

Valentine Ornaments and Wreath

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Celebrate “hearts” day by hanging a decorated wreath on your front door or including a heart ornament with your special Valentine cards. Fun and easy to make, these ornaments can be decorated with your favorite embellishments.

You will need:

a heart-shape grapevine wreath

plain red felt

sticky-back red felt

assorted red, pink, and white print or plaid scrap fabrics,

scrap lace, assorted ribbons, trims, beads, buttons,

flat-sided “gems”, paper or ribbon roses, or any of

your favorite embellishments

red metallic cording for making hangers

flexible brass wire

5/8" red grosgrain or satin ribbon

you will also need white fabric glue, a hot glue gun and

glue, scissors, needle and thread, and perhaps

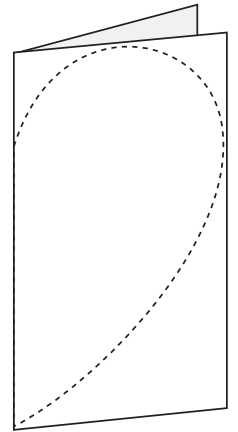
tweezers to handle your beads



Basic directions:

This small heart-shape wreath is adorned with six decorated felt hearts made by first cutting the heart shapes from red felt. To do this, first make a paper pattern: Fold a 3-inch square of paper in half, and cut a half heart shape. Use this pattern to cut six hearts from the plain felt, and six slightly smaller versions from the sticky-back felt. Set the sticky-back felt hearts aside.

Make two more paper heart patterns, one smaller than the other, and both smaller than the plain felt heart, so that you have three sizes altogether. Place the larger cotton heart over the felt heart, then the smaller one on top. Stitch the three layers of hearts together with a needle and thread using long running stitches*. Then decorate the ornaments to your “hearts” content with gems, beads, buttons, ribbons, and trims. Form a loop with metallic cord and glue the ends to the center top back of each ornament.



Remove the paper backing, and apply the sticky-back felt heart to the back of each ornament. Using a small length of brass wire, hang each ornament to a section of the wreath, and, if desired, tie a ribbon into a small bow at the top of the loop of the cord hanger. To finish the wreath, cut a 16-to 18-inch length of 5/8" ribbon and tie a bow to the wreath. With wire, add a loop to the back of the wreath for hanging.