

Valentines

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Whether you are 6 or 60, everyone loves to make Valentines. Make a bunch for all your friends! This is a great project for sharing your love of sewing with a non-sewer. No sewing expertise needed. The same concepts will work for invitations, Thank You notes, Birthday greetings, or just about any cards you need to create.

Sewing Supplies:

Purchased Blank Cards

Decorative paper (look in the scrapbooking section of your local JoAnn Store or other craft store)

Sulky 30 wt. Blendables

40 wt. Rayon Embroidery Thread

Bobbin Thread

Rubber Cement

Fun ribbons

90 Topstitch Needle

Button Foot with Placement Tool #412934545

1. Print the heart pattern page on decorative scrapbooking paper on your inkjet printer.



2. Insert a size 90 topstitch needle. Thread with bobbin thread in the bobbin and decorative thread on top. Select a decorative stitch. Quilting stitches like the feather stitch work especially well; if the stitch is too dense, it will perforate the paper, so, avoid satin type stitches. Stitch randomly over the hearts. Don't worry about stopping and starting at the edge of the hearts; you will be cutting them out on the line when you are finished stitching.
3. Continue adding stitching using different stitches and different colors of thread. You can also use your built in letters to write words, or even an invitation to lunch!
4. After your stitching is complete, add some buttons or bows. We tied some from ribbon and some from bias cut fabric scraps and then tacked them onto the card using the Button Sew On stitch.

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5. Snap on your Button Foot with Placement Tool and stitch buttons randomly on your cards.
6. When you are done stitching on your hearts, cut them out on the line.
7. Place the hearts on purchased blank cards. Choose a decorative stitch and stitch them onto the card. If in-experienced sewers are doing the stitching, choose simple stitches like the zig zag. It is easier to follow the outline of the heart.
8. To finish the inside of the card where the stitching shows, glue decorative paper on with rubber cement.



