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Making Valentine's Cards

Making valentine's cards for one another is an annual ritual that we greatly enjoy. With Christmas decorations still up, teakettle humming, and Nat, Bing, and Andy belting out Christmas music, we are in the mood to create sentimental expressions of our adoration for one another. So with scissors, heart shaped cookie cutters, textured papers, tissue paper, wrapping paper, doilies, buttons, ribbon, tiny silk flowers, glitter, paint, glue, and colored pens, we begin our lovely Valentine tradition.

Using textured pink paper, I traced around a large heart shaped cookie cutter twice. After cutting these out, I glued one on top of the other. I then used another cookie cutter to cut out the center of this heart shaped doily. In the right hand corner, I secured a tiny silk flower blossom. Then I laid an arrow across the heart, which I had cut from paper and glittered. To the side, I glued a round puff, which I created by gathering white crepe paper into a circle. On top of this I secured a smaller heart, which I created from a smaller cookie cutter, carrying through with the same pink textured paper. I finished with a dollop of rose-colored glitter.

![alt](images/stories/blog/vcards 1957.jpg) For this one, I cut out five hearts from the textured paper, glued them on the side of each other on top of heart shaped doilies, and then highlighted them with glitter glue. When dry, I added a tissue paper rosette, a tiny white silk flower on a glittered arrow, and a white poof I made by gathering crepe paper, attaching a silk flower and ribbon.

![alt](images/stories/blog/vcards 1979.jpg) For this Valentine, I simply cut heart shaped doilies in half, placing them on top of one another. I then wrote LOVE with glitter glue.

![alt](images/stories/blog/vcards 1982.jpg) Josiah glued wrapping paper and tissue paper to poster board. Then he randomly applied glitter glue to the surface. Once dry, he turned the poster board over, traced around a very large cookie cutter, and then cut out that heart. He continued to trace and cut out hearts until he had four sizes, which he then connected with glittered paper. The final touch was a heart shaped dollop of glitter glue on the middle heart.

![alt](images/stories/blog/vcards 1971.jpg) Josiah cut out two more hearts from the same wrapping paper covered poster board. Placed them on a card he made by folding over pink construction paper. To the bottom of the card, he covered the pink paper with a strip of white paper, and then created a design with rose-colored glitter glue. He then cut out Be Mine from white paper and glued it around his hearts.

![alt](images/stories/blog/vcards 1969.jpg) This one was made with two hearts cut from the same wrapping paper covered poster board along with glittered arrows and a glittered heart.


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
![alt](images/stories/blog/vcards 1968.jpg) Jedidiah took red construction paper, folded it over, and crimped it with special scissors. Then she centered a doily over the paper and sprayed the entire surface with white spray paint. Once dry, he removed the doily. To the lacey design left by the doily, he glued white tissue flowers, which he cut with the flower cutter. He finished by placing one flower in the corner.


![alt](images/stories/blog/vcards 1977.jpg) These are more he created



![alt](images/stories/blog/vcards 1975.jpg) Sonia made this beauty. First by cutting out two hearts from the pink textured paper. On top of the large heart, she glued a doily which you can see in the upper right had corner. On top of the doily, she glued a glittered arrow. Then she gathered white crepe paper into a medallion. On top

of this, she glued the smaller heart, which she had glittered by covering it in glue, pouring on white glitter and then tapping off the excess. Around the edges she secured little silk flowers and buds. Once completed, she added a silver ribboned bow.

 Here is another beauty.

 And several others.

 I made this one in the same way.

We always have fun creating these cards for one another.

From our hearts to yours, Happy Valentine's Day!