uses gluten-free, Namaste brand, Perfect Flour Blend and gluten-free buckwheat flour to make his pancakes. If you do not need to eat gluten free, you can use your regular flour when you make your pancakes.

We add fresh nutmeg when we add blueberries and cinnamon when we add apples. Make the heart-shaped pancakes by using a tablespoon to shape the batter into a heart shape when adding the batter to the heated skillet. While other recipes call for milk, we use water. You can also use gluten-free club soda to make a lighter pancake.

When cooking gluten-free, it is important to make sure all your

ingredients are gluten-free, so read the fine print on all the ingredients you use.

Gluten-Free Ingredients:

1 cup Namaste brand, Perfect Flour Blend

1/2 cup buckwheat flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

Pinch of salt

1/4 cup sugar (or Splenda®)

2 eggs

2 tablespoons vanilla extract

1 to 1 1/2 cups water, depending on consistency of batter

Cooking spray

Instructions:

1. Mix the dry ingredients in a large bowl.
2. Add the eggs, vanilla extract and 1 cup of water. Stir thoroughly until smooth.
3. Add more water if the batter is too thick; however, your batter should not be runny.
4. If you would like, you can add blueberries or apple slices to the mixed batter.
5. Spray the cooking spray on a griddle and place on medium heat.

6. Drop spoonfuls of batter in the shape of a heart on the hot griddle.
7. Flip the pancake when the top of the pancake is filled with bubbles and the edge begins to 'dry'.
8. Continue to cook the pancake until it is cooked through the center.

Tips:

- When cooking the pancakes, medium heat is best, so as not to burn the pancakes.
- Try substituting a 'vanilla' sugar, which is made by slitting a vanilla bean and placing it in a sugar bowl for a few days.
- Homemade vanilla extract is easy to make. Slit vanilla beans and place them in a liter of vodka. Let the beans and vodka rest for a week before using. We use potato-based, gluten-free vodka when making our vanilla.
- Add 1/8-teaspoon of nutmeg to pancakes with blueberries or 1/8-teaspoon of cinnamon to pancakes with apple slices.



Love Note in a Bottle

by: [Carol Heppner](#)

Sometimes, a walk through your local dollar store can inspire wonderful craft projects. Such is the case with this project. Transform dollar-store salt and pepper glass containers into classy holders for handwritten notes for your loved ones.

Place the containers on your loved one's office desk or at their place setting on your romantic dinner table. Place a note in one and fill the other with heart-shaped candy. Oh! The possibilities are endless and limited only by your imagination.

This container would also look great at your next dinner party. Type the dinner menu or a different quote onto a four by six-inch paper and then roll that paper up inside a page from an old book. Dinner guests can open the rolled note to see what is inside.

Materials:
Krylon® Glass Frosting spray paint

Flat-back crystals: Clear (5), red (4)
Rolled note, 4" x 6"
Salt and pepper shakes
Beacon™ Adhesives Tacky Glue
Rubbing Alcohol

Tools:
Masking tape
Waxed paper
Disposable-sponge craft brush
Towel

IMPORTANT: Always use spray paint outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Instructions:

1. Clean the glass salt and pepper containers with rubbing alcohol and a clean towel.
2. Place the masking tape onto areas of the containers that you do not want frosted with the Glass Frosting spray paint.
3. Shake the Krylon® Glass Frosting spray paint can well and then spray a little of the paint onto the waxed paper. Dab the disposable-sponge craft brush into the paint and apply it onto the containers.

Let dry. Once the paint is dry, you can apply a second coat if needed.

4. Apply the Beacon™ Adhesives Tacky Glue to the back of the crystals and attach the crystals onto the front of the containers. Let the glue dry.
5. Place your note into the container or fill the container with candy.





Cupid's Vase

by: [Lisa Rojas](#)

This quick and easy vase is a wonderful way to display those beautiful flowers that your significant other gives you for Valentine's Day!

Materials:

Glass vase
Cardstock, white
Mulberry paper, white
Clearsnap® Top Boss® Watermark inkpad
Clearsnap® ColorBox® pigment inkpad, Chianti
Clearsnap® Top Boss® embossing powders: clear, gold sparkle
Mess material, gold
Ribbon and pearl trim
Spray adhesive
EK Success® Jolee's Boutique® dimensional stickers, Vintage Cupid
Stampendous® Ornate Heart rubber stamp
Stampabilities® Vintage Flourish rubber stamp

Tools:

Heat tool
Glue gun
Scissors

Instructions:

1. Measure and cut the mulberry paper to fit the vase that you are using. Stamp the flourish image onto the mulberry paper with Watermark inkpad. Sprinkle the stamped

images with the gold sparkle embossing powder and then emboss the images with heat tool.

2. Stamp the heart twice onto the white cardstock using the Chianti inkpad. Sprinkle the hearts with clear embossing powder and then emboss the hearts with the heat tool. Cut out both of the hearts. Spray the vase with the spray adhesive and then attach the stamped mulberry paper to the vase. Trim off any excess paper.
3. Place the gold mess material, both stamped hearts and the cupid sticker to front of the vase. Use the glue gun to add the trim to the top and the bottom of the vase.



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Hearts & Flourishes

by: [Lisa Rojas](#)

I did not create this pillow as something with which you could cuddle up. I created it as that gorgeous accent piece in your living room that your friends and family will envy every time they see it. This pillow is also a beautiful accent piece for your bedroom.

Materials:

Rayon Acetate Velvet, red, ½-yard

Red ribbon 2 ½" wide

Flowers

White doily

Polyester Fiberfill

Beacon Adhesives™ Fabri Tac™ fabric glue

Stampendous® Ornate Heart rubber stamp

Stampabilities® Vintage Flourish rubber stamp

Tools:

Water bottle

Sewing machine

Iron,

Needle & thread

Glue gun

Instructions:

1. Fold the velvet in half and then cut a heart shape from the velvet material. Turn on the iron to its highest setting making sure not to use steam. Lightly spray the back of the velvet with water. Lay the

stamp on the table with the rubber side facing up. Place the velvet, “velvet” side down, onto the rubber stamp image. Place the iron on the back of the velvet for 10 to 20 seconds. Lift the iron straight up to avoid slipping. Repeat this step to create a heart pattern all over the velvet.

2. Put the right sides of the velvet so they are facing each other and then sew a ½-inch seam around edge of the material. Make sure to leave a 3-inch opening for the polyester fiberfill stuffing. Turn the pillow so the velvet is facing out and then stuff the pillow with the fiberfill. Once filled, sew the opening closed with a needle and thread.
3. Using a needle and thread, attach all the flowers to the pillow, except the large rose. Apply fabric glue to the back of the doily and adhere the

doily to pillow on top of the flowers. Tie a large bow around pillow and then adhere the large rose to pillow with the glue gun.





LOVE *is* Courage

by: [Theresa Cifali](#)

Loving someone else gives you both strength and courage. This is true all year round, not just for Valentine's Day. Make this lovely keepsake for someone you love to remind him or her how much you love him or her all year round.

Materials:

Stretched canvas, 9" x 12"
Martha Stewart Crafts™, Scrolls stencils,
Martha Stewart Crafts™, Stencils, Holiday Icons
Martha Stewart Crafts™, Italic Flourish
Tim Holtz Distress Ink™: Worn Lipstick, Faded
Jeans, Concord Grape
Stazon® Permanent Ink, Jet Black
Aleene's® Fast Grab™ Tacky Glue
Ranger Stickles™: Cotton Candy
Recollections™ Floral Embellishments, pinks,
blues, purples
Ribbon, 3/4" wide
Sharpie®, fine tip, black
Quote of your choice

Tools:

Stipple brushes
Pencil
Ruler

Instructions:

- Using a stipple brush smear the Worn-Lipstick ink about one third of the way across the left side of the canvas and then around the edges of the other three sides.
- Layer the Faded-Jeans ink in the same manner, but do not go as far in as you did with the Worn-Lipstick ink.
- Select one of the scroll stencils and attach it to the top left side of the canvas. Then, use a stipple brush to stencil the Faded-Jeans ink over the stencil pattern. Move the stencil down the left side and along the bottom of the canvas and continue to stencil the pattern.
- Use the open heart from the Holiday-Icons stencils and create a pattern of Concord-Grape ink hearts along the scroll stencil. Start the pattern at the top left corner and work your way down along the side and bottom of the canvas.
- Use the solid heart from the Holiday-Icons stencils and then create a pattern of Worn Lipstick Distress Ink™ hearts along the left side and the bottom of the canvas in the same manner as you did for the open heart.
- Lay out your quote onto a separate piece of paper to get an idea of how you would like the quote to appear on your canvas. With a ruler and pencil, make light lines directly onto the canvas where you will hand letter the quote.
- Stencil the first letter of the quote, a "B", with the alphabet stencil being careful to line the bottom of the letter up with the pencil line.
- Lightly, in pencil, write the first stanza of the quote.
- Stencil the first letter of the second stanza, a "W", with the alphabet stencil being careful to link the bottom of the letter up with the pencil line.
- In pencil again, lightly write the remainder of the quote and the author's credit.
- Carefully trace the penciled quote with a Sharpie® and then use the Sharpie to add details along the stenciled letters as well as along the stenciled border, you created. You can add flourishes, dots and dashes to the collage.
- Add some sparkle to the collage by drawing over the stenciled letters and the open heart with the Cotton Candy Stickles™. Add more sparkle where you see fit. Let dry.
- Create a spray of paper flowers along the bottom left corner, as seen in the photograph. Once you have the flowers placed in a pleasing pattern, attach them to the canvas with glue.
- Finally, glue some ribbon along the outside edge of the canvas to give it a finished look.



Love is in the Air

by: [Lisa Rojas](#)

Do you have someone in your life who is engaged? I created this picture frame for my daughter and her fiancé. It reminds me of how much they really love each other. It is something that they will both cherish for a long time. This frame will make a perfect gift for the newly engaged couples in your life.

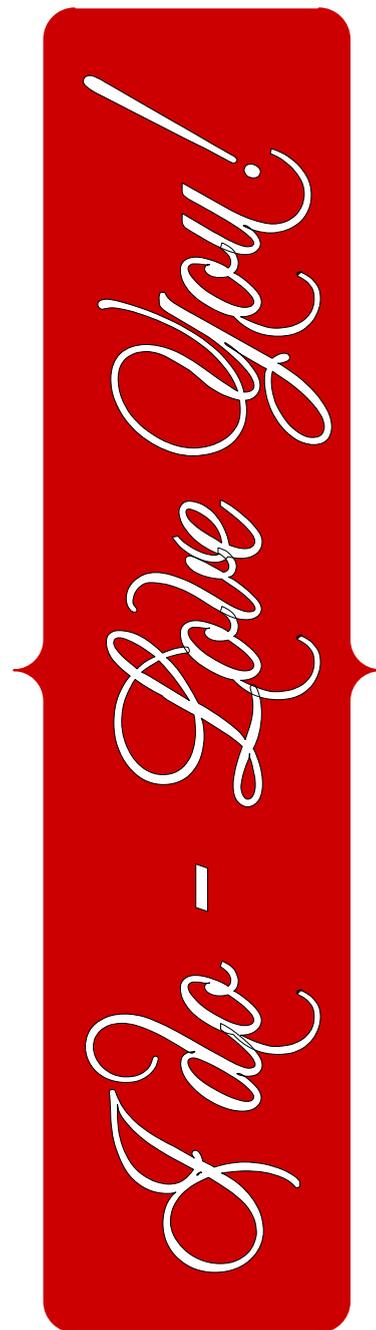
Materials:

7 Gypsies® Clipper frame
Pattern paper
Cardstock: black, green, pink
Me and My Big Ideas® Soft Spoken™
embellishment stickers
Various ribbons
Beacon Adhesives® Zip Dry Paper Glue™

Tools:
Westcott® Personal Paper Trimmer
Scissors

Instructions:

1. Cut the pattern paper to measure 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inches by 7-inches. Cut the pink cardstock to measure 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inches by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inches and then the green cardstock to measure 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inches by 6-inches. Cut the black cardstock to measure 3-inches by 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inches. Layer the papers on top of each other (largest on bottom) and then glue them together. Attach the picture on the top and then place it under the glass.
2. Apply all of the stickers to the frame (see the photograph on the left for placement). Cut various ribbons in 5-inch strips and then tie the ribbons to the top of the frame.





LOVE Layout

by: [Theresa Cifali](#)

You do not have to profess your love by shouting it from the rooftop. Instead, create this fun, colorful layout and display it for the world to see.

Materials:

Cardstocks: red (2), light pink, medium pink
K & Company™ patterned paper, Sweet Talk
Pattern Hearts

Recollections™ glitter cardstock, white

Blumenthal Lansing Crafter's Café Coordinating
Embellishments, Romance: ribbon, crystal
hearts

Ranger Stickles™: Cotton Candy

Aleene's® Fast Grab™ Tacky Glue

Aleene's® Fabric Fusion®

Sizzix® Bigz Dies, Sassy Serif: L, O, V, E

Double stick tape

Double stick foam tape

Photo, 4" x 6"

Black fine-tip marker

Tools:

Sizzix® Big Shot™

Sizzix® cutting pads

Westcott® Premium Titanium Paper Trimmer

Westcott® Titanium Bonded® scissors

Recollections™ Lever-Punch, Heart

Instructions:

1. Cut the patterned paper to measure 11 ½-inches by 11 ½-inches and then tape the paper to the center of the red cardstock.
2. Cut the red cardstock to measure 4 ¼-inches by 6 ¾-inches and then cut the light pink cardstock to measure 4 ¾-inches by 6 ¾-inches
3. Tape the photo to the red cardstock with double-stick tape and then tape the red cardstock to the pink mat using foam tape.
4. Cut out the letters “L”, “O”, “V”, “E” with the Sizzix® Big Shot™. Use a different color for each letter.
5. Attach the letters “L”, “V”, “E” with double-stick tape to the bottom of the layout. Embellish the letters along the left edge of the letters with the marker. Add the Cotton Candy Stickles™ to the letters. Let the Stickles™ dry.
6. Add the matted photo to the top-right area of the layout with double-stick tape.
7. Use the heart punch to cut the light pink hearts (2) and medium pink hearts (2) in two different color pinks.
8. Cut a piece of ribbon 7-inches from the Crafter's Café Coordinating Embellishments and add it vertically to the top of the layout, centering it between the photo and the left edge of the paper with Fabric Fusion®. Trim any excess.
9. Add the hearts in an alternating color pattern along the ribbon using double stick tape for one color and foam tape for the other.
10. Glue the crystal hearts from the Crafter's Café Coordinating Embellishments to the center of each paper heart with Fast Grab™ Tacky Glue.
11. Attach the “O” to the bottom of the layout with foam tape.



LOVE Shadow Box

by: [Theresa Cifali](#)

You know you are in love when reality is better than your dreams, according to Dr. Seuss. Your significant other would be proud to receive a gift created with love and thoughtfulness. Of course, you can always switch out the quote to one that has a special meaning to just the two of you.

Materials:

7 Gypsies® Solo Shadowbox Tray-Black
Recollections™ Glitter Paper: white, patterned
Cardstock: red
Aleene's® Fast Grab™ Tacky Glue
Aleene's® Tacky Dot Singles™/MC
Art Minds™ Wood Letters: "L", "O", "V", "E"
Acrylic paint: red, glitter
Cover stock, 67lb
Quote of your choice
Ribbon, satin, 1/8" wide

Tools:

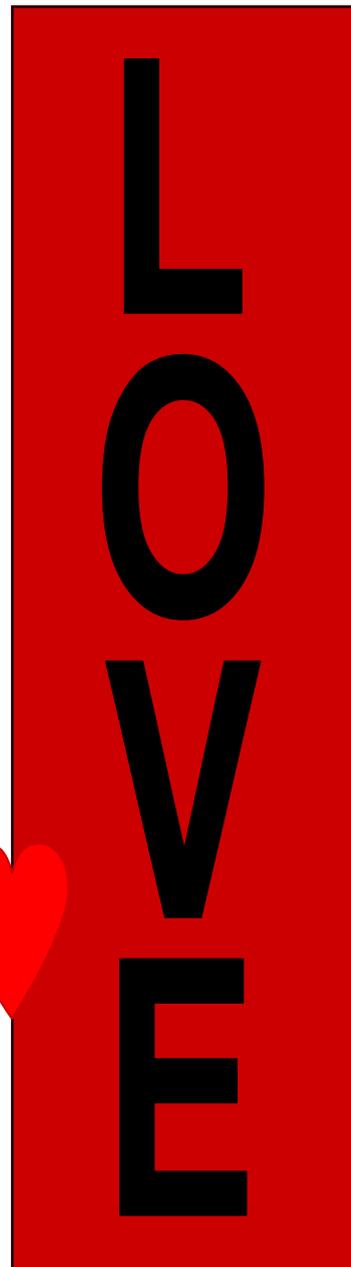
Westcott® Premium Titanium Paper Trimmer
Westcott® Titanium Bonded® scissors
Recollections™ Lever-Punch, heart, medium size
Ruler
Acrylic paintbrush
Computer
Printer

Instructions:

1. Paint each of the wooden letters with two coats of red acrylic paint. Let the paint dry and then add one coat of glitter paint over the top. Set aside
2. Measure the largest box of the shadow box and then cut the patterned glitter paper to the

appropriate size with the paper trimmer. Repeat the process for the three smaller boxes with the white glitter paper.

3. Add glue to the backside of the glitter papers and then affix them into their proper boxes.
4. Cut out nine hearts with the punch and then fold each heart in half. Attach three of the hearts together with the Tacky Dot Singles™ by securing the left side of one heart to the right side of the other. Repeat this process to create three heart groups.
5. Print out a quote or saying so that the quote is no wider than the top portion of the shadow box.
6. Tear the paper around the quote and then glue the quote to the bottom area of the top box of the shadow box.
7. Glue each of the wooden letters above the quote.
8. Glue one heart group into each of the smaller boxes.
9. Tie a small bow with the red ribbon and then attach the bow to the top, left corner of the shadow box with glue.





LOVE *You Forever*

by: [Theresa Cifali](#)

Nothing says, “I love you” like a handmade card. Show your special someone how much you care about them by creating a special card that says you will love him forever.

Materials:

Cardstock: white, red, pink, silver
Recollections™ Glitter on a Roll: red, silver
American Crafts™ Thickers™ Lullaby Glitter
Letter Stickers
Tim Holtz Distress Ink™: Fired Brick
Old book pages
Double stick tape
Double stick foam tape

Tools:

Westcott® Premium Titanium Paper Trimmer
Westcott® Titanium Bonded® scissors
Recollections™ Lever-Punch, heart, medium size
Stipple brush or makeup sponge

Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of white cardstock to measure 7-inches by 10-inches and then score it lengthwise at 5-inches.
2. Cut the red cardstock to measure 4 ¾-inches by 6 ¾-inches, the silver cardstock to measure 4 3/8-inches by 6 3/8-inches and the pink cardstock to measure 4 ¼-inches by 6 ¼-inches.
3. Attach the red cardstock to the front of the white card with double stick tape. Set aside.
4. Attach the pink cardstock to

- the silver cardstock with double stick tape. Set aside.
5. Punch three hearts out of old book paper and then tint them with the Fired-Brick Distress Ink™ by brushing them with a stipple brush or carefully swirling the color on with a makeup sponge.



Glitter Heart

by: [Carol Heppner](#)

Add sparkle to your Valentine's Day greetings by making this fun greeting card. Although the design of the card is simple, the textures and contrasting colors of the paper will make it a rich-looking card. The quality of the paper you use will dictate the quality of the card. If you use inferior papers in card making, the finished project may not have the finished look you wish to achieve.

Using quality cardstock and papers does not mean you have to pay top dollar for the paper. Instead, think about the cards that you will make through the year and purchase your papers on sale. Also, look for store coupons that you can use when purchasing paper. That way, you can purchase better quality paper for less.

When creating cards, make sure you visit the jewelry section of the craft store. You will find

wonderful jewelry accents and pendants that will make beautiful embellishments for your greeting cards. If you are giving the card to another crafter, you can use double-stick tape to secure the jewelry embellishment to the front of the card so the card recipient can use the jewelry component in a jewelry project.

Materials:

Tan folded cardstock, 6" x 6"

Red cardstock, 5 1/2" x 5 1/2"

White-textured scrapbook paper, 5" x 5"

Red-glitter scrapbook paper,

4" x 4"

Tan ribbon, 1/4" x 5"

Metal-Accent Gunmetal Rose, Pima Bead

Beacon™ Adhesives Tacky Glue

Tools:

Scissors

Instructions:

1. Glue the red cardstock onto the off-white folded cardstock. Glue the white-textured scrapbook paper onto the red cardstock.
2. Cut a heart shape from the red-glitter scrapbook paper and then glue the heart to the

center of the white-textured scrapbook paper.

3. Tie a bow with the tan ribbon and then glue the bow to the top of the heart.
4. Glue the Metal-Accent, Gunmetal-Rose embellishment to the center of the heart.
5. Handwrite your note inside the card, sign it and give it to your loved one.

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Pretty Pink Greeting Card

by: [Ann Butler](#)

There is something special about creating a card for your loved one. This Valentine's Day card is super simple to make. The best part is that the card layout can be re-created easily and used for other times of the year. Just change out the decorative cardstock, die and sentiment stamp.

Materials:

White cardstock: 11" x 8 1/2", 5" x 3 3/4"

Decorative card stock: 5 1/4" x 4", 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

Beacon™ Adhesives Zip Dry™

Colorbox® Crafter's Ink, Night

Ribbons, 6" (2)

Tools:

KellyCraft™ Get-It-Straight™ Laser Square

Sizzix® Big Shot™

Sizzix® die, Heart with Swirl

Hampton Art™ Studio G stamp, "Love You"

Scissors

Instructions:

1. Layer and glue 5-inch by 3 3/4-inch white cardstock onto the decorative cardstock using the laser square to make sure it straight. This is the front of your card.
2. Glue one 6-inch ribbon 3/4-inch from the bottom of the

edge of the front of your card. Wrap edges of the ribbon towards the back of the card front. Make a bow with the second 6-inch ribbon and then glue the ribbon onto the first ribbon. Place the bow so it is 1 3/4-inch from right side edge.

3. Stamp "I Love You" on the card front above the bow.
4. Following manufacturer's instructions for the Big Shot™, cut the Heart with the Swirl from 2 1/2-inch by 2 1/2-inch decorative cardstock. Glue the Heart with the Swirl to the upper-left corner of the card front, above the ribbon.
5. Fold the 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch white cardstock in half to create a 4 1/4-inch by 5 1/2-inch card base.
6. Layer and then glue the card front onto the card base using the laser square so the placement is straight.

Tips:

- If you do not have a Big Shot™ or the heart die, hand cut one. Use a small doily, a rubber stamp or draw a heart-shaped image to create the heart for the card.
- Use different sentiments for other occasions.
- Replace the white cardstock with colored card stock for different look.





From My Heart

by: [Carol Heppner](#)

Give your special someone a classy card they will love. This card is simple to make, but is very dramatic. The juxtaposition of the strong, contemporary background with the delicate heart is artwork that will make this card worth keeping.

The hearts are cut with a die cutting machine, but if you do not have a die cutting machine, you can use a paper doily for the larger heart and then cut hearts from pink cardstock.

Dimensional fabric paint adds a touch of glitter and shimmer. So, make sure to visit the fabric painting section of your craft store to see all the great glitter colors and pearl-like dimensional paints you can use in your paper-arts projects.

Materials:

Black, folded cardstock, 6" x 6"
Tan-grunge cardstock, 4 1/2" x 6"
White cardstock, 3" x 3"
Pink cardstock, 6" x 6"
White scrapbook paper, 5 1/2" x 5 1/2"
Beacon™ Adhesives Tacky Glue

3-D fabric glitter paint: gold, light pink, dark pink

Tools:

Sizzix® Big Shot Machine
Sizzlits® heart-shaped dies
Pencil

Instructions:

1. Glue the tan-grunge cardstock to the bottom portion of the black, folded cardstock. This is the base of your card.
2. Use the Sizzix® Big Shot Machine and the Sizzlits® heart-shaped dies to cut about a 3-inch heart from the white cardstock. Glue the white heart to the center of the card base.
3. Cut two pink hearts from the pink cardstock. Fold the pink hearts in half. Use a pencil to draw a line lightly down the center of the white heart. Glue the left side of the first heart on the left side of the pencil line. Glue the right side of the second heart to the right side of the pencil line. Make sure the hearts are level with each other and

that their folded areas touch. Let the glue dry.

4. Create dots on the white and pink hearts with the 3-D fabric glitter paints. Let the paints dry.
5. Glue the white scrapbook paper inside the black, folded cardstock and then write your message onto the white scrapbook paper.



Blissfully - Happy Photo Book

by: [Lisa Rojas](#)

If you are planning on a special evening with the love of your life for Valentine's Day, this little book would be a wonderful place to keep your mementoes and pictures of your special night. You could also create coupons with fun activities, put them in your book.

Materials:

Cardboard
Red cardstock
Valentine-themed pattern paper
Pattern papers: black & white, red & white, Me and My Big Ideas®
Soft Spoken™ stickers-Pure Divinity-Love,
K & Company® acetate die cuts
Loopy trim, 1" wide
Red & white ribbon, 3/8" wide
Pearl trim, 1/4" wide
Sheer red ribbon, 2 1/2" wide
Binder rings (2)
Clearsnap® Top Boss® Watermark inkpad
Clearsnap® ColorBox® dye inkpads: wicked black, red devil,
Clearsnap® Clear embossing powder
Beacon Adhesives® Zip Dry Paper Glue™
JudiKins® Love rubber stamp, Sponge
Tools:
Sizzix® Tim Holtz® Vagabond™ machine
Sizzix® Bigz™ Die: Album Scallop Rectangle #2
Westcott® Personal Trimmer
Heat tool

Instructions:

1. To create the front and back

of the book, cut the two cardboards, two red cardstocks and two pattern papers to each measure 6-inches by 10-inches. Attach the red cardstock and pattern papers to the cardboard using the Zip Dry™ glue.

2. Following the manufacturer's instructions, cut out the front and the back of the book with the Vagabond™ machine and the Album Scallop die, cut out the album only. Apply ink to the edges of both pieces with a sponge and black inkpad.
3. Cut the red cardstock to measure 3-inches by 7 1/4-inches. Stamp "love" on the red cardstock with the Watermark inkpad. Sprinkle the stamped "Love" with clear embossing powder and then emboss with the heat tool. Apply black ink around all edges of the cardstock.
4. Use the black and white paper and then the red and

white paper to cut out the remainder of the shaped pieces on the die cartridge with the Vagabond™ machine. Apply black the ink to the black and white pattern paper pieces and then "frame" the red and white pattern paper with the red cardstock.

5. Apply the glue to the stamped-red cardstock and then adhere the red cardstock to the album front cover. Attach the loopy trim, the red and white ribbon and the pearl trim to the album front cover. Place the stickers onto the cover. Add a binder ring into each hole in the book and then tie a bow through each ring with red ribbon.



Fast-Fashion *Shoes*

by: [Carol Heppner](#)

Turning an inexpensive pair of heels into a sexy, on-trend accessory makes perfect chiconomics. These must-have heels will look great with a little black dress for a romantic dinner. As soon as dinner is over, you can transform them into another great look just by swapping the scrapbook embellishments for another.

Yes, add sparkle and faux pearls to the toe box or onto the backs of your heels with scrapbook embellishments. Decorating just the heel of the shoe is also very trendy. This project is not just about heels. Flats will be very popular in the spring, so make sure to look for a few inexpensive pairs to alter.

The embellishments are not permanent and you will need to test them out before your important event. The embellishments are inexpensive and you can find them in the

scrapbooking sections of craft stores. Many of the embellishments come in one long piece so they are easy to apply.

Materials:

Crystal and faux pearl scrapbook embellishment
Inexpensive shoes

Tools

Cloth to clean shoes

Instructions:

1. Rub the cloth over the area on which you will place the crystal and faux pearl scrapbook embellishment to remove any fingerprints or dust.
2. Carefully remove the crystal and faux pearl scrapbook embellishment from the backing sheet and place the embellishment onto the shoe.
3. Gently press on the embellishment to make sure it adheres to the shoe.
4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 on the second shoe.

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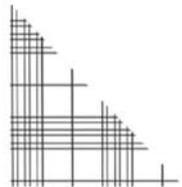
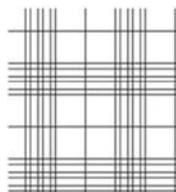
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