

## PAPER WEAVING VALANTINES DAY HEARTS

Follow these step by step instructions on how to make a paper heart for your valentine.

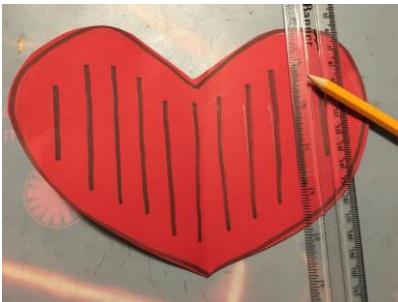


### Here's what you'll need:

Scissors  
Paper or card  
Glue or selotape  
And a ruler



1. To make your weaving frame, take a piece of card or paper and draw a heart shape and cut it out. (You can download and print a template if you like, or just draw it freehand.) I've drawn this one in black felt pen just to make it clearer, but a pencil is better so you don't see the outline on the finished heart.



2. Take a ruler and pencil and draw vertical lines on the card about 1.5 cm apart. Don't draw right to the edge of the card, leave a border approx. 2cm wide.

3. Now use a pair of sharp scissors to cut along the lines, remembering to leave the border intact. (You can ask an adult to help if you need to)



4. Next cut strips of paper or card approx. 1 cm wide which will be used to weave through the slats on your heart frame. Make sure they are long enough to reach from one side to the other.

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5. Take your first coloured strip and pass it through the slats from one side to another. You should weave it through the slats by going over the first one then under the second. Continue this over and under pattern until you reach the other side of the frame.



6. Take a second strip to weave through the frame, but this time go underneath the first slat and over the second. Again, continue the pattern (under /over) until you reach the other side of the frame.

7. Continue to weave strips using the alternating patterns until the frame is full.



8. Finally trim the long ends of your strips and glue them down if needed around the edges and you'll have the finished article.

