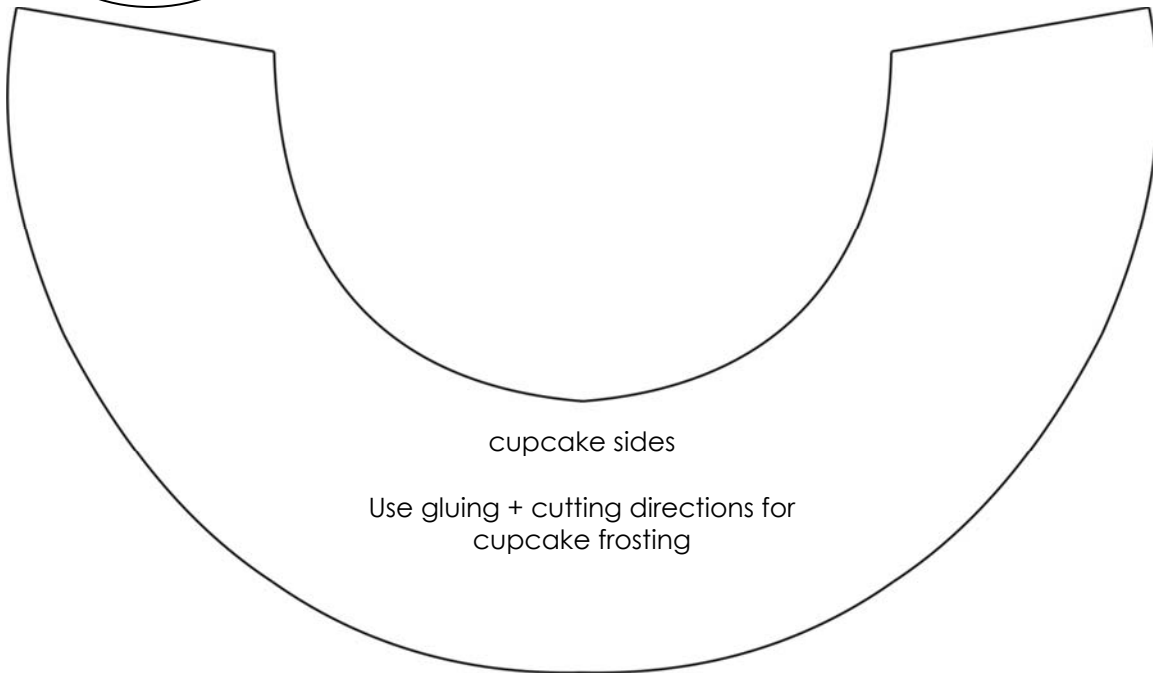
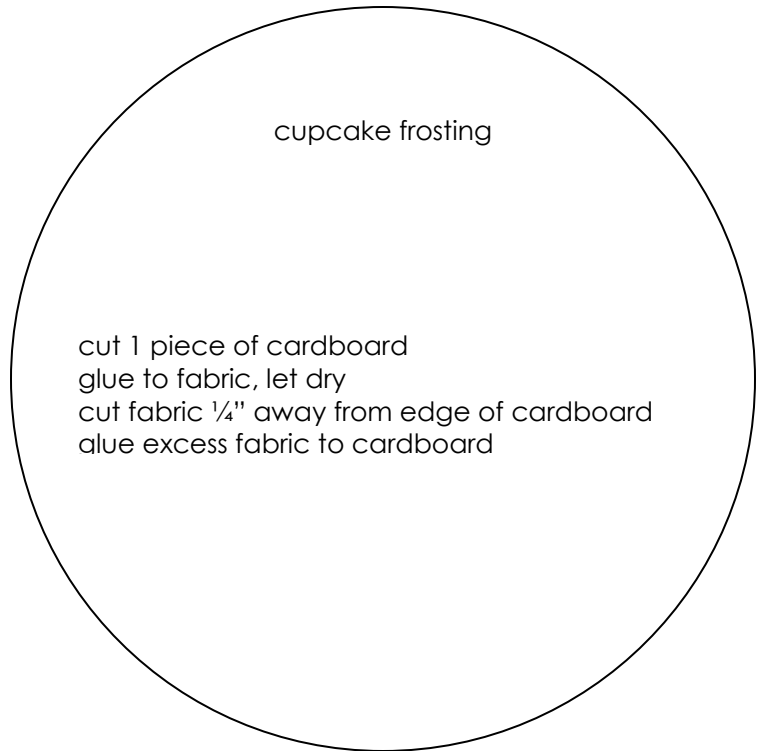


Valentine Cupcake Pattern



Supplies:

- Colored old sweater with a tight weave. This will be the frosting. You can also use a wool sweater that is at least 75% wool that has been washed with detergent and dried at least one time (sometimes two depending upon how felted you want your fabric). You could also use a nubby, chenille sweater.
- Thin ribbed old sweater. This will be the cupcake bottom or liner. I prefer a ribbed sweater because it simulates the ridges in a muffin/cupcake cup.
- Empty cereal box.

- Craft glue: I prefer Kid's Choice Glue by Beacon Adhesives. It has a nice tackiness, dries quickly and is safe to use with kids. You could also use any other type of tacky glue.
- Stuffing: before buying stuffing, consider an old pillow or worn out stuffed animal. The stuffing can be repurposed for this project.
- 2 small bulldog clips or paper clips.
- Scraps of trim, yarn, ribbon, pompoms, etc.
- Optional: colored glass beads for "sprinkles", red pompoms for topping, sewing pins
- Fabric + paper scissors (don't use your sharp fabric scissors on paper).
- Sharpie Marker

Directions:

Print the cupcake patterns and using a glue stick, glue to the cereal box. These are the templates. Cut templates out with scissors.

Take the cupcake frosting template and trace an outline on the back side of the frosting fabric with the Sharpie Marker. Cut the shape out with scissors.

Take the cupcake cup templates and glue to the back side of the cupcake cup fabric. Once the glue has set and/or dried, trim the fabric at least ¼" away from the edge of the cardboard.

Run a line of glue around the edge of the cupcake bottom template and fold the edge of the fabric up and press into place.

Run a line of glue around the edge of the cupcake edge template and fold the edge of the fabric up and press into place. On one side of the cupcake edge, trim excess fabric from the folded corners. This will eliminate bulk. Then glue the rest of the edge down and press into place. Be sure to leave one end of the cupcake side template open and do not glue down. You will need this edge as a lip for gluing the sides together.

Once the cupcake edge has set and/or dried, run a strip of glue along the flap of fabric on the one end. Gently match the two sides together, tucking the flap inside. Take 2 bulldog clips, attaching one to the top and one to the bottom of the glued seam to hold edges in places until dry.

Once the cupcake edges have dried, remove the 2 bulldog clips. Run a line of glue around the bottom of the cupcake edge and press the wrong side of the cupcake bottom to the bottom of the cupcake edge. This forms the cupcake bottom.

Take some stuffing and fill the cupcake bottom to the rim. Then, run a line of glue ¾ of the way around the top of the cupcake bottom and gently lay the cupcake frosting on top. Let set and/or dry.

Take some more stuffing and fill with stuffing working your way from the back of the cupcake to the front opening. Shape the mound of the cupcake with the stuffing. It is easier to shape the cupcake using small globs of stuffing.

Once a satisfying mound has been shaped, run a line of glue on the cupcake bottom rim and press the cupcake frosting down, closing the opening. If you have overstuffing the cupcake, use some sewing pins to hold the edge into place.

Trim the edge with scraps of yarn, ribbon, pompoms, etc. Glue into place. You can also apply a red pom pom and glass beads to the cupcake frosting as "sprinkles".

Present to your favorite Valentine!